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The Johnson County Board of Health met on August 27, 2025 at 7:30 in the Health Department conference room. Those in attendance were Dr. James Pease (Chairperson), Susie Baker, Ruth Freese, Dr. Chele Heid, Dr. Michael Pauszek and Amanda Stevenson-Holmes. Those from the Health Department were, Paul Hass (Board Attorney), Dr. Jefferson Qualls, Betsy Swearingen, Bob Smith, Cheryl Snider, Lisa Brown RN and Jaycie Miller.

A motion was made by Dr. Pauszek to approve the June minutes and Amanda Stevenson-Holms second the motion. The motion carried.

### Health Officer's report:

We are still trying to figure out what to do with the separation of the Emergency Preparedness position. The County has stated there will be no new positions open for the 2026. Betsy is doing great with what she is doing but Dr. Qualls would like to unburden her from that position so she could focus on her duties as director.

Lisa has been working really hard to start a program for onsite testing for HIV, HEP-C, chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis.

The death of Dr. Small was discussed. Dr. Qualls would like to get some type of plaque or remembrance for the Health Department. Dr. Small was a long time board member of the board.

### Nursing:

October is the planned date for STI enrollment. This the program we will be using by the state to pay for the STI drugs.

We are in the process of rolling out the STI testing program. In addition to HIV and Hep C testing, we will be able to offer testing and treatment for chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis.

The nursing division performed 12 HIV test for the months of July and August.

Currently we have 4 active TB cases 77 QFTs and PPD were taken for the month of July, 60 QFTx and PPDs for August.

Annie closed out 6 lead cases that once confirmed they fell under the 3.5 threshold.

We have taken 4 bats up to IDOH for testing in the past 3 weeks.

We saw a total of 140 patients in the months of July and August and administered 297 vaccines

### Environmental Report

The pool program is winding down for the summer. We have a couple of projects at the Winterfield subdivision. We had about 16 pool closures this summer with either too much chlorine or not enough.

One with bacteriological issues. One pool we have continued issues with is the LA Fitness. This includes cleanliness and other issues.

The septic program have had a lot of new installs and repairs over the summer. We have 10 installers who have been registered by the county. One of our environmentalist Kevin Paulin is licensed to fly a drone for the Health Department. With the drone, Kevin can fly it over the septic and take a video of how it is put in. This will then be attached to the septic record for future reference.

Cassie Hall is over our temporary events. She keeps up with all the food trucks and mobile food events. We received word there was going to be an event somewhere in Johnson County with upwards of 600 people. That event has been rescheduled somewhere else out of county. We've had some food truck owners who do not want to follow the rules. Cassie goes through the rules with them but they typically do not comply.

We do take calls on trash. Periodically, we have people who do not clean up the yard no matter what the Health Department says. Our enforcement is limited. Short of a court order, all we can do is keep telling them to clean it up.

Our office is contracted out to inspect the Job Corps at Atterbury. Job Corps was closed a few months back, and has reopened. Bob will be inspecting today.

There have been very few West Nile virus. There have been 4 cases reported.

#### Emergency Preparedness Report:

We started the new grant year on July 1<sup>st</sup>. We have not signed the agreement as of yet because in the process it was sent to the State who stated Johnson County as a whole was not compliant in their work force development. The auditor's office was contacted and with our office manager Connie, worked out what they had not been doing correctly and we are now in compliance. So our grant should be coming back to be signed.

Betsy and Lisa attended a table top exercise at Interstate Warehouse. This included information on ammonia leaks from refrigeration system what to do if something happens.

#### Vital Records:

In July there were 95 deaths

- 12 were cancer related
- 2 were drug related
- 1 suicide
- 262 people came to the counter and were waited on
- 186 Birth Certificates were issued
- 842 Death Certificates were issued
- 2 genealogy records were produced

We had a couple of death reports worth noting. The remains of the young lady who cashed her plane in Greenwood were at our Coroner's office. Her remains had to be deep frozen at the Johnson Memorial Hospital so they could be mailed to the FAA. Also a pregnant mother and her toddler was murdered in

Greenwood. These bodies were also at our Coroner's office which began a very interesting autopsy with the mother and in-utero fetus.

#### Brest Cancer Awareness:

No report at this time

#### Community Health:

We've had a lot of community events including the Johnson County fair, Fast Track and others. There is something going on just about every weekend. There were a couple of interns who helped. One was in an international program and the other had just graduated Franklin College. October is "Recovery Month". So there are several events going on. We are distributing an average of 50 Narcan each month. These are given to anyone who comes in to ask for some including first responders. We are starting free CPR classes for anyone who wants to learn. We are working on getting out a quarterly newsletter on our web site. That should be out in the next two weeks. Jaycie is working on project with her interns translating standard information into other languages. These include Spanish, Punjabi and Burmese.

#### Health First Indiana:

We gave one million dollars to the hospital to help with their behavior health wing. We toured the facility two weeks back.

#### Board oversight:

We submitted the 1156, 1161, 1121 and the 1206 budgets. We get to move our School Liaison position which was in the Legacy Fund to the general fund which means the County will pay for that position. They are also asking us to give one million to the hospital again next year. However our funding will come up short so we will have to figure where the extra money will come from.

#### Personnel:

Annual reviews were discussed. Dr. Qualls welcomed the idea and all thought it was a good idea and should be looked into.

#### Health Policies:

A formal written offer was written to a young lady for the School Liaison position. Hopefully she will accept the offer and start in the next couple of weeks. It looked like ICE was going to come to Camp Atterbury. We do not know what our part in this would be. Betsy asked if we could be included in the next meeting. It is understood their communicable disease program is not extensive and most of it would fall on the Health Department as the fire response would fall on Nineveh Fire Department. We are meeting with legal and the Commissioners regarding ASSIST. We had funding for them from our HFI funding. We are not sure if the funding will continue to be there and Betsy is

pushing to keep the funding for them. ASSIST is currently absorbing the cost of the SANE exams and have depleted their supply.

New Business:

There was no new business

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Dr. James Pease (Chairperson)

Date