



August 5, 2025
Board of Health Minutes
Two Rivers Public Health Department

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	
X		Dan Lynch-Buffalo County Commissioner
X		Sue Hunter – Buffalo County Citizen
	X	Bill Stewart – Dawson County Commissioner
X		Nicole Thorell –Dawson County Citizen
	X	Scot Grams – Franklin County Supervisor
X		Glenn Hofman – Gosper County Supervisor
X		Daren Hatch – Gosper County Citizen
	X	George Scott – Harlan County Supervisor
X		Yvonne Tolle – Harlan County Citizen
X		Heath Hofstetter – Kearney County Commissioner
X		Rick Streeter – Phelps County Commissioner
	X	Cody Krull – Kearney County Citizen
	X	Lori Reiner – Phelps County Citizen
X		Kayla Knauss DO – Physician
X		Dr. Jessica Robb – Veterinarian
X		Melissa Hall PAC – Midlevel Practitioner

Also, present: TRPHD representatives: Jeremy Eschliman – Health Director; Andrea Shoemaker – Executive Assistant, Jesse Valenti – Finance Section Manager, Katie Mulligan – Chief Operating Officer, Haleigh Eschliman – Home Visitation Supervisor, Ashley Green – Environmental Health Supervisor, Adam Viar - Environmental Health Specialist, Libby Fischbach - Environmental Health Specialist, Brenna Bergstrom - Family Support Specialist, Charlien Longoria – Administrative Assistant, Cortney Swanson – Community Health Worker, Jordan Anderson - Public Health Nurse – RN, Liz Wiens – Public Health Nurse- RN, Lyndsey Morris – Family Support Specialist, Maria Barocio – Community Health Worker, Malissa Kissinger – PRN Public Health Nurse – RN, Pilar Konz – Accounting Assistant, Rosa Granillo Hernandez – Family Support Specialist and Zander Wells – Data Analyst.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

The Board of Health (BOH) meeting was called to order at 6:28 PM by Sue Hunter, Board President, as an in-person meeting in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act. As such, virtual participation (voting) is not allowed by board members. The virtual option (Zoom) is available for public participation.

Roll call completed by Shoemaker; 11 members present (Lynch, Hunter, Thorell, Hoffman, Hatch, Tolle, Hofstetter, Streeter, Knauss, Robb and Hall).

INTRODUCTIONS | ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Meeting notices: Hunter acknowledged the Nebraska Open Meeting Law was posted in the room with booklets available. Hunter noted the meeting notice publication has occurred in newspapers of record within each county of the district, in addition to an agenda being continually current and available at the TRPHD offices and on the TRPHD website.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA. Motion made by Lynch, seconded by Thorell to approve agenda as presented. **Roll call vote, 11 ayes, 0 nays, Motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes from June 3, 2025, MEETING. Motion made by Lynch, seconded by Robb to approve June 3, 2025, minutes as presented. **Roll call vote, 11 ayes, 0 nays, Motion carried.**

Introductions Acknowledgements

J. Eschliman, Health Director, introduced a new employee, Libby Fischbach, who recently joined the Environmental Health Team. J. Eschliman also recognized and congratulated Katie Mulligan on her recent promotion to Chief Operating Officer. Additionally, J. Eschliman shared that a few employee transitions are currently taking place and expressed appreciation for the continued dedication and flexibility of the team during this time. The Board and leadership extended their best wishes to the employees who are moving on to new opportunities, wishing them success in their future endeavors.

MATERIAL AVAILABLE ELECTRONICALLY BEFORE THE MEETING & AVAILABLE AT THE MEETING

- Financial Packet
 - Finance Committee Meeting Agenda 7.29.25
 - BOH Financials May 2025
 - BOH Financials June 2025
 - YTD Expenses (Contractors and Immunization Surveillance Program)
 - YTD Expenses (Contractors Indirect Program)
 - YTD Expenses (Legal Expenses)
 - YTD Expenses (Program Supplies)
 - YTD Expenses (Registrations)
- Policy Packet
 - Adoption of Regulatory Actions
 - Bank Reconciliation
 - Breastfeeding Friendly Workplace
 - Disciplinary Measures
 - Disposition Property
 - Dress Code Personal Appearance
 - Employee Status
 - Organizational and Program Grievance
 - Policy Committee Agenda 7.29.25
 - Policy Committee Minutes 7.29.25
 - Standard of Excellence
- 2022-2025 and 2026-2029 Strategic Plan Summaries
- BOH Meeting August 5, 2025, Agenda

- BOH Meeting Minutes June 3, 2025
- Contracts since June 2025
- Finance committee Meeting Minutes 7.29.25
- NALBOH information
- Impact of Potential Medicaid Cuts in Nebraska
- TRPHD Clinical Cost Sheet
- Unicameral Map

Senator Update and Questions from the Board of Health. - Senator Clouse and Senator Ibach introduced themselves and noted the counties they represent. They each provided an overview of their roles and responsibilities, along with insights into their work at the state level. Following the presentation, Board members engaged in a discussion with the Senators, asking questions related to current public health issues.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

J. Eschliman updated the Board on the Medical Cannabis Commission's activities and introduced Dr. Kayla Knauss, the new Physician on the Board of Health. Noting the role of Chief Medical Officer will remain with Dr. Brady Beecham until such time as Dr Knauss assumes. He invited Board members to attend the upcoming NALBOH conference. Eschliman also reviewed the reduction in force at Two Rivers Public Health Department, emphasizing service continuity, and provided an update on the measles situation and the ahead-of-schedule pool inspections. Green noted the pool program's strong progress, with detailed updates to come.

Mulligan presented the 2022–2026 Strategic Plan, highlighting goals to strengthen collaboration, increase service availability (including vaccine administration and over 50 new partnerships), and improve access to care for underserved populations with support like RDYE transportation tickets. She also discussed building sustainable organizational systems and becoming a trusted public health data resource. The 2026–2029 Strategic Plan development is underway, focusing on strategic priorities, theories of change, and a 12-month implementation calendar.

Finance Committee Recommendations

May and June 2025 Financial Reports- Valenti provided an overview of financial reports. Motion made by Thorell, seconded by Hatch to approve May and June 2025 financial reports. **Roll call vote, 11 ayes, 0 nays, Motion carried.**

2025-2026 Proposed Budget- Valenti provided an overview of the proposed budget. Motion made by Lynch, seconded by Hatch to approve 2025-2026 Proposed Budget. **Roll call vote, 11 ayes, 0 nays, Motion carried.**

Updates to TRPHD Fee Schedule- Mulligan, and Jordan Anderson – Public Health Nurse- RN presented a detailed overview of the proposed fee structure for STI testing, CPR certification for K-12. Anderson highlighted the rationale behind each fee adjustment, emphasizing the alignment with current service costs and industry standards. Motion made by Hoffman, seconded by Hall to approve the addition Heart Saver Blended K-12 CPR, and ChemBio HIV/ Syph Test to the TRPHD Fee Schedule. **Roll call vote, 12 ayes, 0 nays, Motion carried.**

Recommendation to approve 115.3 Standard of Excellence, 308.3 Breastfeeding Friendly, 314.2 Disciplinary Measures, 315.2 Dress Code and 121 Adoption of Regulatory Action. Mulligan reviewed the changes to the policy per committee recommendations and legal recommendations. Motion made by Hatch, seconded by Thorell to approve the changes to the existing policies and adopted the new policy as presented 115.3 Standard of Excellence, 308.3 Breastfeeding Friendly, 314.2 Disciplinary Measures, 315.2 Dress Code and 121 Adoption of Regulatory Action. **Roll call vote, 11 ayes, 0 nays, Motion carried.**

Public Comment. The board accepted public comments.

Adjournment: Motion made by Hatch and second by Thorell to adjourn. The Two Rivers Public Health Department Board of Health meeting was called to adjournment by consensus at 7:55 PM by Hunter.

Consensus to cancel next scheduled meeting in September 2025 and hold next meeting October 7, 2025, in person.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: October 7, 2025, at 516 W 11th St Suite 108B, Kearney, NE.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicole Thorell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nicole Thorell
Adhoc Secretary (AS/JE)