



Jefferson County Health Department
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Jefferson County Board of Health Minutes
April 15, 2026
Jefferson County Courthouse
311 S. Center Avenue, County Board Room C1021
Jefferson, WI 53549
or Zoom Meeting

Board Members

Samantha LaMuro, R.T, Chair; Meg Turville-Heitz, Vice-Chair; Steve Nass;
Jessica Coburn, RN, PhD; Donald Williams, MD

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by LaMuro at 1:00 p.m.
2. **Roll Call (establish a quorum):**
Board of Health Members Present: Samantha LaMuro (via zoom); Meg Turville-Heitz; Steve Nass (came in after roll call); Jessica Coburn, RN, PhD; Donald Williams, M.D. (came in after roll call) **Quorum established per LaMuro.**
Others Present: Elizabeth McGeary, Director; Kendell Cooper, Public Health Manager; Michele Schmidt, Accountant II; Maira De La Luz Lira, Public Health RN; Sydney Bohman, Environmental Health; Danielle Thompson, Corporation Counsel; Patricia Cicero, Director of Land and Water.
Guest: Kim Dupre (via zoom).
3. **Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law:** McGeary certified compliance with the Open Meetings Law.
4. **Approval of the Agenda:** No changes to the Agenda were requested. Motion by Turville-Heitz/Coburn to approve the Agenda. Motion passed 3-0.
5. **Approval of Board of Health Meeting Minutes from January 21st, 2026:** Motion by Turville-Heitz/Coburn to approve the Minutes as printed. Motion passed 3-0.
6. **Communications:**
 - a. 2026 Quarter 1 JCHD Newsletter - McGeary discussed.
 - b. Medetomidine in the U.S> Illegal Fentanyl Supply Increasing Risk for Overdose and Severe Withdrawal Syndrome – McGeary discussed.
 - c. New World Screwworm: Outbreak Moves into Northern Mexico – McGeary discussed.
7. **Public Comment:** 1 guest spoke (via zoom) - General Comment.
8. **Approval of Health Department Financial Reports:** McGeary explained the new "Financial Reports" that will be added to each packet going forward to ensure financial continuity among all committees and boards. Motion by Coburn/Turville-Heitz to approve the financial reports. Motion passed 4-0.

9. **Discussion and Approval of the State Opioid Response Grant:** McGeary discussed the funding and its use. Motion by Turville-Heitz/Williams to approve the grant. Motion passed 5-0.
10. **Operational Update of the Environmental Public Health Consortium:** Bohman discussed that the inspections are on track to be completed. In addition, the water lab is finalizing the procedures and policies to conduct Nitrate and bacterial analysis on private well water testing.
11. **Operational Update on Avian Influenza Outbreaks:** McGeary discussed the current response efforts of the Health Department to include water sampling and air quality monitoring. Additional conversations were made on the traction of the recent Avian Influenza letter sent to Wisconsin State Legislators.
12. **Operational Update of the Public Health Divisions**
 - a. Divisional Updates
 - i. Access to & Linkage with Clinical Care – McGeary provided programmatic updates.
 - ii. Maternal Child & Family Health – Lira provided programmatic updates.
 - iii. Communicable Disease Control – McGeary provided programmatic updates.
 - iv. Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention – McGeary discussed programmatic updates.
 - v. Environmental Public Health – McGeary provided programmatic updates.
13. **Discussion and Approval of the 2025 Community Health Assessment:** McGeary discussed top four priority areas of the Community Health Assessment. Provided timeline for future Community Health Improvement Plan. Williams requested the address of Rock River Community Clinic in Fort Atkinson be removed. Motion by Turville-Heitz/Williams to approve the 2025 Community Health Assessment with correction of the address of Rock River Community Clinic. Motion passed 5-0.
14. **Operational Update on the Strategic Plan:** McGeary discussed current progress on the Strategic Plan.
15. **Future Agenda Items:** None at this time were requested.
16. **Adjourn:** Motion by Nass/Turville-Heitz to adjourn the meeting at 2:19 p.m. Motion passed 5-0.

Next Scheduled Meeting: July 15, 2026

Minutes prepared by: Michele Schmidt, Accountant II, Jefferson County Health Department and reviewed by Elizabeth McGeary, Director/Health Officer.