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MILLS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

MILLS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
FREMONT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
Monday May 11th, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.
Lakin Library
725 Main Street
Tabor, IA 5165

Mills County Board of Health Minutes
Fremont County Board of Health Minutes
May 11th, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.

1. **Mills Roll Call** – Darcey Butts, DVM (Chair), Jill Ford (Vice Chair), Caitlin Walter, APRN, Jack

Sayers (Board of Supervisors Liaison)

Absent: Megan Major, Paul Curry, RN

2. **Fremont Roll Call** – Rod McGinley, DC (Chair), Janet Teten, RN

Absent: Clint Blackburn (Vice Chair & Board of Supervisors Liaison), Nicole Matheson, RN, Angie Alley, RPh

Due to a lack of quorum for Fremont County, no Fremont meeting was held.

3. **Mills Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Jill Ford to approve the agenda with moving all Fremont action items until next meeting due to not having a quorum present, seconded by Caitlin Walter. All ayes. Approved.

4. **Fremont Approval of Agenda**

Due to lack of quorum for Fremont County, no Fremont meeting was held.

5. **Mills Approval of the Board of Health Minutes – March 16th, 2026**

Motion by Jill Ford to approve the March 16th, 2026 board of health minutes, seconded by Caitlin Walter. All ayes. Approved.

6. **Fremont Approval of the Board of Health Minutes – March 16th, 2026**

Due to lack of quorum for Fremont County, action on this item was deferred until the next meeting.

7. **Public Comment** (limit 3 minutes per person)

No public comments were made.

8. **Kris Wood** - Mills County WIC

Kris gave the Mills County WIC report, including an overview of local clinic services and participation

trends. Pottawattamie County's WIC team, which serves six counties including Mills County, holds monthly clinics in Glenwood at the Methodist Church on the second Monday of each month. Mills County participation is tracked under "Glenwood" and generally ranges between 115 and 125 participants, with March reaching 135 participants. Kris reviewed WIC eligibility requirements and services provided, including healthy foods, screenings, education, and referrals for pregnant and breastfeeding women, infants, and children up to age five. Discussion also included efforts to increase enrollment among pregnant women through updated outreach materials available in English and Spanish, virtual appointment options, and referral collaboration through the Unite Us platform.

9. Emily Ide - Fremont County WIC

Emily Eid, Maternal, WIC, First Five, and Child and Adolescent Health Director with Matura Action Corporation, provided an update on WIC services in Fremont County. Emily reported that Matura serves a 12 county region surrounding Union County and holds a monthly WIC clinic at United Faith Church in Sidney on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Sidney has served as a WIC clinic location for approximately three years, with participation remaining steady between 60 and 80 participants during that time. The program currently serves approximately 70 active participants receiving benefits in Fremont County. Emily noted that enrolling pregnant women remains the program's greatest challenge, consistent with statewide trends, and that outreach efforts are currently focused on increasing participation among pregnant mothers.

10. MCPH Program Reports –

Katelyn Murtfeld – Mills/Fremont Administrative & Nursing Report. Review of FY27 contracts.

Katelyn provided the administrative report, including department updates and activities related to community partnerships, surveillance activities, health education programming, workforce development, emergency preparedness, grants, and ongoing service delivery. Updates included the Festival of the Young Child event, mosquito and tick surveillance planning, private well testing, follow up on a pediatric lead case, the Matter of Balance program, upcoming CPR and Bingocize classes, maternal child health visits in Fremont County, and regional preparedness training activities. Katelyn also reviewed FY26 grants and contracts, homemaking program operations and sustainability discussions, anticipated statewide public health alignment changes, and Mills & Fremont County Environmental Health report numbers.

11. Mills discussion and possible action to approve hiring of part-time environmental health specialist.

Motion by Jill Ford to approve hiring Dane Moyer as part-time environmental health specialist at \$20/hr with a start date of 5/11/26, seconded by Caitlin Walter. All ayes. Approved.

12. Fremont discussion and possible action to approve maternal child health subcontract with Taylor County Public Health.

Due to lack of quorum for Fremont County, action on this item was deferred until the next meeting.

13. Mills discussion and possible action to approve 28E agreement for the Combat Cancer: Prevention and Screening project.

Motion by Jill Ford to approve 28E agreement for the Combat Cancer: Prevention and Screening project,

seconded by Caitlin Walter. All ayes. Approved.

14. **Fremont discussion and possible action to approve 28E agreement for the Combat Cancer: Prevention and Screening project.**

Due to lack of quorum for Fremont County, action on this item was deferred until the next meeting.

15. **Mills & Fremont Next Meeting Date: June 8th at 6 pm**

16. **Mills Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Darcey Butts, seconded by Jill Ford. All ayes. Approved.

17. **Fremont Adjournment:** Due to lack of quorum for Fremont County, no Fremont meeting was held.