

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Wednesday, January 21, 2026 - 4:00 PM

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Present-In-Person: Dana Miller, Laurie Thiel, Marguerite Lyskawa

Virtual Online: Angela Cummings, Dr. Michael Clark, Kay Kissinger Wolf

Absent/Excused: Dr. Corey Apprill, Christine Vorpapel

Department Head(s) In Person: Shelley Cohrs

Visitor(s): Erin Ray

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comment

Public Comment - None.

4. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

a. Board of Health Minutes - 12/17/2025

M/S Thiel/Lyskawa to approve the Board of Health Minutes from the 12/17/2025 Meeting. Cummings suggested fixing the typographical error to change Corp Council to Corp Counsel. Motion carried on a voice vote.

5. Presentation Water Quality Programs - Erin Ray

a. Water Quality Presentation

Erin Ray presented an overview of the water quality program, which now combines the water lab and the DNR program for non-community wells. The metals testing is quantitative, providing actual numbers and showing healthy limits. The DNR program focuses on non-community wells such as rural bars, restaurants, churches, gas stations, and campgrounds that serve at least 25 people during the 60 busiest days of the year. An arsenic testing promotion was held in April 2025. The goal was to get 10 samples, but 25 were received. 3 were elevated. This elevation could be from the natural bedrock. The financials were shared, and the programs pay for themselves. The lab also gained approval to use acidified samples for nitrates, extending the hold time from 48 hours to 28 days, which will make drop-offs more convenient for the public.

6. Presentation Opioid Task Force - Erin Ray

a. Opioid Task Force Presentation

Erin Ray presented an overview of the Opioid Task Force which she participates in. The task force has members and partners. They use evidence-based approaches to identify spending settlement dollars. The task force is accepting applications for community mini-grants, with a total of \$50,000 available, which must align with Exhibit E requirements for settlement dollar expenditure. The task force is collaborating with social services on a strategic plan to reduce out-of-home placement of children due to substance use, potentially including setting aside money to cover room and board for mothers with children at rehab facilities. New billboards promoting the harm reduction education campaign have been placed across the county.

7. Questions and Answers on Director Written and Financial Report

a. Director Written Report

Director's Written Report was discussed and placed on file. The report included the Environmental Health Report, which is

quarterly, and the school flu shot report.

b. Financial Report

Director's Financial Report was discussed and placed on file. December financials were not yet finalized and would likely be wrapped up by early March due to grants.

8. Resolution to Approve State Opioid Response Grant Donation

a. 2026 State Opioid Response Grant Donation Resolution

M/S Lyskawa/Thiel to approve the 2026 State Opioid Response Grant Donation Resolution. Authors: Laurie Thiel, Marguerite Lyskawa. Co-Sponsors: Dana Miller, Kay Kissinger Wolf, Angela Cummings and Dr. Michael Clark. Carried on a voice vote. Forward resolution to the full County Board.

9. Resolution to Approve Aspirus Healthy Minds and Healthy Lifestyles Donations

a. 2026 Aspirus Healthy Minds and Healthy Lifestyles Donations Resolution

M/S Thiel/Lyskawa to approve the 2026 Aspirus Healthy Minds and Healthy Lifestyles Donations Resolution. Cummings stated the last Now, Therefore, be it advised has to be changed. Author: Dana Miller. Co-Sponsors: Marguerite Lyskawa, Laurie Thiel, Kay Kissinger Wolf, Angela Cummings and Dr. Michael Clark. Motion carried on a voice vote. Forward resolution to the full County Board.

10. Review of 2026 Grants and Contracts

a. 2026 Grants and Contracts

Cohrs reviewed the 2026 grants and contracts, noting that state and federal grants have largely maintained the same funding amount for the last 30 years, resulting in less value due to inflation.

11. Reappointments to the Board of Health for Term April 2026-March 2028

a. Reappointment of Dr. Corey Apprill - Member at Large

M/S Cummings/Thiel to reappoint Dr. Corey Apprill - Member at Large to the Board of Health for the term April 2026 to March 2028. Motion carried on a voice vote. Forward to full County Board.

b. Reappointment of Dr. Michael Clark - Physician

M/S Thiel/Lyskawa to reappoint Dr. Michael Clark - Physician to the Board of Health for the term April 2026 to March 2028. Abstain: Dr. Michael Clark. Motion carried on a voice vote. Forward to full County Board.

c. Reappointment of Kay Kissinger Wolf - Registered Nurse

M/S Thiel/Lyskawa to reappoint Kay Kissinger Wolf - Registered Nurse to the Board of Health for the term April 2026 to March 2028. Abstain: Kay Kissinger Wolf. Motion carried on a voice vote. Forward to full County Board.

12. Next Meeting Date; Agenda Items

Next Meeting Date: 2/18/2026 at 4:00 pm. Agenda Items: None at this time.

13. Adjourn

Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 5:00 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Supervisor Angela Cummings.

