



Richland County
Health Department
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Richland County Board of Health Meeting PH Conference Room February 26, 2026, 12:00 p.m.

Members Present: Terry Goerger, Jay Townsend, Pattie Lies, Dr. Nyarandi
Others Present: Rollie Ehlert, Sandy Fossum, Kayla Carlson, Kenzy Kaehler, Jan Hickman

Patty Called the meeting to order at 12:04

Review/Approval of Minutes & Agenda

A motion was made by Goerger and seconded by Dr. Nyarandi to approve minutes. Vote was unanimous (4-0).

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Board of Health Members

Portfolio there are no changes from last year. Goerger serves on the Board of Health and Ehlert serves at the Health Department's Portfolio Holder.

Health Department Overview

Budget overview/District

- District:
 - Health Department would like to transition to a District.
 - Board of Health shows support for moving to a district effective January 1, 2027.
 - A motion was made by Goerger seconded by Dr. Nyarandi to approve moving to a district. Vote was unanimous (4-0).

Discussion was held that the Health Department came in under what was budgeted for 2025. Kayla expressed the need for a location that provides easier access for clients. The old US Bank across the street from the Courthouse was discussed as an option. Discussion was held on 3% caps & how money is in general fund. Board was in favor of looking at the building.

Discussion on PH scope with Lice. Lice is not a public health concern and does not spread disease. PH will provide education and assessments for clients.

Home Health 2026 Quality Improvement Plan was discussed and reviewed.

Program updates/Quarterly Reports

- Kayla reviewed quarterly reports with the board.
- Working on getting out in the schools for growth and development

- Working on setting up safe medication classes
- Hoping to do more programming in the schools next year
- SOR – Health Department will focus on more targeted Narcan distribution to higher risk populations
 - o Looking at updating the med disposal box on the main level (\$2,400)
 - o SOR funding covers jail discharge planning for eligible residents. The Health Department has been working through options for unhoused residents upon release. This has expanded into unhoused individuals within the county. Evergreen Church is willing to open its doors overnight in cold weather for individuals to stay.
- Measles – (2025 36 total cases)
 - o 21 cases (up 2 from yesterday)
 - o The Health Department will be sending letters to the schools and childcare facilities.

Seasonal respiratory illnesses and counts were reviewed.

Staffing

- Hiring a .6 FTE RN (interview next Thursday, one of the correctional officers will be sitting in on it.)
- Kayla has been serving on the North Dakota Public Health Foundation Board which serves as a 501c3 for grant applications.

Discussion on Rural Health Transformation Grant funding.

Other

Public Comment - None

Patty adjourn the meeting at 1:25 pm

Respectfully submitted by Kenzy Kaehler