



Richland County Board of Health Meeting Thursday June 18, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Members Present: Terry Goerger, Jay Townsend, Patty Lies, Laurie Straus, Dr. Nyarandi

Others Present: Kayla Carlson, Kenzy Kaehler, Cassie Martinez

Laurie called the meeting to order at 10:36

Review/Approval of Minutes & Agenda

Lies motioned to approve minutes, Goerger 2nd. Motioned carried, all in favor.

Goerger motioned to approve, Lies 2nd. Motioned carried, all in favor.

Cassie Martinez was introduced as the new correctional nurse at 24 hours per week.

Budget

Budget was presented for next year. Highlights included:

- RN moved to full time
- Vehicles and replacements
- Revenue increase in footcare and immunizations

Lies motioned to approve the budget, Townsend 2nd. Motion carried, all in favor.

Health Department is still interested in Districting, which would help to offset the county general fund, but were advised to wait for the time being.

Health Department Overview

- Quarterly reports were handed out. Numbers, including home health were review.
- Program updates
 - Planning for immunization outreach clinics
 - Hosted a testing event at NDSCS again – increase number in test performed with a decrease in positivity rates.
- Grants
 - PFS grant – working on prevention messaging in schools, discussion on combining Prevention Coalition with WeCare Coalition.
 - SOR grant – We now have a medication disposal box in the lobby of the LEC, have hosted take back events, working on jail discharge planning & discharge bags. Discharge services include transition services such as job applications, medical help, education, parenting classes, etc.

- Discussion on parole and Dress for Success to provide clothing for job interviews.
- Rural Health Transformation grant - \$32,000 (10% is for admin duties) – will cover trainings, staff development, etc.
 - Discussion was held on if we can use the grant funds for staff to further degrees, Kayla had been told to ask portfolio holders. Board members think it would be a great idea. Goerger does not see a problem with it and directed Kayla to communicate with Sandy.
 - Lies motion to utilize RHT for staff development/further education, Townsend 2nd. Motion carried, all in favor.
- Bank Building – Kayla shared an update that the building was purchased & another department is moving in there. She shared that Rural Health grants could be applied for to help with remodeling costs.

Election of Officers

- Chair – Lies nominated Townsend. All in favor, motion carried.
- Vice Chair – Goerger nominated Lies. All in favor, motion carried.

Other –

- Health Officer term is up in September. Dr. Nyarandi. Discussion was held, Dr. Nyarandi recommended Dr. Torgerson or Dr. Schradick from Sanford. There was also a recommendation for Dr. Sue from Essentia.

Meeting adjourned at 12:21.

Adjournment/Next Meeting