

North Central District Health Department (NCDHD)

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 10.30a.m.

North Central District Health Department

422 East Douglas Street, O'Neill, Nebraska 68763

Call to Order

1. Notice of Publication
2. Notification of Open Meetings Act
3. Roll Call (introductions of **new Board Members: Jim Bargaen, Steven (Skip) Bremer** and non-Board Members in attendance) at 10:30a.m.
4. Comments or additions to the agenda
The Board of Health reserves the right to add items to this agenda that are emergency in nature as described in NE Revised Statute § 84-1411.
5. Approval of the agenda
 - a. Motion #1 by Denise Pribil and seconded by Dustin Breiner to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of previous meeting minutes

1. Discuss/act on February 2026 meeting minutes.
 - a. Motion #2 by Doug Fox and seconded by Dr. Morse to approve the February 2026 meeting minutes as provided. All in favor. Motion carried.

Financial Report

1. Discuss/act on January and February finances
 - a. Motion #3 by Dr. Morse and seconded by Denise Pribil to approve the January and February 2026 finances as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Bids for annual and single audits

1. Discuss single audit \$1 million threshold.
2. Discuss/act on bids
 - a. Motion #4 by Kelly Kalkowski and seconded by Dustin Breiner to approve the quote for the single audit from Lengemann & Associates, only if \$1 million federal expenditure threshold is met. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - b. Motion #5 by Dr. Morse and seconded by Skip Bremer to approve annual audit by Lammers, Abel & Kaps. All in favor. Motion carried.

Program Reports

1. Bi-monthly staff report
2. Catch my Breath program update & adult Catch my Breath survey overview provided by Allison Haun
 - a. Dr. Morse suggested the department consider teaching the class virtually as an added option for schools

Rural Healthcare Transformation (RHT) Funding

1. Discussion on each RHT program the department has applied for. At this time 2.2b rural jurisdictional stockpiles is the only submission that has been awarded. This is a regional proposal in partnership with 3 other local health departments.
2. Discussion for adjusting the leadership structure, additional hiring, finding appropriate office space, and adapting financials to track use of funds
3. Discussion of project sustainability. Funding is for 5 years, which is more stable than most NCDHD funding streams. Ability to bill with many projects in future years.

WIC Launch

1. Discuss/act on implementation timeline and key updates. The coordinator has been hired and will start in April. Launching services in July 2026.

Collaborative Expansion West

1. All partner meeting to launch collaborative expansion into Cherry, Brown, Rock, and Keya Paha counties- May 5th 11a-1p in Ainsworth. All board members, especially representing Cherry, Brown, Rock and Keya Paha counties, encouraged to attend. Invite sent out following the meeting.

Environmental Inspections- LB760

1. Discuss on LB760 pending transfer of authority for pool, mobile home, and recreation camp inspections to locals. Timeline is anticipated to be approximately July 17th if the bill passes. No priority of who has to take on the work (health department, county, city). Unclear if MOUs are required between entities.
 - a. BOH Feedback: Overall hesitancy from the board of health members. Want to keep small pool budgets in mind. Some county elected officials do not feel the county should inspect and suggest cities should take it on. Support for NCDHD to continue working through feasibility review and research of the next steps.
2. Discuss next steps for NCDHD- If NCDHD took it on, believe the process would entail the board approving a new program, adopting code, and setting a fee schedule.

Legislative Session

1. Update on: LB203 changes in power and duties of health directors in certain local public health departments- still pending legal review on if this impacts NCDHD or just metro health directors.
2. Update on LB912- Community Health Worker Training Bill
3. Update on LB898- Nebraska Open Meetings Act: Virtual Conference Provisions- moved to LB596- believe this will apply to the NCDHD board.

Director's Report

1. Staffing- WIC coordinator hired. Will be posting a lot of jobs with Rural Health Transformation including manager roles between now and the next meeting.
2. New Funding- WIC, Cancer Prevention Funds from the UNMC cancer center, USDA local farmers (will only serve food pantries this round).

Annual Conflict of Interest

1. Follow up from last meeting- if board member has not completed, sign off needed

Executive Session

No executive session occurred.

Public Comment

No comment provided.

Next Board Meeting- Thursday, June 4th at 10:30a.m. at North Central District Health Department.

Approval to Adjourn by President Kelly Kalkowski at 12:16 p.m.

<u>Present</u>	<u>Board Member</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
x	Jim Bargaen, Cherry County Citizen	y	y	y	y	y
	Dennis Bauer, Brown County Commissioner					
x	Dustin Breiner, Holt County Supervisor	2y	y	y	2y	y
x	Steven/Skip Bremer, Pierce County Citizen	y	y	y	y	2y
	Tammy Cheatum, Antelope County Citizen					
x	Doug Fox, Rock County Citizen	y	1y	y	y	y
	Jean Henes, Knox County Citizen					
	Wade Hollenbeck, Rock County Commissioner					
x	Greg Hull, Boyd County Supervisor	y	y	y	y	y
x	Kelly Kalkowski, Boyd County Citizen	y	y	y	1y	y
*x	Regina Krebs, Antelope County Supervisor					
	Kevin Mackeprang, Knox County Supervisor					

	Mike McConaughey, Cherry County Commissioner					
x	Dr. Ron Morse, District Physician	y	2y	1y	y	1y
	Cory Nilson, Keya Paha County Citizen					
x	Carol Plate, Brown County Citizen	y	y	y	y	y
x	Denise Pribil, Holt County Citizen	1y	y	2y	y	y
	John Steinkraus, Pierce County Commissioner					
	Dr. Kenneth Tusha, District Dentist					
	*attended virtually					

Carol Plate, secretary