

Hendricks County Board of Health Meeting

November 4, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

Hendricks County Government Center
Commissioners/Council Meeting Room
355 S Washington St.
Danville, IN 46122

The Hendricks County Board of Health met November 4, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room at the Hendricks County Government Center.

Board Members in Attendance:

Dr. Chrystal Anderson
Ms. Debra Campbell
Dr. Larry Caskey
Mr. Brian Cobb
Dr. Andrew Cougill
Mr. David Hardin

Hendricks County Staff in Attendance:

Dr. David Stopperich, Health Officer
Ms. Krista Click, Administrator
Ms. Lisa Chandler, Foods Team Leader
Ms. Kristen Lien, Onsite Team Leader
Ms. Leanna Truitt, Healthy Families Program Manager
Ms. Nicole Oppy, Public Health Nurse
Ms. Anne Archer, Outreach Team Leader
Ms. Dixie Doub, Office Manager
Ms. Reagan Schwersenska, Env Health Onsite Secretary
Ms. Brooke Cummins, Environmental Health Specialist
Ms. Jordan Walters, Env Health Foods Secretary

Others in Attendance:

Mr. Eric Oliver, Attorney
Mr. Larry Hesson, County Council Liaison

Determination of a Quorum

Dr. Cougill called the meeting to order at 6:59 pm with a quorum present.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Dr. Cougill stated he would entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2025, Board of Health meeting. Mr. Cobb made that motion, and it was seconded by Dr. Anderson. All voted in favor and the motion was approved.

Wishes to be Heard

None presented.

Introduction of New Staff

Ms. Click introduced Jordan Walters, the Environmental Foods Secretary, and Reagan Schwersenska, the Environmental Onsite Secretary. Ms. Lien introduced Brooke Cummins as an Environmental Health Specialist focusing on the onsite program.

Unfinished Business

Infectious Disease Updates

Dr. Stopperich stated that there's not a lot to update at this time. The county is seeing about 2 Covid cases per day. Nobody is currently hospitalized in Hendricks Regional Health (HRH) with Flu, Covid or

RSV. Over the course of 2025, there were 15 Flu deaths and 9 Covid deaths in Hendricks County. Last year was a rough Flu season; there are usually around 5 Flu deaths per year. Covid deaths have converted over to the populations of the most frail, including those 80 years and older with co-morbidities.

New Business

Health First Indiana Community Awards Update

Dr. Stopperich stated that a substantial amount of Health First Indiana funds is being distributed into the community. There was a \$5,000 grant with Purdue Extension for trainings such as “Dining with Diabetes,” “Heart Smart Training,” different types of dietary programs, and “Matter of Balance” program for the elderly. Programs often meet once or twice a week. Hendricks County also funded with a \$50,000 award some workbooks for mothers in the labor and delivery suites that labor and delivery registered nurses created. They wanted to give everybody in 2026 these workbooks addressing mother mental health, infant care, infant feeding, and finding yourself again. IU West will be hiring a part-time person to help with community screenings, including at health fairs. They are looking at two or more community screenings per month, screening for blood pressure, A1C, and cholesterol. An award of \$150,000 will fund a two-year program to cover expenses such as mileage and equipment. Our largest award of over \$400,000 went to Hope Healthcare to expand their dental program. Over the next couple of years, they plan to have a part-time dentist, dental hygienist, and dental assistant to increase efficiency. To date, Hendricks County has put back into the community just over \$2,000,000 through Health First Indiana funding.

2026 Health Board Proposed Appointments

Ms. Click stated that the department submitted 3 appointment forms to the Hendricks County Commissioners for approval. Two forms are to request reappointment of Ms. Debra Campbell and Mr. Brian Cobb. The third form is to request appointment of Kent Elliott, Professional Engineer with Banning Engineering. Those appointments will be on an upcoming Commissioner agenda.

Updates

Environmental Health Foods Team Update- Ms. Lisa Chandler

Ms. Chandler stated Sarah Dallas is currently going through standardization training with the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) to be a standardized inspector. When Ms. Dallas completes her necessary requirements, she and Ms. Chandler will both be standardized. IDOH typically only standardizes one person in each office, but they needed another candidate to complete their requirements. Food staff will be attending an all-day training course hosted by the IDOH Food Protection division at the Made Center on November 5th. The department continues to receive calls regarding home-based vendors and farmers markets operating in winter months. No retail food establishment is currently in habitual non-compliance.

Environmental Health Onsite Team Update- Ms. Kristen Lien

Ms. Lien stated septic season took off in July and hasn't settled down; systems are still being installed this week. It is still very dry, which is good because of the late start this year. New technology for ATL pressurized systems was approved earlier in the year. This technology may be used on small lots with failing systems. Contractors have installed four such systems in Hendricks County already, one of the first counties in the state to see these systems installed. Mr. Paul Jump attended the National Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association (NOWRA) conference in October. He took courses on the safety of

secondary lids, soils evaluation, importance of GPS in mapping systems, reducing in-home water usage, and learned about various testing and construction techniques that other states are using.

Healthy Families Update- Ms. Leanna Truitt

Ms. Truitt reported that Healthy Families just closed out year one of the 2-year contract extension. Year 2 started on October 1, 2025 and runs through September 30, 2026. Hendricks County Healthy Families is 57% of the way through billing down the total allocation. The Request for Proposal (RFP) is expected to come out soon. The RFP will address October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2029. Healthy Families continues to have a huge increase in referrals. Last quarter there were 100 referrals. The program was only able to service 6 of those due to the size of their caseloads. The remaining families were referred to other programs. Caseloads for language services are currently completely full. The Healthy Families team participated in the Bundle 'Em Up coat drive and All About Pregnancy event at Hendricks Regional Health. The Holiday Assistance Program has rolled out, and the team is working to match wish lists with sponsors.

Public Health Nursing Team Update- Ms. Nicole Oppy

Ms. Oppy reported they started the Flu and Covid walk-in clinics on October 1st and will continue Wednesdays from 8:30-3:30 through December 17th. In January the department will have a 1 nurse clinic and still allow walk-ins for Flu/Covid vaccines. Started with Flu and Moderna Covid for Private only. At the end of October, the department was able to get clarification for VFC/317 administration and get Covid ordered for those funding sources, so can now administer Covid vaccines to everyone. Since August 1, 2025 staff have given 562 Flu vaccines, and 126 Covid vaccines. The Indiana Immunization Coalition hosted a clinic at the MADE Center in Plainfield on October 7th and administered 234 vaccines to 63 individuals. Ms. Danielle Spry has distributed 700 of our vaccine bookmark resource to IU West, HRH, and local pediatricians.

Outreach Team Update- Ms. Anne Archer

Ms. Archer stated the health department is conducting offsite vaccine clinics as requested and able. A Flu clinic was completed at Certor Sports Inc. and a Flu/Covid clinic at Brownsburg Meadows assisted living facility. Outreach has finished working our fall events and are planning for next year. Ms. Danielle Spry, other Outreach staff and MRC volunteers continue to conduct vision screenings for the county schools. They are currently focusing on a large portion of the Avon schools.

Health Department Administrator Update- Ms. Krista Click

Ms. Click reported that staff are starting to shift activities and wrap the end of the year. The department has received feedback from IDOH regarding how to track and report community award contract expenses. For those funds awarded but not yet paid out in a calendar year, they will be tracked and reported on IDOH forms as encumbered. This allows for a more accurate representation of how Health First Indiana funds are needed and being utilized.

The Health Board meeting dates for next year were proposed as January 13th, March 10th, May 12th, July 14th, September 8th, and November 10th. Ms. Campbell made a motion to approve these dates, seconded by Mr. Cobb. Upon voting, all present were in favor.

Health Officer Update- Dr. David Stopperich

Dr. Stopperich stated he'll be working with HRH medical staff to present the community resource guide, demonstrating to providers its use, including learning about resources for food stamps, food banks, housing, etc. Will also be reminding providers that the STI clinic has free testing.

Comments from County Council Liaison – Mr. Larry Hesson

Mr. Hesson reported that the County Council has passed the salary ordinance for next year. Regarding state funding, Hendricks County is suffering and other counties are as well. Funding cuts were drastic, so doing what we can to get some of that funding restored.

Comments from Health Board Attorney – Mr. Eric Oliver

Mr. Oliver stated he and staff have been working on some affidavits for septic systems, looking for the appropriate wording on the affidavit to have it recorded. An issue came up with the property owner complaining about what's on the property tax card. The property tax card found on Beacon says the lot is undevelopable since there is no sewer currently available and soil tests are not conducive to onsite septic. It does not appear that anything was recorded. Mr. Oliver talked to the property owner and his attorney; they were receptive to the most recent draft. The department will continue to see more people asking for the secondary easement to be lifted from their properties.

Adjourn

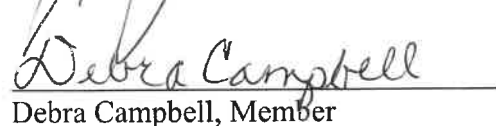
With no further business before the Board, Dr. Cougill adjourned the meeting.


Dr. Andrew Cougill, Chair

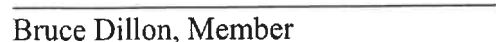

David Hardin, Vice-Chair


Dr. Chrystal Anderson, Member

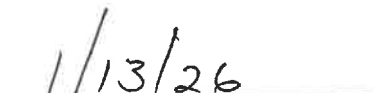

Dr. Larry Caskey, Member


Debra Campbell, Member


Brian Cobb, Member


Bruce Dillon, Member


David M. Stopperich, M.D
Health Officer and Board Secretary


Date Minutes Approved