

Hendricks County Board of Health Meeting

January 13, 2026, 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 January 13, 2026, 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
Mr. Kent Elliot

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. Nicole Oppy, Public Health Nurse
Ms. Anne Archer, Outreach Team Leader
Ms. Dixie Doub, Office Manager
Ms. Jordan Walters, Environ Foods Secretary
Mr. Jeff Corder, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

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 7:00 pm with a quorum present.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Dr. Cougill stated he would entertain a motion to approve the minutes of November 4, 2025, Board of Health meeting. Debra Campbell made that motion, and it was seconded by Brian Cobb. All voted in favor and the motion was approved.

Health Board Appointments

Eric Oliver swore in Kent Elliott as a new Health Board member and Brian Cobb and Debra Campbell as reappointed members.

Determine Board Chairperson & Vice Chairperson

Dr. Caskey made a motion to keep the Board Chairperson and Vice Chairperson the same. It was seconded by Brian Cobb. All voted in favor. The motion was approved.

Wishes to be Heard

None presented.

Unfinished Business

Infectious Disease Updates

Dr. Stopperich stated that Hendricks County is experiencing a surge in flu cases. Flu vaccines aren't working as well due to a shift in flu variants. It is recommended to take all precautions, such as hand

washing and getting a flu shot. Hendricks Regional Health (HRH) had 4-5 people hospitalized last week due to the Flu virus and 5 people due to Covid. Most of the Covid patients in the hospital are 75 and older, so the covid vaccine is especially encouraged for this more susceptible population. There have been about 4 cases of Covid per day reported in the county. There have been no deaths due to Covid in the past 3-4 months; however, there have been 2 flu deaths this season, one being pediatric. We are starting to see an uptick in RSV and expect it to pick up in the next couple of months. The county is also seeing a lot of GI illnesses as well. HRH was full last week.

New Business

Health Board Attorney Contract Renewal

Ms. Click stated the Hendricks County Commissioners reviewed and approved the contract with Mr. Eric Oliver for services as the Hendricks County Health Board and Health Department attorney for 2026. No changes in language or fees were presented for this year's contract.

Peer Support Network

Mr. Corder stated for the last few years the Health Department and Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) have offered Stop the Bleed and CPR training and are now offering free Narcan training for the public. Dr. Jim Floyd has been conducting Peer Support training. A Peer support Network brochure is offered at every training course to help with mental health support and emotions. The brochure offers mental health support step by step for those who have helped with or witnessed an emergency. The hope is that people will call for help and use the website to help talk about and process their experience.

Updates

Environmental Health Foods Team Update- Ms. Lisa Chandler

Ms. Chandler stated Sarah Dallas went through the standardization process for food inspections with the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) and received her certification at the end of November. Smoothie King in Avon is scheduled to appear at an Administrative Hearing on January 22, 2026, due to repeat violations involving improper temperatures. The Foods Program is watching several legislative bills this session. There are bills regarding home-based vendors, meat sales, and THC/hemp products. Ms. Chandler is continuing to be a part of the 2025 HB 1577 Workgroup which will put in place a statewide mobile permit beginning in 2027. Lastly, annual report numbers for 2025 are being generated. The Foods Program completed 2,372 inspections including retail food establishments, mobiles, and temporary events. Over 1,200 pool inspections were completed.

Environmental Health Onsite Team Update- Ms. Kristen Lien

Ms. Lien stated January is National Radon Action Month. Radon is a colorless, tasteless, and odorless gas that forms naturally due to the decay of uranium and radium found in rocks and soil. It can also be found in well water. Radon can cause damage to lungs. The Health Department has radon gas test kits available for free to the public. In 2025, the department distributed out 10 kits from the American Lung Association. It is now winter and the onsite team is in training mode. This week they are at the National Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association (NOWRA) training for small community wastewater solutions. Indiana Onsite Wastewater Professionals Association (IOWPA) is coming up at the end of February. Paul and Brooke will be mailing out letters to homeowners to remind them to pump their septic tanks. Septic installs occurred through the beginning of December. Staff issued fewer septic permits in 2025 than 2024 but did more inspections, possibly due to the type of system installations. Lastly, the onsite team has begun working on pump-assisted drain and holding tank policies, both of which include the need for operating permits.

Healthy Families Update- Ms. Krista Click for Ms. Leanna Truitt

Ms. Click stated the Healthy Families Holiday Assistance Program was able to match 40 families with 101 children with sponsors for this past holiday season. The Department of Child Services (DCS) Request for Proposal (RFP) should be out this month; the DCS prevention team is hopeful we will stay on track with that timeline. The new contract would start October 1, 2026, and run through September 30th, 2030. Regarding quarterly stats, referrals are consistent monthly. Healthy Families has been running at about 95% capacity, with room for 2-3 enrollments max each month that also includes transfer families from other counties that must be given priority. Currently the program is over capacity for language services families and have had other language referrals from My Healthy Baby (IDOH) stopped until there is room on caseloads. Staffing remains consistent and the program is currently fully staffed.

Public Health Nursing Team Update- Ms. Nicole Oppy

Ms. Oppy reported that 888 Flu vaccines and 246 Covid vaccines have been given since August 12, 2025. Nursing is still hosting walk-in clinics on Wednesdays and are also scheduling appointments for other immunizations. They have completed their 2026 Provider Agreement which gives them permission to continue administering VFC vaccines. There are recent changes to the immunization schedule. On December 16, 2025, CDC adopted a change for Hepatitis B. On January 5, 2026, CDC updated childhood immunization schedule organizing it into 3 categories: Immunizations recommended for All Children (recommending protection against 11 diseases vs the 17 that were previously recommended), Immunizations recommended for Certain High-Risk Groups or Populations, and Immunizations based on shared clinical decision-making. IDOH will be providing more information (once they have time to review it all) about these changes. Regarding HPV, one change noted is that it will be moved to one dose at age 11-12 (waiting for more information). IDOH has told local health departments to continue as is until they get further information; CDC standing orders have not been updated yet.

Outreach Team Update- Ms. Anne Archer

Ms. Archer stated from August of 2025 through December of 2025, Danielle Spry, school health liaison, and others were able to do vision screenings for 3,181 Hendricks County students. On January 6, 2026, they partnered with Hendricks Regional Health at a basketball game at Tri-West High School. They had a table set up with educational information regarding youth vaping and the Decatur Township Drug-Free Coalition was there with their "Hidden in Plain Sight" trailer for parents to tour. The trailer is arranged like a teenager's bedroom and contains common household items that can be used to hide drugs or paraphernalia. In November 2025, staff conducted a food drive that included all county employees. They were able to collect an entire full-size SUV full of non-perishable food items for the Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition. Lastly, planning continues for spring events around the county.

Health Department Administrator Update- Ms. Krista Click

Ms. Click stated as the Hendricks County Commissioners reviewed Mr. Oliver's service contract, they asked the number of years that he has served in this capacity. Mr. Oliver stated it has been at least since 2012. The Health Board and Health Department shared their appreciation for his excellent service. The next round of Health First Indiana community award applications is due February 15, 2026. In addition to other introduced state legislation mentioned, Ms. Click stated that SB 174 Various Health Matters includes proposed language of interest. Upon discussion, two Health Board members are expected to miss the next scheduled Health Board meeting. As time draws near, schedules will be checked to ensure a quorum is expected.

Health Officer Update- Dr. David Stopperich

Dr. Stopperich stated he has been telling many of the providers in the area about the services provided by the Health Department, strongly promoting the STI clinic and the Hendricks County Resource Guide. Those who have used the Resource Guide found it to be very useful.

Dates to Remember

The next Health Board meeting will take place on March 10, 2026. A Family Assistance Center/Family Reunification Center Setup is happening on January 24, 2026. Public Health Day at the Statehouse is Thursday, February 12, 2026, from 10am to 12pm.

Comments from County Council Liaison – Mr. Larry Hesson

Mr. Hesson stated the Council has started a program to recognize employee performance and reward it financially. They hope this will encourage employees to better themselves which will then better the county.

Comments from Health Board Attorney – Mr. Eric Oliver

Mr. Oliver stated there have been no major issues.

Adjourn

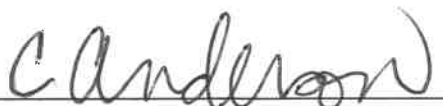
With no further business before the Board, Dr. Cougill adjourned the meeting.



Dr. Andrew Cougill, Chair




David Hardin, Vice-Chair



Dr. Chrystal Anderson, Member

Dr. Larry Caskey, Member



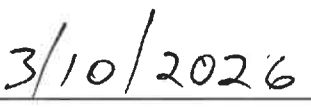
David M. Stopperich, M.D
Health Officer and Board Secretary



Debra Campbell, Member



Brian Cobb, Member



Date Minutes Approved

~~Bruce Diller, Member~~
