

**Boone County Health Board**  
May 21, 2025, at 6:00pm  
Lamar Meeting Room, Boone County Office Building

Board Members Present	Staff Present	Others Present
Michael Reynolds Tricia Wright Lacey Henson Crystal Jones John Cowan Paulette Berger John Casey	Dr. Servies Vickie Foster Lisa Younts Kacie Schenck Kasey Bowen	Gary Warrins - public Sheryl Vaughn- public Ed Strawmyer - public

Welcome by Tricia

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Motion:** A motion was made to approve the minutes for the March 19, 2025, meeting,

**Action:** Approve, **Moved by;** Crystal Jones, **Seconded by;** John Cowan.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

### **Administrative Updates**

Lisa Younts gave this report.

- Health First Indiana funding – The state budget was finalized and the Health First Indiana funding for local health departments did decrease significantly from 150 million to 40 million for LHDs. Boone County will receive \$370,275.62 for 2026. There is still an opt-in or opt-out process that will need to go to the County Commissioners to accept or decline the funds. These funds are still significantly greater than the funds received through the LHM & TA funds which Health First Indiana funds have replaced. If the commissioners choose to opt out of the funding, then the local health departments revert to those funds, which for Boone County is slightly over \$80,000.

- Live streaming of meetings in the Legislative bodies board room (new legislature): We were informed by the county's IT Department that effective July 1, 2025, any public meeting that takes place in the county's legislative board room is required to be livestreamed and recorded. The IT Department is looking into YouTube to complete this requirement. They did state other departments have opted to hold their meetings at another location to avoid this requirement. It would be up to the board to decide on whether to keep the meetings in this room going forward or to change the location. If you decide to keep the meetings in this room, then a policy would need to be created regarding public participation.

## **Nursing & Vital Record Updates**

Lisa Younts gave this report.

- Our Vital Records program has issued 126 birth certificates, 962 death certificates.
- Communicable Disease Investigations: our nurses have investigated thirty-one communicable disease reports.
- Tuberculosis: There have been seven new Latent TB infections reported, five started on treatment at the health department, one is being treated elsewhere, and one is waiting to start treatment. Currently, there are thirteen open LTBI cases: ten being treated at the health department and three elsewhere.
- No new confirmed lead cases. Currently, there are eleven open lead cases – all of which their levels are decreasing.
- STD clinic – We tested twenty patients with two positive chlamydia results; both were treated at the health department.
- The routine immunization clinic had 94 patients and administered 221 vaccines.

We completed five in-school vaccine clinics at Western Boone, Granville Wells, Thorntown Elementary, Perry Worth Elementary, and Lebanon High School. We vaccinated 75 students administering 142 vaccines.

- In March, we provided pre-exposure rabies vaccine to an individual who will be working with the National Park Service handling bats and wildlife giving them the white nose syndrome vaccine then releasing them. We were able to provide this vaccine through our Health First Indiana funding.
- We provided Safe Sleep for Infants education to five families and provided them with a free pack n play and other resources for their children.



- Health department staff attended Public Health Day at the Statehouse to support the Health First Indiana funding for local health departments

### **Community Outreach**

- Narcan training/doses provided to Head Start, Life's Journey Overdose Awareness event – three trainings, 53 doses distributed.
- We participated in the YMCA Healthy Kids Day, providing oral hygiene education and free toothbrush kits
- We provided vape and nicotine pouch education to two classrooms at Zionsville High School
- We have updated the Boone County Resource Guide and have distributed them to community organizations and individuals. In the last two months, we have given out approximately 2000 copies.

### **Environmental Updates**

Kacie Schenck gave this report.

**FOODS:** In March, the food inspectors were over halfway through the first round of inspections and should be completed with the first-round routine inspections by June. Several new mobiles were permitted as the weather improved, and new plan reviews were underway for establishments like Taco Bell, Potbelly's, and Shake Shack. On the Rise Bakehouse opened in Jamestown, and a new wagyu beef freezer operation was permitted. There was rodent activity at The Scoop in Zionsville, plumbing concerns involving Backroads BBQ, and a food safety complaint at Stookey's. The Hi-Wa-Hut submitted a variance request to keep doors open for ventilation, which was approved by IDOH. A new food code was signed and adopted during this time. We will be working on updating our county ordinance and start using the new State code in the following months. There was one event this month at the Boone County Fair Grounds, "Shipshewana on the Road". There were sixteen vendors: two mobiles and fourteen temporary vendors. One temporary vendor was unpermitted and given an enforcement letter.

In April, inspections remained on track, and several mobile units, including The Spark and El Maguey, completed their preoperational steps. Plan reviews continued for new businesses like Bowdie's Chophouse and Egg Republic. Significant incidents included sanitation issues at Subway in Walmart, water supply problems at Azul Tequila, and a grease fire at That Sports Bar. El Meson and Auberge faced serious complaints and follow-ups due to improper food handling and sanitation. Additionally, IDOH held a meeting to guide local

implementation of the new food code, and multiple reinspection's were scheduled due to critical violations. Due to the weather, Easter events were postponed or cancelled, and food trucks were not present as originally planned, resulting in one event for the month, Whitestown's Viking Fest that had nine food vendors, six food trucks and three temporary vendors.

**SEPTIC / WELL:** March and April had 88 property look ups which is slowly increasing this year. With HFI funding we were able to purchase a laser for more accurate inspections, and Our Inspector has been working on getting his license to use the drone that was purchased to add more information to inspections. We attended the onsite winter meeting as well.

**HOUSING/ POOLS / LEAD:** In March sixteen housing inspections were completed. With summer quickly approaching, we started getting things ready for pool season and Pool School. We continued to follow the legislative changes throughout the State that pertained to Environmental issues. During April six housing inspections were completed. We put together the county's 2<sup>nd</sup> annual pool school for pool operators and had about 40 operators attended. Seasonal pool inspections started towards the end of April.

**VECTOR CONTROL / TATTOOING:** Two Indoor Air Quality Inspections were completed in March. Two bat submissions were taken to IDOH for testing. Both bats came back negative and were from the same home. Seventeen animal bites were reported in March, and four confinement letters were sent. Surveillance for mosquitoes, treatments and tick dragging started in March. In April, fifteen animal bite reports and three confinement letters were sent. Three vector complaints were taken, and inspections were completed. Our inspector made five mosquito treatments in April. She was able to do one tick drag and collected twenty-six American dog ticks near Hussey-Mayfield Whitestown Library.

**PREPAREDNESS:** We hosted a Personal Preparedness Workshop at the fairgrounds with about ten people attending from the public. He coordinated a night with presenters from EMA, Boone County HAM Operators, and Board of Animal Health as well as our program. He attended a CERT meeting at Hendricks County Health Department to finalize the CERT class being held at the MADE center. In April, our Coordinator assisted with three CERT training courses. He also hosted and attended FEMA MGT-433 Isolation and Quarantine training at the fairgrounds.

**Other:** Our Environmental Office Manager completed her ICS 300 level course for Emergency Preparedness. A few attended the Environmental Health Association's Spring Conference.



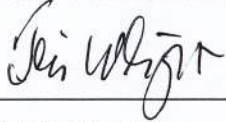
- There was some discussion about HFI funding being cut by the state and how it will affect the upcoming year in the health department.
- A community member was mentioned and how he could be helped. Our housing Inspector is working on this situation.

## Misc. Business

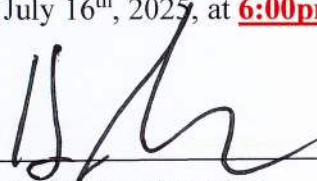
Motion to Adjourn

**Motion:** A motion was made to adjourn, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by;** John Cowan  
**Seconded by;** Michael Reynolds.  
Motion passed unanimously.

The next regular Local Health Board Meeting is scheduled for July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at **6:00pm** in the Connie Lamar Room.



Tricia Wright  
President - Health Board



Herschell Servies, MD  
Boone Co. Health Officer