

Christian County Health Department
Meeting Minutes
05/27/2026

- I. Call to Order:** Dr. Leslie DeVore on May 27, 2026, at 6:01pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Roll Call:** Dr. DeVore, Dr. Yociss, Vicki McMahon, Janet DeClerck, Amelia Shoemaker. Dan Held joined at 6:05 PM, and Dr. Gill joined at 6:06 PM.
Absent: Dr. Sowle
- IV. Approval of previous meeting minutes:**
 - A. April 08, 2026
Motion was made to approve the minutes from the previous meeting with no changes by Vicki McMahon. Seconded by Dr. Yociss. All in favor. Motion passed.
- V. Public Comment:** Dr. DeVore stated that three minutes is the time limit to speak. This is not a question and answer session. Those who wish to speak may now do so.
 - A. Brady Schriber: Kratom is very addictive-as a person that survived a previous opiate addiction I started kratom as an energy source thinking it was a safe product. I was wrong. I was never carded for it and it became very addictive quickly. I think more awareness is needed to be made. I had to seek medical help from SIU medical care to get off of kratom. Supports a ban on kratom.
 - B. Bernie Salisbury: Stated she is apart of the Christian County Prevention Coalition and a retired educator. Kratom is a gas station heroine. We became as a coalition aware of it 6-8 months ago. We have worked with local law enforcement on all level for prevention and distribution to try and reduce kratom in local areas. Jerseyville and Carlinville are working on an ordinance now. The CCPC supports CCHD in creating an ordiance to ban kratom.
 - C. Jason Domonousky: Stated her is from the Christian County Treatment Care Management, Drug, and Alcohol Counselor. Kratom is the next chapter in addiction. 10 years ago to get off opiates kratom was given and now it has become just as bad. You can drug test for it. Our group will support Christian County Health Department doing anything to stop kratom.
 - D. Nic Banning: Stated he is with Addiction Coalition. I have never had experience with kratom, but I have seen it in treatment. I know several people that required in patient care to get off of it. This is very similar to my understanding to K2 bath salts. Would support banning kratom.
 - E. Dwayne Wheeler: Stated he is the Taylorville Chief of Police. I am here to support this ordinance to ban this product. I will be going to the City of Taylorville City Council to encourage them to follow up with a ban at the city level also.

Dr. DeVore asked if there is a motion to move the discussion on the agenda for a kratom ban up to now and move forward. A motion was made by Vicki McMahon to have the discussion on a kratom ban now. Second by Dr. Yociss. All in favor. Motion passed.

Discussion:

Amelia Shoemaker:

Can we say possession if it is not an illegal drug?

Dr. DeVore:

This would be considered an ordinance violation not considered a law.

Dr. Gill:

Dr. Yociss what have you seen in the hospital with it?

Dr. Yociss:

Screaming, yelling, getting right in your face, threatening personnel, then walk out with their Kratom since it is not illegal. The police deal with a lot more on the streets with it.

Vicki McMahon:

If someone is using it for medicinal purpose can they use it?

Dr. Yociss:

It is an addictive product that can create a big problem leading to worse with no control.

Janet DeClerck:

If we pass the ordinance, they can still order it on line?

Dr. DeVore:

Yes, but all are aware if we suggest this ordinance to the Christian County Board, it will not affect municipalities that have their own boards. They will have to adopt their own.

Vicki McMahon:

We propose it as an ordinance or are you talking resolution? Resolution is a strong statement and ordinance has some legality to it.

Dr. Anderson:

Mary Barry said we have 2 ways to do it:

1. Recommend ordinance to Christian County Board.
2. Make a resolution to support that can go to all the other municipalities to know how the BOH stands.

A motion was made to recommend to the Christian County Board to create an ordinance for a ban on kratom with the presented suggestion ordinance reviewed tonight by the Christian County Board of Health by Vicki McMahon. Seconded by Dr. Yociss. All in favor. Motion passed

A motion was made to create a resolution to send to all local municipalities to formally express CCHD support for a ban on the sale and distribution of kratom within Christian County, Illinois was made by Vicki McMahon. Seconded by Dr. Gill. All in favor. Motion passed

VI. Reports:

A. Department Reports

1. Front Office: Lynn promoted and got WAND to come do a report on our tick program. Optical program is doing really well and we are seeing several appointments per week.
2. Nursing Discussion: WIC numbers have increased, therefore our grant money has increased based on the caseload. Our lead program has 15 active cases that are currently ongoing to try to reduce the lead levels in children. Dr. Graham has a caseload of about seven TB patients that are being monitored right now. Lab draws are low right now, but people are becoming aware of this service at CCHD.
3. Emergency Management Discussion: Narcan awareness is increasing and Ellen is getting out into the community to distribute Narcan. She is also updating drills and performance to be more prepared for emergencies in the future.
4. Environmental Discussion: 35% of all food inspections are completed for the year so far. Dr. Anderson and Joe will be going to New Jersey to meet with other health departments soon to review the FDA food standards and learn on how CCHD can meet more of them. Vector testing for West Nile has started. Dan Held asked if we have testing sites for the southwest part of the county? Dr. Anderson said he would ask Joe. Dan offered to help find a location if needed. Payton also passed her Certified Drug and Alcohol test which will be a program we can start providing and billing for in the future when she gets back. Payton and Dr. Anderson have been asked to speak at the IPHA September Conference because they were the first ones to start being able to bill for the CHW program. Payton will speak on billing and what CHWs are doing in Christian County.
5. Mental Health Discussion: Payton is currently seeing about 10 clients on a weekly basis, and others as needed. Several new support groups have started this year and CCHD is working on a parenting program they hope to start offering soon. Dr. DeVore asked about when Payton's maternity leave starts and what the place is for her absence. Dr. Anderson stated that

the support group will have a nurse trained to cover and that hopefully a Director of Mental health will be hired soon to cover and assist.

6.Admin Discussion: Dr. Anderson is working on 2 new grants for SNAP and Mental Health right now. We just received a new grant to promote help with gambling addictions for \$60,000. Dr. Anderson talked about his legislative committee he sits on. The state legislature looks to take up kratom ban in the near future, but this is why counties and municipalities need to do it now. Dr. Anderson then presented how turn over rate at CCHD had decreased every year since he has been here over 3 years.

B. Financial Report

1.Discussed and reviewed statement of monthly revenues and expenditures.

2.Discussed and reviewed YTD revenues and expenditures. Motioned to approved financial report by Dan Held. Seconded by Dr. Gill. Roll Call: Dr. DeVore Y, Dr. Gill Y, Vicki Y, Dan Y, Janet Y, Dr. Gill Y, and Amelia Y. Motion passed.

VII. Personnel Update:

A. One of the current nurses has resigned. Interviews for a replacement will begin.

VIII. Notification and Approval of Claims:

A. None at this time

IX. Unfinished Business:

A. 60th Anniversary - Polo shirts have been ordered and worn for our annual health fair at CCHD. More discussion on a celebration is needed.

B. IPLAN Incentives- Dr. Anderson let the board know we have been getting a few, but not as many surveys as before. We only have about 20 new ones since the last meeting.

C. Administrator's Evaluation- Dr. DeVore will send out documents before the next meeting.

X. New Business:

A. Kratom Ordinance-Moved to beginning of the meeting.

B. Certified Health Worker Job Description- Motion was made to accept the job description for the Community Health Worker with the amendment change to strike "willingness" out and replace with "must obtain within 3 months of hire" made by Vicki McMahon. Seconded by Dr. Gill. All in Favor. Motion passed.

C. Front Office Support Position- A discussion was had that now the union is paying what we have agreed to pay, Dr. Anderson would like to move the position to full time. Dr. DeVore asked if two positions were really needed or could the health

department handle having just one position. Dr. Anderson said the decision is up to the board, but he can see that having only one would do just fine if needed. Stressed that grant money could be used for other things if the board made that decision. The board had a discussion on what the cost savings would be to eliminate one position and came up with it saving around \$22,000 to do so. A motion was made to eliminate the 2 part-time positions at 28 hours per week by June 30, 2026, and create one full-time position at 35 hours per week full time to start July 1, 2026 by Dr. Gill. Seconded by Vicki McMahon. Roll Call: Dr. DeVore Y, Dr. Gill Y, Vicki Y, Dan Y, Janet Y, Dr. Gill Y, and Amelia Y. Motion passed. Dr. DeVore asked Dr. Anderson to speak with Ashley right away to see what the union needs and how to move this going forward. Dr. Anderson agreed he will follow up with what is needed.

XI. Executive Session: - No closed session

XII. Other Matters or Updates before the Board- Janet DeClerck: "I would like to say I think the Christian County Board of Health deserves to have a secretary for our meeting provided by the County Board." Discussion was had to look into if this is possible. Vicki McMahan will approach the board as the board representative to see about this situation.

XIII. Adjournment:

-Motion to adjourn meeting by Dan Held. Seconded by Vicki McMahon. Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.