

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

APPOINTMENT GUIDE FOR LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS

County Boards of Supervisors are encouraged to seek out potential local board of health (LBOH) members who are willing to be involved in, interested in, and committed to preserving and improving the health of the public. Board of Supervisor appointments are to be in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 137.

LBOH Responsibility:

- Oversee health of the public in jurisdiction
- Support the mission of public health and the core public health functions: Assessment, Policy Development and Assurance
- Assure the ongoing process for a comprehensive community-based health plan (Community Health Needs Assessment-Health Improvement Plan - CHNA-HIP)
- Assess ongoing public health needs and evaluate current services to assure quality and accountability
- Set public health goals and priorities, shape service delivery systems, and ensure efficient and effective use of resources
- Communicate public health information to board of supervisors and public
- May directly oversee public health staff, which includes policy and budget development
- May contract with governmental or nonprofit agencies for public health services, while maintaining responsibility for fiscal and public health services oversight
- Develop and enforce reasonable rules and regulations to improve and protect the health of residents in jurisdiction, as appropriate

Board Requirements:

- Volunteer members representing the community
- Application of Open Meeting and Open Record Law
- Organizational structure/By-laws
- Established by Iowa Code Chapter 137
- County boards have 5 members, one of which is a physician
- District boards have 5 to 11 members with 1 to 3 physicians

Pre-Appointment Information:

- Member expectations, responsibility, and role
- LBOH meeting schedule
- Term of office
- Current LBOH members

New Member Responsibility:

- Commitment to health of the public
- Orientation to LBOH