

Black Hawk County Board of Health

Under the authority of Chapter 137 of the Code of Iowa, the Board of Health provides oversight to policy development, enforcement, education, and advocacy for the protection and improvement of public health.



Mary Robinson, **2020 Chair**, Pastor, All Nations Community Church and a Chaplain at Tyson Foods. The Rev. Dr. Robinson previously served on the Board of Health from 2004-2009, as Chair in 2008 and 2009, and returned to the board in 2015. She brings to the Board expertise as a former attorney and social worker, in addition to serving 12 years on the Iowa State Board of Education, 10 years as President of the Iowa-Nebraska NAACP, former Chair of the Board of Directors for Cedar Valley's Promise and almost 50 years as a community advocate with involvement in diversity training. One of her strengths is in advocating for inclusivity in serving the public health needs of everyone in Black Hawk County, especially those who may go undetected.



Dr. Catherine Zeman, **Vice Chair**, is a Professor in the Health Promotion & Education, School of KAHHS at the University of Northern Iowa. Dr. Zeman is also the Director of the Recycling and Reuse Technology Transfer Center at the University of Northern Iowa, an applied research, service and outreach Center that focuses on issues of sustainability and solid waste. Dr. Zeman received her Ph.D. in Preventive Medicine with emphasis in Environmental and Occupational Health from the University of Iowa and a Masters in Environmental Science from Southern Illinois University. Dr. Zeman is a member of the NAAAS Affiliate, National Association of Native American Studies. Her research interests include: nitrates in the environment and their impact on human health with focus on children's health, industrial ecological principles of precision manufacturing, international health issues, health issues of underserved populations, environmental sustainability, workplace health and safety and wellness, and documenting pollution prevention practices on worker health and safety. She has served on the Board since 2016.



Dr. Adam Roise is the Medical Director of the Northeast Iowa Family Practice Center in Waterloo since 2013 and has been a family physician since 2008. He completed his medical training at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill before moving to Iowa for his residency. Dr. Roise's time in the Peace Corps was the foundation for his interest in focusing on the health of populations and addressing disparities in communities. His research is in the areas of chronic disease management such as diabetes and hypertension. He serves as the Board's Medical Advisor and this is his first term.



Dr. Wes Pilkington, PharmD, is the pharmacist in charge at Evans Crossing Pharmacy in Evansdale. He received his Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from The University of Iowa College of Pharmacy in 2011. Wes is an active member of Iowa Pharmacy Association and National Community Pharmacy Association. He also serves as a preceptor for pharmacy students from The University of Iowa College of Pharmacy. His experiences with pharmacy workgroups related to behavioral health, immunizations and increased access to electronic medical records have given him an enthusiasm for public health. This is his first term on the board.



Beth Knipp serves as the Executive Director for the Black Hawk County Gaming Association and is a graduate of the University of Northern Iowa. She previously served as Director of Planning for Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare – Iowa Region and was the Director of Planning, Public Relations and Marketing for Covenant Health System and Director of Development for Black Hawk Grundy Mental Health Center. Knipp has also been a member of many local boards and committees, including Cedar Valley United Way, Family & Children’s Council, Cedar Falls Chamber of Commerce, Cedar Valley Hospice and My Waterloo Days. She is the current president of the Iowa Council of Foundations board and is a member of Metro Funders as well as Women In Philanthropy. This is her first term on the board.

Board Terms

Reverend Mary Robinson, BA, J.D., M.Div.	Term Expires 12/31/2022
Catherine Zeman, MS, PhD	Term Expires 12/31/2021
Adam J. Roise, MD, MPH	Term Expires 12/31/2020
Wesley Pilkington, PharmD	Term Expires 12/31/2021
Beth Knipp	Term Expires 12/31/2022

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