



# HHF Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

**December 12, 2025– 11:00 am  
(rescheduled from original November 21, 2025 date)**

**Board members in attendance in-person or virtual for all or part of the meeting:** Dan Evans, JD, President; Lindsay Weaver, MD, FACEP, State Health Commissioner; Michelle Shippy, HHF Executive Director; Jon Ferguson, JD, IDOH Chief of Staff; Dr. Maria Del Rio Hoover, Secretary (virtual); Lorra Archibald, Board Member (virtual) and Abigail Pequignot, HHF Operations Manager; Mark Andersen, Fibrobiologics, Treasurer (virtual) and Eric Miller, Board Member

**Board members not in attendance:** Amy McConkey Robbins, Vice President

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Needed	Action on Follow-up Items
1. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions Dan Evans, President	Dan called the meeting to order at 11:00 am and established a quorum (in-person and virtual) was present. Michelle read the Open Door Law Statement.	N/A	N/A
2. Approval of August 8, 2025, Minutes Dan Evans, President	Dan asked for comments and/or corrections to the August 8, 2025, minutes. Hearing none, he made a motion for approval. Dr. Weaver moved that the minutes be approved, it was seconded by Eric Miller and passed unanimously by roll call vote of in-person and virtual members.	N/A	N/A

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<p>3. Financial Report Michelle Shippy, HHF Executive Director</p>	<p>Michelle reported at the end of November 2025, there is \$290,124.14 in the checking account. The first installment of the Gilead Sciences FOCUS grant in the amount of \$119,371 has been received. The PNC Bank account is closed. Lake City Bank is where the primary account is now held. Insurance has been renewed. Last payments have been made to the Oberkotter project. The 2024 990 has been submitted and posted to the website.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>4. IDOH Updates Jon Ferguson, Chief of Staff</p>	<p>Jon provided an update on the Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP): GROW: Cultivating Hoosier Health. Indiana applied for \$1 billion through a collaborative effort led by the Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) and the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH). Indiana proposed 12 GROW initiatives (11 statewide and 1 regional level) to improve health in rural areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Growing Care Coordination: Medical Operations Coordination Center (MOCC) and Alternate Payment Model Feasibility Study</li> <li>2) Growing Community Connections through Indiana 211</li> <li>3) Growing Improved Patient Outcomes through Enhanced Interoperability and Technology</li> <li>4) Growing Pediatric &amp; Obstetric Readiness in Rural Emergency Departments</li> <li>5) Growing Cardiometabolic Health Standards of Care in Rural Indiana</li> </ol>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>

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	<p>6) Growing Access to Hospital Post-Discharge Medications</p> <p>7) Growing Specialty through Expanded Teleconsult Capabilities</p> <p>8) Growing Telehealth Access and Infrastructure</p> <p>9) Growing our Rural Health Paraprofessional Workforce</p> <p>10) Growing Clinical Training and Readiness</p> <p>11) Growing our Rural Behavioral Health Workforce</p> <p>12) Make Rural Indiana Healthy Again Regional Grants</p> <p>Jon reported that the Health First Indiana Local Health Services Division has been moved under Megan Lytle, Assistant Commissioner for Public Health Protection. Dr. Del Rio Hoover asked if the data indicators will stay the same or are changing. Jon stated they are staying the same for now, but trends are being added.</p> <p>Abby Pequignot, HHF Operations Manager, reported that HHF website content for the National Network of Public Health Institutes (NNPHI) website has been submitted. On the HHF website there is now a general contact e-mail address and assistance request forms. There was discussion about the HHF paying for a separate web page – the cost would be approximately \$10,000 to \$15,000.</p>		

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	<p>Miranda Spitznagle, TPC Director, provided an update on the Hester Shultz Memorial Fund Fellowship and the Bree Wilson Youth Advocate of the Year Scholarship.</p> <p>The Hester Shultz Fellowship was established in 2018 and has served eight fellows through 2022. The awards were \$1,500 to allow for registration, travel and expenses to the Society for Public Health Educators (SOPHE) Advocacy Summit and a stipend to complete their project.</p> <p>The Bree Wilson Youth Advocate of the Year Scholarship was established in 2023 in memory of Breanna “Bree” Lynn Wilson who fought an admirable battle against cancer before her passing in 2021. In her honor, a VOICE Indiana Youth Ambassador is selected to receive this scholarship for their hard work, passion and commitment making a long-lasting difference in their local community through service and creative advocacy efforts. \$1,000 awards were issued to Breanna Bastin, Hancock County in 2023; Mieka Neely, Lake County in 2024; and Emily Wart, Bartholomew County in 2025.</p> <p>There was discussion about possibly combining these scholarship awards.</p>		

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<p>5. Executive Director's Report Michelle Shippy, HHF Executive Director</p>	<p>Michelle provided updates on grants awarded.</p> <p>The <b>Gilead</b> grant application submitted by the IDOH HIV/STI/Viral Hepatitis Division. The IDOH Prevention Team leads statewide efforts to prevent HIV, STIs and Viral Hepatitis. This Team coordinates and funds comprehensive prevention services across Indiana. In partnership with local health departments, this proposed project will implement HIV, Hepatitis C and Syphilis screening for individuals incarcerated in Indiana's county jails. This initiative will reach people with limited access to preventive care and aligns with CDC guidance that a syphilis diagnosis increases susceptibility to HIV due to biological and behavioral risk overlaps. Total budget request is \$307,306.00. <b>This grant was awarded on October 24, 2025 at \$239.742.</b></p> <p>The <b>Elevance Health Foundation</b> grant application submitted by the IDOH Division of Nutrition and Physical Activity. This Foundation is committed to supporting Food As Medicine interventions that enhance the quality and accessibility of nutritious foods across the country. This initiative prioritizes funding programs that improve clinical health outcomes for individuals with diet-related conditions and increase access to nutritious foods for populations experiencing food/nutrition insecurity. <b>This grant was not awarded.</b></p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>

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	<p>The <b>Women’s Fund</b> grant for an Indiana Menstrual Health Project was submitted on October 31, 2025 with a total budget of \$50,000. The award announcement will be in March 2026.</p> <p>The <b>National Association of County &amp; City Health Officials (NACCHO)/CDC Public Health Infrastructure Center (PHIC)</b> grant submitted by the Local Health Services Division was submitted on November 7, 2025 for a total budget of \$10,000. <b>This grant was not awarded.</b></p>		
<p>6. Discussion Items/Public Comment/Adjournment</p>	<p>Michelle presented several items for Board approval.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated By-Laws - Scott Zarazee was still listed as the Registered Agent so this will be changed to the Executive Director of the Healthy Hoosiers Foundation.</li> <li>• Resolution authorizing the Executive Director the ability to sign documents, agreements, contracts, applications, and other necessary materials on behalf of the HHF BoD.</li> <li>• Updated Financial Controls giving the Executive Director the authorization to sign checks and oversee ACH transfers.</li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>

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	<p>Dan entertained a motion for approval of all three documents. Dr. Weaver moved the amended By-Laws, Resolution, and updated Financial Controls be approved, it was seconded by Eric Miller and passed unanimously by roll call vote of in-person and virtual members.</p> <p>Michelle stated that the fundraising proposal on the agenda for an HHF license plate is not moving forward at this time.</p> <p>She also presented the HHF 2025 Annual Report for approval. Dan asked for comments from the Board members, staff and/or public in attendance. Hearing none he stated the report is approved by unanimous consent.</p> <p>Michelle stated the proposed FY 2026 budget is for information only, but it will be voted on at the next meeting. She also provided the forms for Board member appointment/reappointment and the link for ethics training that each Board member needs to complete.</p> <p>Hearing no further business from the Board, staff and/or public, Dan Evans adjourned the meeting at 12:24 pm.</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2026 at 10:00 am.</p>		