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**Health Department Employee Appointed to Iowa Environmental Health Association Board of Directors**

(Mason City) - Sophia Walsh, Environmental Health Specialist with the Cerro Gordo County Department of Public, was recently appointed to the Iowa Environmental Health Association Board of Directors. She will be an at-large member, elected by her peers to serve as an IEHA representative.

The Iowa Environmental Health Association (IEHA) is an affiliate of the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) and strives to promote education, influence policy and provide resources to environmental health professionals in order to protect the environment and promote public health. Since 1969, this organization has worked to improve the public's environmental health through political advocacy, public awareness, professional development, and networking with peers. Today we are approaching 200 members from various organizations across Iowa.

Sophia has been working in public health for 6 years. She has worked on the delivery of many public health programs and services, created new programs, written local ordinance, and advised on public health policy. Her current duties include coordinating sample collection and public education for the Grants to Counties Private Well Program and managing department-wide GIS (mapping) activities. Sophia also a member of the National Environmental Health Association, Iowa Groundwater Association, Iowa Water Well Association, Iowa Geographic Information Council, and the Mason City Jaycees.

"We are very proud to have Sophia as an at-large member on the IEHA Board of Directors," said Ron Osterholm, Health Director, Cerro Gordo County Department of Public Health. "Iowa will benefit greatly from having her expertise, voice, and knowledge on the IEHA Board."

Sophia will serve a 3 year term, and will then be eligible to run for reelection in the Spring of 2019.

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