



Muscatine County Board of Health Minutes

January 20, 2021 | 12:00pm | Muscatine County Administration Building

Board members

William Koellner, Chairman | Brian Wright, Secretary

Karen Harper | Dr. Michael Maharry, Physician Representative | Brandy Olson

Members Present: William Koellner, Brian Wright, Karen Harper, Brandy Olson, Michael Maharry

Others Present: Eric Furnas, Christy Roby Williams, Rikki Hetzler, Holly Barrett, Scott Sauer

Visitors Present: None

Meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM by Koellner through virtual meeting in accordance with the Iowa Governor's request. Koellner discussed the continuation of virtual meetings until further notice due to the state of extenuating circumstances with the COVID-19 Pandemic. No Quorum

- I. Motion made by _____ to approve minutes from the 12/16/2020 meeting. _____seconded.
No quorum at beginning of meeting to approve minutes. These will be approved at next meeting.

- II. Public Health Reports:

- A. Environmental Services Update

1. Furnas has presented the budget to the County Board and not aware of any reason that it will not continue. Koellner would like to have it noted that we are in Phase II.

- B. COVID-19

1. Response Efforts – Current State is collaborative
 - a. Roby Williams shared the web site to show how to look at Vaccine administration. State will do updates Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. They are slightly behind but encourage all to look at the site. If any questions, please reach out to Roby Williams.
 - b. Muscatine has one long term facility that is currently in outbreak - staff is very busy helping
 - c. Phase 1A – all have been in touch with vaccine distributor either CVS or Walgreen for our county
 - d. Roby Williams – Vaccines are not mandatory which makes it easier for some to say no.
All we can do is encourage and share facts.
 - e. Koellner – would like more information on percentages we are getting done
 - f. Barrett – Pharmacies have a different contract than Public Health and are not entering the data as we do, and Pharmacies are not responsible to do the same as we are doing.
Roby Williams anticipates that there may be some specifics come out soon. We have inquired but have been told they do not have all the details yet.
 - g. Questions regarding if 1A is complete? Barrett – we will have the 1st doses complete and will be starting on the 2nd dose soon. Projected to be completely finished with 1A by the end of February.
 - h. For 1B it is a large portion of Muscatine county. PH has reached out to the state for clarification 75+ or exposure. More information is coming to clarify and to get the information out to the public and on the websites.
 - i. Public Health has started planning short term and reaching out to industries for 1B
The Roll out 1B needs to be done equitably and fairly. A 50/50 plan we will be done so as to not only do 75 plus but industry that is also qualified.

The committee did suggest Service Clubs may help with the logistics and with volunteers. . Koellner will reach out to President of Muscatine Central State Bank for help with Rotarians and Koellner will help reaching out to groups in West Liberty, Wilton, and northern part of the county. A good collaboration is a pharmacy in West Liberty, as would be Westers for Wilton.

- j. Discussion on reaching out to United Way for flyers. Take to stores, and more communications out in hard copy as well as online. Larger percent has the internet, but through the Voice of Muscatine – possibly taking an add out in the paper to get the information out to those that do not have the internet.
2. Point of Dispensing Vaccine Plans
 3. Communication Plans
 4. Hospital Status –
 - a. Roby Williams as of today. 7 Med/Surg beds available, 2 ICU beds
 - b. Half cases are positive in Med/Surg
 - c. Mahary - Looking at 22 adult and 1 pediatric.
 - d. Numbers are going down significantly
- C. Public Health Communicable Disease Dashboard
1. Dashboard was shared on screen. And discussed
 - a. Barrett will update dashboard with more current numbers and send out.
 - b. Still going to MCSA twice a week. Nothing alarming or concerning compared to the prior year numbers. STD has an increase with Chlamydia, but not uncommon compared to other counties. 12 cases in 2019 to 21 cases in 2020 . No increase in Gonorrhea.
 - c. Koellner questioned if the board needs to approve more free vaccine vouchers for the flu? Barrett reported that we are at a good place for now.
- D. Flu Vaccine Collaboratives & Vouchers
1. Please see notes above regarding flu vouchers
- E. Fueling the Future Initiative –
1. Fiscal Update
 - a. Hetzler - Showing spread sheet with additional numbers put in. Oct, Nov, and Dec. OT has captured an additional \$3330. The county did get the allocation and will be receiving \$540,894.50. Availability of the funds from the county are being put together so we know how much we will have left. We would like opportunity to ask for additional funds going forward. As of today, we have 0 dollars from the State of IA for Vaccines. Numbers will be projected based on 42600 people. Not everyone wants one and we are also vaccinating other counties due to them working in this county. Roby Williams - Financial resources is always an ask in every meeting we attend. We are sharing with others when we can and not leaving any vaccine on the counter.
- F. Fiscal Update
1. CARES Expenses and State Funding
 2. Other Public Funding
 - a. Exploring other options from the state. All 99 PH departments do need the help. March through December we have used 5801 hours in the department for Covid response. These hours cannot be pulled from the other grants. (due to it not fitting under their specific requirements that come along with the grants). Counties doing as much as they can until they can get the funding from the states. Roby Williams will bring more on numbers of what we are looking at to the next meeting. It was suggested that contact with elected representatives need to be done and re-laid the information. Maharry – monies are coming from federal government, just a waiting game. 1.9 trillion from federal so states seem to be waiting.
- G. Health Equity Committee Update
- a. Koellner requested Maharry to send the draft to all for review and edits. Roby Williams to resend information out that Maharry had sent her. To be reviewed next month for any additions or

alterations. Discussion was to keep this as a Living Document. Committee to plan on discussing the final during the next meeting

- b. It was decided to keep the meetings the 3rd week of every month for now
- c. Questions regarding if Public Health is still working with grants.
 - 1. Clinicals, Family Planning, and still delivering vaccines
 - 2. Backpack program – food subsidies (food in bellies)
Koellner - Backpack program has about 100 kids right now in West Liberty
 - 3. Fueling the Future Initiative -from Federal grant we received. Roby Williams, Nancy Mulcahy and Charla Shafer working on this initiative. Working with a navigator (earn while you learn) To reduce barriers to the family and a living wage. Certification programs CNC, CNA, Welding and Pharmaceutical Techs - West Liberty Wilton and Muscatine. Goal is to make sure participants succeed for 6 months. Walk beside them to make sure they are successful. Working with others in the community to make sure of success. Health Screening tools. Where are the barriers? Transportation, Babysitting, etc....We help to fill in these holes.
- d. December update – MCC graduate Success Story: Through program did get C.N.A. certificate. Has increase in pay and now moving on to LPN program. Breaking the cycle of poverty.
Roby Williams - If you know of any candidates for this program, please send them to Public Health for “Fueling the Future Initiative”.

III. Koellner requested for citizens to speak.
None present at this time.

IV. Next Board Meeting: February 17, 2021 at 12:00pm

V. Meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

William Koellner, Chairman

Brian Wright, Secretary