



Muscatine County Board of Health Minutes

October 28, 2020 | 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

Others Present: Eric Furnas, Rikki Hetzler, Vanessa Leza, Nancy Carlisle, Holly Barrett

Visitors Present: None

Meeting was called to order at 12:03 PM by Koellner through virtual meeting in accordance with the Iowa Governor's request.

- I. Motion made by Olson to approve minutes from the 09/16/2020 meeting. Wright seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- II. Koellner requested for citizens to speak. None present at this time.
- III. A. Public Health Reports
 - o Response Efforts – Current State – Barrett shared Power Point presentation with updated numbers of those infected in Muscatine County. Public Health continues to work closely with the school administrators and long term care facilities to provide consultation, direct feedback and share best practices. Public Health continues to take phone calls and help answer questions the community has regarding COVID-19.
 - o Vaccine Efforts – Public Health has started offering flu vaccines to patients that are coming in for other services. Public Health has started offering flu vouchers to Muscatine County residents when doing outreach efforts at the following locations: MCSA, Wilton Food Pantry and West Liberty Food Pantry. Public Health and CHC are looking to form a partnership in efforts to provide additional flu vaccines to the population that we are currently serving. If additional funding is needed to help the community get vaccinated BOH is willing to approve request.
 - o COVID vaccine – Barrett shared with the BOH that as of right now decisions are being made at the state level on the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines. Public Health and Emergency Management have been included in IDPH and LPH discussions and will keep the BOH updated on any new information.
 - o School Audits – Barrett informed BOH that Public Health's immunization nurse, Susan Krueger, has started doing school audits in the community. Barrett will be sure to provide an update at upcoming meeting.
 - o Financials – Hetzler is managing expenditures and budgets at Public Health. Hetzler will be providing BOH with an updated status report at the next meeting.
- B. Health Equity Committee Update – No updates at this time.
- IV. Next Board Meeting: November 18, 2020 at 12:00pm
 - A. Items for Agenda
 - Maharry requested addition of an agenda item to discuss the handling of fireworks and the effects it has on community, be covered at a future meeting.
- V. Meeting adjourned at 12:59pm