



Muscatine County Board of Health Minutes

March 18, 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, Dr. Michael Maharry, Brandy Olson

Others Present: Eric Furnas, Christy Roby Williams, Holly Barrett, Vanessa Leza, Scott Sauer, Nancy Schreiber, Amy Zybarth

Visitors Present: None

Meeting was called to order at 12:01PM by Koellner through virtual GoTo Meeting in accordance with Governor's request.

- I. Motion made by Harper to approve minutes from the 01/08/2020 meeting. Wright seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- II. Koellner requested for citizens to speak. None present at this time.
- III. New Business
 - A. Environmental Services – No update at this time
 - B. Board of Health Grant Requests and Contracts – Roby Williams shared the status of current grant applications and corresponding dollar amounts with BOH members. Motion made by Harper to allow Roby Williams' signature to be valid on behalf of the BOH for all grant contracts and correspondence for the time being. Wright seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Firework Position Statement – No update at this time
- V. Public Health Reports
 - A. Communicable Disease Report- Barrett shared the report with the BOH, and clarified various data. The report will be updated as soon as more data is available for the current month. Barrett informed the BOH members that, due to the rise in Tuberculosis cases verbiage has been added to the report to clarify what data is being reported. Barrett shared that PPD skin testing is low, but testing should increase in the next few months.
 - B. Muscatine County Immunization Re-Audits – Roby Williams informed BOH members that re-audits were completed in February and numbers had improved. Some locations still fell slightly below the benchmark due to new vaccine requirements and school staff receiving additional duties.
 - C. COVID-19 Preparedness Activities – Roby Williams informed the BOH that Public Health has prioritized services that will continue to be offered to patients. Public Health staff will not be traveling out in community to provide services, and meetings are being rescheduled or are switching to virtual platforms. Roby Williams shared that phones calls are being screened by staff and callers are being referred to IDPH or CDC websites for guidance, as needed. Public Health has been taking necessary precautions to attempt to ensure that employees avoid communicable disease exposure. Roby Williams has been staying in contact with the hospital and community administrators in the service area to develop strategies surrounding COVID-19.
- VI. Next Board Meeting: April 1, 2020 at 12:00pm
 - A. Items for Agenda- Maharry requested the addition of an agenda item for discussing the handling of fireworks and the effect it has on our community, be covered at the next meeting.
- VII. Motion made by Koellner to adjourn the meeting at 12:58PM. Wright seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.