



## Muscatine County Board of Health Minutes

April 1, 2020 | 12:00pm | Muscatine County Administration Building

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### Board members

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William Koellner, Chairman | Brian Wright, Secretary

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

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

Others Present: Eric Furnas, Christy Roby Williams, Holly Barrett, Vanessa Leza, Nancy Schreiber, Scott Sauer, Jamie Walker, Alan Ostergren, Berdette Davis, Felicia Toppert, Jacob Dornbush, Nancy Carlisle

Visitors Present: None

Meeting was called to order at 12:00PM by Koellner through virtual GoTo Meeting in accordance with the Iowa Governor's request.

- I. Motion made by Harper to approve minutes from the 03/18/2020 meeting. Maharry seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- II. Koellner requested for citizens to speak. None present at this time.
- III. Public Health Reports
  - A. COVID-19 Preparedness Activities – Roby Williams share with the Board of Health (BOH) that Public Health has prioritized certain services that will continue to be offered to patients; however, to address the increasing work demands associated with COVID-19, certain staff will be transitioning into different roles to assist. Barrett stated that she will be reaching out to funeral homes to talk about the handling of services during this time.
  - B. COVID-19 Response Information – Barrett shared with the BOH that the Public Health Communicable Disease nurse has taken the lead on monitoring and surveillance of individuals who have tested positive with COVID-19. Roby Williams shared with the BOH that certain clinics in Muscatine County that are unable to do testing at this time have been referring patients to either their main clinics or hospitals to get tested. Public Health is creating a contact list for individuals who do not have a primary care provider and are needing to be tested.
  - C. COVID-19 Response Action Items – Roby Williams shared with the BOH that she has been working closely with the hospital to develop an Incident Command Structure that can be used in case of a surge. Roby Williams received guidance from the Iowa Department of Justice on how to handle the disclosure of personal information of confirmed COVID-19 cases. Roby Williams is working with MUSCOM on the handling of personal information and parameters surrounding the disclosure of such information to law enforcement and EMS. Roby Williams assured the BOH that Public Health is working with positive COVID-19 patients on guidance for self-isolation.
  - D. COVID-19 Crisis Response Supplemental Funding – Roby Williams requested affirmation from the BOH for the receiving of grant dollars that will help offset COVID-19 costs. Motion made by Wright to affirm the receiving of the grant. Harper seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- IV. Next Board Meeting: April 15, 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 a future meeting.
- V. Motion made by Maharry to adjourn the meeting at 1:10PM. Harper seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.