



Muscatine County Board of Health Minutes

April 16, 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, Nancy Schreiber, Scott Sauer, Berdette Davis, Nancy Carlisle, Patsy Willits

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 Maharry to approve minutes from the 04/01/2020 meeting. Harper seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- II. Koellner requested for citizens to speak. None present at this time.
- III. Public Health Reports
 - A. Public Health COVID-19 Response
 - Operations – Roby Williams shared with the BOH that Public Health is continuing surveillance and monitoring of individuals that have tested positive for COVID-19. Additional measures have been put in place to accommodate individuals that may face language barriers by using qualified staff and internal interpretation vendors. Roby Williams reported that Public Health is in constant contact with long-term care facilities and IDPH to ensure that adequate PPE is available for staff, and ensure that methods of containment for residents who test positive for COVID-19 are in place.
 - Planning – Roby Williams reported that Public Health leadership is continuing to submit grants applications to ensure the sustainability of Public Health services.
 - Logistics – Roby Williams reported to the BOH that Public Health staff are identifying individual and household needs of essential items. Public Health has established a courier team to assist with getting necessary items to our positive COVID-19 individuals/households while in quarantine.
 - Finance – Roby Williams reported to the BOH that funding received for COVID-19 response is being utilized to cover response expenditures as more staff members are being utilized to assist with response efforts.
 - B. Trinity Muscatine Hospital Update – Willits shared with the BOH an update on the hospital's response and planning efforts. The Incident Command Team at the hospital has been in constant contact with Public Health and all other campuses throughout Trinity Regional Health Systems. Due to hospital lockdown, visitors have been restricted and non-essential services have been reduced. Video communication is being deployed to allow for family members to communicate with loved ones or staff at the hospital.
 - C. Environmental Update – Furnas shared with BOH members that a potential for large-scale disposal of hogs by farmers is possible, as a result of COVID-19 outbreaks occurring in meat packaging plants in surrounding communities, causing plant operations to cease. Furnas will continue to stay in contact with DNR officials.
- IV. Next Board Meeting: April 29, 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 12:59PM. Harper seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.