



Muscatine County Board of Health Minutes

May 6, 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, Felicia Toppert, Nancy Carlisle, Patsy Willits

Visitors Present: None

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

- I. Motion made by Olson to approve minutes from the 04/16/2020 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 reported that Public Health disease investigators continue to maintain 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. 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.
 - Planning – Roby Williams shared with the BOH that Public Health continues to utilize an established team of care coordinators who work with positive COVID-19 patients and households to identify additional needs that may create barriers to allow these individuals and families to continue functioning while in quarantine. Roby Williams reported that Public Health leadership is continuing to submit grant 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 for essential items, and a courier team is assisting with delivering essential items to positive COVID-19 individuals/households.
 - Finance – Roby Williams reported to the BOH that funding from the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors was approved and will be utilized to cover expenditures for COVID-19 related activities between the months of April-June.
 - 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. Visitors have been restricted and non-essential services continue to be reduced. Video communication is being deployed to allow family members to communicate with loved ones or staff at the hospital.
- IV. Next Board Meeting: May 21, 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.