



## Muscatine County Board of Health Minutes

May 21, 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, Brandy Olson

Others Present: Eric Furnas, Christy Roby Williams, Holly Barrett, Vanessa Leza, Scott Sauer, Felicia Toppert, Berdette Davis, Patsy Willits

Visitors Present: None

Meeting was called to order at 12:08PM by Koellner through virtual GoTo Meeting in accordance with the Iowa Governor's request.

- I. Motion made by Olson to approve minutes from the 05/06/2020 meeting. Wright 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 remains 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 informed the BOH that grant funds received from Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine were used to purchase household hygiene supply items for patients and households in quarantine. Roby Williams reported to the BOH that funding from the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors is being utilized to cover expenditures for COVID-19 related activities.

##### B. Environmental

- Furnas informed the BOH of an incident that resulted in having to compost a large quantity of hogs. Furnas and the Department of Natural Resources were called on to assess methods for composting of animals and ensuring that environmental regulations were being followed.
- Grants to Counties Grant – Furnas requested for authorization to apply for the Grants to Counties grant on behalf of the BOH and will present the grant at the next BOH meeting for affirmation. Furnas shared with the BOH that well testing has been occurring on a very limited basis in the county.

#### IV. Next Board Meeting: July 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 Olson to adjourn the meeting at 1:09PM. Harper seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.