



Muscatine County Board of Health Minutes

August 19, 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, Brandy Olson, Michael Maharry

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

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 Olson to approve minutes from the 07/15/2020 meeting. Wright seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

II. Koellner requested for citizens to speak. None present at this time.

III. Public Health Reports

A. Environmental Health

-Grants to County Contract – Furnas provided the Board with an overview of the \$30,300 grant and requested board affirmation of the grant. Motion made by Harper to affirm. Olson seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

B. Local Public Health Services Grant Sub/contracts – Roby Williams presented the contract for \$99,059 to the BOH members and requested affirmation of the grant, with contract amendments. Motion made by Olson to approve the contract with specified amendments. Maharry seconded. All ayes. Motion carried. Roby Williams presented the sub-contract agreement between the Muscatine County Board of Health and UnityPoint Health to have services delivered. Harper motioned to approve. Olson seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

C. COVID-19 in Public Health

-Operations and Planning –Roby Williams shared with the BOH various staffing changes occurring within the department. Dornbush will be taking over as the Community Programs manager and Hetzler has moved into the position of Operations manager.

Public Health has been hosting weekly meetings with school administrators to provide consultation, direct feedback and allow for the sharing best practices. Public Health continues to provide oversight and consultation services to long-term care facilities affected by outbreaks.

-Logistics and Finance – Dornbush shared with the BOH that opportunities for the recovery of funds expended as a result of COVID-19 response have become available through FEMA and CARES act funds. Public Health is currently working with Seright and will continue working with the county to get expenses covered for COVID-19 response.

-Roby Williams reported that Tuberculosis is still prevalent in community, and positivity rates are increasing. Roby Williams reported a decline in the provision of immunizations at Public Health, likely attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic. Public Health is devising ways in which the department can promote the importance of obtaining immunizations, through social media and other platforms. Due to limited family planning services as a result of the pandemic, STI testing has also declined slightly.

D. Health Equity Data

- A discussion ensued surrounding the need for data surrounding health equity among residents in the county. Maharry and Olson will form a sub-committee to assist with the development of this initiative.

IV. Next Board Meeting: September 16, 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. Meeting adjourned at 1:08PM.

William Koellner, Chairman

Brian Wright, Secretary