



Muscatine County Board of Health Minutes

September 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, Brandy Olson

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

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 Harper to approve minutes from the 08/19/2020 meeting. Olson seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
- II. Koellner requested for citizens to speak. None present at this time.
- III. Public Health Reports
 - A. Environmental Health – Furnas shared with BOH members that Bayer (formerly Monsanto) is in the initial stages of upgrading their wastewater treatment system for their septic systems. Furnas will provide BOH members updates on any progress.
 - B. Contracts
 - Amended Care for Yourself Contract – Roby Williams reported a *Care for Yourself* grant amendment was made, additional funding added; from \$21,330.00 to \$22,980.00 for outreach efforts. Motion made by Olson to approve amendment. Harper seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
 - Amended Immunizations Contract – Roby Williams reported an *Immunizations* grant amendment was made to add an additional \$8600.00 for COVID-19 activities and vaccines. Motion made by Harper to approve amendment. Olson seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
 - C. Public Health Communicable Disease & Vaccine Dashboard – Barrett shared report with BOH and identified that these numbers are only through August. Child vaccines are low, but steadily climbing due to schools offering virtual learning. Public Health will be offering incoming patients flu vaccines. Amidst the Pandemic, Trinity Muscatine Public Health continued providing STI testing as reflected on the report, Barrett reported. An increase in dog bites found from April-June which is believed to be the result of quarantine/mitigation strategies and individuals being home more.
 - D. Immunization Audits – Barrett reported school audits will be starting soon and additional time was granted to Public Health due to COVID-19. Roby William requested funding for 50 flu vouchers from the BOH for Muscatine County residents. Motion made by Harper. Olson seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.
 - E. Medical Director Change – Barrett shared with BOH that Public Health has a new medical director, Dr. Muddasir Ashraf. Ashraf is working out of the Quad Cities and will be doing virtual meetings with leadership as needed.

F. Financials

- 17 Department Budgets – Roby Williams is working with UnityPoint on budgets to complete before the deadline.
- State/FEMA request – Public Health is working closely with Seright and continues working with the County to get expenses covered for COVID-19 response.

G. COVID-19 in Public Health – Public Health continues to host weekly meetings with school administrators providing consultation, direct feedback, and allowing for sharing of best practices. Public Health is also in constant contact with long term care facilities to provide oversight and consultation.

H. Health Equity Committee Update – No updates.

I. Other items

COVID-19 County Disaster Declaration – Wright shared the Board of Supervisors approved an extension for an additional 6 months.

IV. Next Board Meeting: October 21, 2020 at 12:00pm

A. Items for Agenda

-Maharry requested addition of an agenda item to discuss the handling of fireworks and the effects it has on community, be covered at a future meeting.

V. Motion made by Olson to adjourn the meeting at 12:49PM. Harper seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

William Koellner, Chairman

Brian Wright, Secretary