



Muscatine County Board of Health Minutes

March 17, 2021 | 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, Karen Harper, Brandy Olson

Others Present: Eric Furnas, Christy Roby Williams, Holly Barrett, Julie Bacon

Visitors Present: None

Meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM by Koellner through virtual meeting in accordance with the Iowa Governor's request. Motion made by Brandy Olson to approve minutes from the 2/17/2021 meeting and Karen Harper seconded.

I. Public Health Reports:

A. Environmental Services Update

- Furnas - Nothing to report today.

B. Communicable Disease Dashboard

- Holly Barrett presented (please see attached) Overall things are good. (stats are thru 3/9/21)
 - One new patient that was received this year and 2 other patients that were already serving and also doing home visits
 - 8 PPDs
 - Vaccines are going well
 - We have used 56 flu vouchers and still have some available
 - Treating a few hepatitis patients
 - STD Testing – Very actively testing everyone that is wanting/needing, focusing on those 24 & under, but do offer services to all.

C. COVID-19

1. Current State

Response Efforts –Doing a great job

2. 65+

- Currently doing businesses and local schools according to the tiers listed by the state along with age specific populations.
- Bill Koellner would like to know what the population is of over 65 that has received vaccinations.
- Holly Barrett working with the state and will be pulling a report from IRIS to determine this number

3. 64 and Younger with medical conditions

- Unitypoint clinics have reached out to all of their patients that are in the age brackets and are starting to include those with specific qualifications for the vaccination.
- Holly will be inquiring with UPH to find out more specific numbers

4. Large Scale Vaccine Clinic Plans

- Christy Roby Williams – PH has had difficulty with planning large scale vaccine clinics due to the small amount of allocations that are provided to the department. Public Health receives 400 vaccinations per week and are instructed that they must be split between 65+ population and manufacturing populations.
- We are reaching out to Pharmacies and providers to help provide to the tiers that are becoming eligible.
- Bill Koellner questioned if HyVee or Wester have the ability to do 1000 – 2000 per day. We do have plans to speak with HyVee this week to discuss future plans and collaborations.
- Christy Roby Williams – we did receive an allotment of 1000 Johnson and Johnson vaccines and was able to quickly set up a clinic at West Liberty Foods within a couple days. All went very smooth at that clinic, but it was a 12-hour clinic at their plant. We pulled resources from our hospital and volunteers from United Way to help out.
- Unfortunately we were informed it would be April before we get another allotment from Johnson and Johnson, and we are not given much notice, but we have the capabilities and will have the staff to help as soon as we get word from the state.
- Bill Koellner has received many compliments on how the schools were done so smoothly and professionally.
- Bill does have questions regarding the 211-call system. Seems people are having long waiting periods when they get on the call.
- There are adds being placed in Muscatine Discovery with information on where to call. Public Health will be able to pay for these adds with monies from a grant that allows for this. Senior Resources has been an exceptional partner in helping with the Covid Crisis.
- Public Health, Senior Resources and Non-Emergent Transport will be meeting to discuss and collaborate on getting vaccines to those that are not able to get into a clinic on their own.
- Flyers are being made and being distributed through MCSA to those needing help.
- As a public health department, we can be the gap filler for vaccines.
- Due to the manufacturing in Muscatine, there is a huge number to get vaccinated and the vaccinations are starting to come in more and more.

D. Fiscal Update

1. Local Public Health Grant Expended YTD

- 86% grant has been expended due to no dollars for Covid All funds will be expended by the end of April, with no additional dollars left.

II. Christy requested for citizens to speak. No One present.

III. Next Board Meeting: April 21, 2021 at 12:00pm
(Brian – April 21 not a good day for him to attend. Email to be sent out to coordinate a date.)

IV. Meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

William Koellner, Chairman

| Karen Harper, Secretary