



Muscatine County Board of Health Minutes

September 29, 2021 | 12:00pm | Microsoft Teams Meeting

Board members

William Koellner, Chairman | Karen Harper, Secretary

Brian Wright | Dr. Michael Maharry, Physician Representative | Brandy Olson

Members Present: William Koellner, Karen Harper, Dr. Michael Maharry, Brandy Olson

Others Present: Christy Roby Williams, Rikki Hetzler, Holly Barrett, Eric Furnas, Scott Sauer, Berdette Davis (IDPH)

Meeting was called to order at 12:03 pm by Koellner via virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting.

Motion made by Harper to approve minutes from the 7/21/2021 meeting and Dr. Michael Maharry seconded. All ayes.

I. Public Health Reports:

A. Environmental Services Update

- Discussion and action to affirm - Updated 28E agreement between Muscatine County and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for the permitting of Private Wells. Furnas spoke about the requirement to utilize the DNR site to check areas before issuing a permit. Olson made a motion to approve, Harper seconded. All ayes.

B. American Rescue Plan Funds for Muscatine County

- Preliminary funding request to Muscatine County Board of Supervisors from the Muscatine County Board of Health. Roby Williams presented proposal to build/remodel a new Public Health Department and include Emergency Management Agency (EMA) to best serve our county residents. The proposal highlighted the limits to accessing public health facilities and EMA throughout the pandemic (ADA compliant, storage, inadequate space for managing vaccine clinics). Motion to approve original proposal by Olson, seconded by Maharry. All ayes.
- Roby Williams discussed amendment to proposal to include funding supporting staffing needs for a Community Health Nurse and Public Information Officer. Motion to approve amendment for staffing made by Maharry, seconded by Harper. All ayes.

C. Communicable Disease Update

- Report out given by Barrett, no concerns.

D. COVID-19

- Roby Williams gave report out on fully vaccinated populations per zip code.
 - a. Vaccine stats discussed. These are updated weekly on Wednesdays on IDPH website. Public Health shares information to their social media outlets as they are updated.
 - b. Presented interactive vaccinated map from CDC.
- Barrett gave update on Targeted Populations, Vaccine Clinics and Community Events.

- a. Muscatine County Public Health is focused on being a gap filler for health equity.
- b. Public Health holds regular meetings with community partners (United Way & Senior Resources) to assist in health equity vaccination access of these identified individuals.
- c. Pharmacy support in community is vital and greatly appreciated by Public Health.
- d. Walk-in COVID Vaccine Clinics are Wednesdays and Fridays at Trinity Muscatine Public Health. Public Health has extended their hours on Wednesday evening to accommodate those needing later appointments. Public Health currently has all three brands of vaccine.
- e. Community Events: Public Health is supporting the physician's clinics in Muscatine. Also providing vaccine support to the Muscatine County Jail.

E. Community Health Needs Assessment Planning Process

- o Roby Williams reviewed flow chart discussing where Public Health currently is in the process.
 - a. Stakeholder meeting and Focus Groups complete.
 - b. November 16th, 2021 presentation to be held virtually for community from 6pm – 8pm through Microsoft Teams link at: Join on your computer or mobile app - [Click here to join the meeting](#)
 - c. Roby Williams gave reminder of invites to community forums.

F. Fiscal Update

- o Hetzler spoke about FEMA dollars submitted for department overtime. County BOS is waiting on payment to reimburse Public Health. Public Health has been in contact with newly assigned FEMA contact at the state; Rachel Olson, who has confirmed approval of the County's claim. Roby Williams asked BOH if they were okay with Public Health asking for reimbursement from BOS in advance of them receiving payment from FEMA to help support the current continued work with COVID-19. Total Overtime Claim billed to County for FEMA reimbursement is \$15,628.67, Hetzler stated.

G. New Business

- o Koellner spoke about need to approve Flu Vouchers for Muscatine County Residents in lieu of the upcoming flu season. Motion made by Olson to approve 25 flu vouchers, seconded by Maharry. All ayes.

II. Citizens Speak. —None.

III. Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 via virtual meeting platform Microsoft Teams.

Harper made a motion to adjourn meeting, Olson seconded. All ayes.

IV. Meeting adjourned by Koellner at 1:00 pm.