



Muscatine County Board of Health Minutes

November 17, 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, Brian Wright, Dr. Michael Maharry, Brandy Olson

Others Present: Christy Roby Williams, Rikki Hetzler, Holly Barrett, Eric Furnas

Meeting was called to order at 12:01 pm by Koellner via virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting.

Motion made by Olson to approve minutes from the 9/29/2021 meeting and Wright seconded. All ayes.

I. Public Health Reports:

A. Environmental Services Update

- Discussion and action to affirm – Furnas asked the Board of Health for approval of private wells and septic systems for two new lots (maximum of three houses) in Deer View Acres Sub-Division Plat. Olson made a motion to approve, Harper seconded. All ayes.
- Discussion – Other items. Furnas discussed manure spill in county. Hog farmer had a hose rupture and there was leakage into a waterway. Furnas and Board of Health gave kudos to the farmer for timely reporting and help with clean up.

B. Communicable Disease Update

- Report out given by Barrett, no concerns. Barrett reports Public Health is wrapping up current TB cases in county.

C. COVID-19

- Data—Roby Williams discussed updates in vaccine stats for county. These are updated weekly on Wednesdays on IDPH website. Public Health shares information to their social media outlets as they are updated.
- Vaccine Clinics –Barrett spoke on Public Health’s process for scheduling children for COVID-19 vaccine. Wester Drug is helping to vaccinate children in Wilton and West Liberty School Districts. Public Health is setting up vaccine clinics with the Muscatine Community School District.

D. Prevention Efforts

- 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. Child doses are available by appointment during specified time frames. Call Public Health to schedule 563.263.0122.

- Colon Cancer Screenings – Barrett presented on screening kits available at Public Health. FREE at home test to anyone 50+ years old. A collaborative effort between Gilda’s Club and UnityPoint Health.

E. Community Health Needs Assessment Planning Process

- 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 was held virtually for community from 6pm – 8pm through Microsoft Teams link.
 - c. Roby Williams gave report out of successful community presentation and announced top two needs identified for Health Improvement Plan; Access to Healthcare and Diabetes Mortality Rates. Link for Community Health Needs Assessment; [Quad Cities Area - Indicators \(healthforecast.net\)](https://healthforecast.net)

F. Fiscal Update

- Hetzler spoke about FEMA dollars submitted for department overtime. Public Health received \$16,923.80 from County Board of Supervisors for reimbursement on 11/4/2021.

G. New Business

- None.

II. Citizens Speak. –Hetzler celebrated Roby Williams for the many hours put into creating and executing the Community Health Needs Assessment.

III. Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 19, 2022 via virtual meeting platform Microsoft Teams.

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

IV. Meeting adjourned by Koellner at 12:50 pm.