



Muscatine County Board of Health Minutes

January 19, 2022 | 12:00pm | Microsoft Teams Meeting

Board members

Brandy Olson, Chair | Brian Wright, Vice Chair | Karen Harper, Secretary

Dr. Michael Maharry, Physician Representative | | Chris Scholz

Public Health Director – Christy Roby

Members Present: Karen Harper, Brian Wright, Dr. Michael Maharry, Brandy Olson, Chris Scholz

Others Present: Christy Roby, Rikki Hetzler, Holly Barrett, Scott Sauer, Barb Weber, Berdette Davis

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

- A. Introduction-- Roby initiated an introduction of board members and guests to welcome new board member Chris Scholz.
- B. Nomination & Action of 2022 Officers --Motion by Harper to nominate Olson as Chair, seconded by Scholz. All ayes; motion carries. Motion by Scholz to reappoint Harper as Secretary, seconded by Wright. All ayes; motion carries. Motion by Scholz to nominate Wright as Vice Chair, seconded by Harper. All ayes; motion carries.
- C. Recognition of outgoing Chair, William Koellner – Roby spoke, thanking Bill for his service to Muscatine County.

Olson, (as new chair), asked for a motion to approve 11.17.21 minutes. Motion made by Scholz, seconded by Wright. All ayes; motion carries.

I. Public Health Reports:

A. Environmental Services Update –None.

B. Communicable Disease Update

- Report out given by Barrett. Barrett reports dog bites and chlamydia have increased.
- Public Health promotes STI (sexually transmitted infection) testing, treatment, and prevention education via evidence-based curricula in schools in Muscatine County.

C. COVID-19

- Data—Roby discussed updates in vaccine stats for county. These are updated weekly on Wednesdays on IDPH website. Public Health shares information to community partners and on their social media outlets as they are updated. Public Health is working with businesses on streamlining testing while also working with long-term care facilities and school districts.
- Health Equity & Vaccine Clinics –Barrett spoke on Public Health’s weekly meetings with community partners (Senior Resources & United Way). Senior Resources is doing a wonderful job of helping to identify access barriers and areas to target and offer vaccine clinics. Public Health is offering COVID vaccines on Mondays & Wednesdays, by appointment only due to increased need and staffing shortages.

- Test Iowa Kits – May be picked up at Public Health from 9am – 1pm, Monday thru Thursday.
- Other – The Federal Government has released free at home rapid tests. Public Health is promoting ordering those to community.

D. Fiscal Update

○ Roby spoke on the American Recovery Plan Act Funds proposal to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Health is no longer submitting for a Public Health/Public Safety building request but did submit a request for employee FTEs to support public health services in the community. This includes time for a Public Information Officer, Community Health Workers (RNs), Clinical Manager time, and Fiscal Manager time.

○ Hetzler spoke about FEMA dollars submitted for department overtime. The \$16,923.80 reported received is incorrect. The actual total received from County Board of Supervisors for reimbursement was \$9103.58 paid out at 75% reimbursement from FEMA.

○ Other – Roby shared highlights from the Board of Supervisors presentation for Public Health's proposed 2023 budget. Amount requested \$269,500.00 from County. This covers 9 part-time employees which is equal to 2.5 FTEs.

○ Roby will attach budget ask for 2023.

E. New Business

○ Olson opened discussion on frequency of meetings. It was decided to stay with every other month. Board of Health Meeting will move to in person in March. The next meeting will be held March 16th @ noon at the Muscatine County Public Health Building located at 1609 Cedar Street.

II. Citizens Speak. – Roby offered thanks to the Board of Health members, school districts, and United Way for their support volunteering at and coordinating vaccine clinics.

III. Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at Muscatine County Public Health located at 1609 Cedar Street.

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

IV. Meeting adjourned by Olson at 1:08 pm.