



## Muscatine County Board of Health Minutes

March 16, 2022 | 12:00pm | Microsoft Teams Meeting

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### Board members

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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 (in-person), Brian Wright (in-person), Brandy Olson (virtual), Chris Scholz (virtual)

Others Present: Christy Roby (in-person), Rikki Hetzler (in-person), Holly Barrett (in-person), Eric Furnas (virtual), Chris Jasper (virtual)

Meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm by Olson via virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting.

A. Introduction-- Olson initiated an introduction of board members and guests.

Olson asked for a motion to approve 1.19.22 minutes. Motion made by Harper, seconded by Wright. All ayes; motion carries.

#### I. Public Health Reports:

##### A. Environmental Services Update

o Discussion and action to affirm contract with Iowa Department of Natural Resources for Commercial Septic Pumper Inspections. Furnas signed contract on 2.23.2022 and is seeking board approval. Wright made a motion to approve, seconded by Harper. All ayes; motion carries.

##### B. Community Health Improvement Plan 2022-2024

o Roby led discussion surrounding approval of plan and spoke about presentations given in community. Olson made a motion to approve the Community Health Improvement Plan 2022-2024, seconded by Harper. All ayes; motion carries.

##### C. Communicable Disease Update

- o Barrett reviewed dashboard and reports nothing of concern at this time.
- o The State has offered to help with tracking for Hepatitis B and Salmonella.
- o Less animal bites compared to last year.
- o Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI)—Barrett states, not a lot to report currently. Public Health and Emergency Management Services (EMS) will work together to keep current information updated for Muscatine County Residents. There are some cases present in Western Iowa, but no cases in humans at this point. HPAI is not easily transmissible to humans. Public Health will disseminate information to key players and County as it becomes available. Roby added, if there is a positive case with birds in a facility Public Health will be called upon to

support. Current outbreaks in IL, WI, & NE.

D. Position Updates--Roby

- Public Health has a new Medical Director, Dr. Melinda Smith, MD.
- Trinity Muscatine has a new Executive Director, Rachel Pohl.

E. COVID-19 –Roby/Barrett

- Testing and Vaccines—Public Health continues to offer vaccine and work with pharmacies & providers for testing and vaccine.
- PPE Requests—Mask, gowns, face shield, & gloves available from EMA. Public Health is helping to connect folks to those resources.

F. Fiscal Update

- American Rescue Plan Funding Request Update—The Board of Supervisors chose not to fund the staffing request from Public Health for a Public Information Officer and Community Health Workers (RNs).

G. New Business

- Roby shared new Public Health Department Goals for 2022. Public Health developed three goals, to be reviewed quarterly. Roby asked for those interested to participate on our Lean Leadership Board.
- Chris Jasper spoke on need for a Public Health Team Member to sit on Emergency Management Planning Committee. The Committee will meet monthly for 1<sup>st</sup> 6 months and continue as needed after (at least yearly per Iowa Code).

- II. Citizens Speak. — Roby spoke about a ceremony planned to honor Bill Koellner for his years of service to the Muscatine County Board of Health. It will take place on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 10 am in West Liberty; specific location TBD.
- III. Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at Muscatine County Public Health located at 1609 Cedar Street.
- IV. Meeting adjourned by Olson at 12:48 pm.