



Muscatine County Board of Health Minutes

Wednesday, July 20, 2022 | 12:00pm | In-Person – 1609 Cedar Street, Muscatine, IA 52761
& Virtual option - 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: Brandy Olson (virtual), Brian Wright (in-person), Karen Harper (in-person), Dr. Michael Maharry (in-person)

Members Absent: Chris Scholz

Others Present: Christy Roby (in-person), Rikki Hetzler (in-person), Jacob Dornbush (in-person), Jolynn Herr (in-person), Scott Saur (in-person), Eric Furnas (virtual)

Meeting was called to order at 12:03 pm by Olson

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

Olson asked for a motion to approve 5.18.2022 minutes. Motion by Harper, seconded by Wright. All ayes; motion carries.

I. Public Health Reports:

A. Environmental Services Update

- Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)—Furnas brought awareness of newly identified issues in local water sources such as private wells and discussed concerns with the Board of Health. Presentations to Kammerer Trailer Park and League of Women’s Voters held community forums to educate on new water testing. Furnas has a meeting set with the DNR for training on testing. Will cost approximately \$400.00 per sample to test. Available funds will be used to support this testing but concerned these funds will run out quickly. Activated charcoal and reverse osmosis can be effective treatment methods, but unsure of disposal once PFAS are removed from the water source. Stay tuned for more to come on disposal regulations.

B. Communicable Disease Update

- Dashboard—Roby presented. Gave updates on STI and animal bites.
- COVID -19—Roby shared Muscatine County summary numbers for positive cases and fully vaccinated numbers state-wide, broken down by county.
- Monkeypox—Roby discussed statistics by State, Country, and Globally. Shared a printout of regionally positive case in Iowa. Public Health will provide education and refer community to the CDC and IDPH as our one true source of information.

C. Back-to-School Health Clinic

- Will be held at Public Health on August 9th from noon to 7pm.
- Shared flier with those present and asked to spread the word.
- Fliers are being distributed and hung at local businesses, shared by Muscatine County school districts through their virtual backpacks, and promoted on Trinity Muscatine Public Health (TMPH) social media sites.

D. Maternal Child Adolescent Health (MCAH) Update

- Dornbush presented current services provided under this contract.
- New MCAH updates effective 10.1.2022. The State is moving to a Collaborative Service Area Model of which we are a part of service area #13. Cedar County which is currently served by TMPH will no longer be a part of our service area. Collaborative Service Area #13 includes Muscatine, Washington, Louisa, Henry, Des Moines, and Lee Counties. Lee County Public Health will be the contract holder with the State of Iowa. TMPH will be a subcontracted agency, retaining Muscatine and Louisa Counties for provision of services. TMPH will be increasing Medicaid billable services as well as the locations where services are offered in the two-county area. TMPH must increase billable services to retain current workforce as new Service Area Collaboration has a significant reduction in funding.

E. Grants and Contracts

- Contract Notification—Roby shared official Agency Merger and Transition Period notification from the State.

- Care for Yourself-- \$21,750 contract signed
- Immunization Services-- \$12,400 contract signed
- Local Public Health Services-- \$98,713 contract signed

Harper made a motion to approve Public Health Contracts; seconded by Maharry. All ayes; motion carries.

- Well Testing and Plumbing—Furnas spoke to a grant proposal in the amount of \$50,505.

Maharry made a motion to affirm Furnas' grant proposal, Wright seconded. All ayes; motion carries.

F. New Business

- Department Drivers: (Roby)

- Focus on Fundamentals: **By the end of 2022, Public Health will achieve a favorable operating margin.**

June 2022 = \$5,722 (YTD)

• Be the Trusted Health Partner: **Public Health Goal 2022: 90% will state "I feel I was valued and respected during my visit to Public Health." 2nd Quarter 96% YTD**

• Foster Organizational Unity: **75% of Public Health team members will know what they need to advance their career. (Baseline is 46.7%) 2nd Quarter 95% YTD**

- Quarter 2 Service Delivery = 2,507 people served

- Other –

- Fireworks? –Roby will follow up with data on incidents reported.

II. Citizens Speak

- Roby shared a message from Chris Jasper (Emergency Management) that PPE is available from the County if needed.

III. Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at Muscatine County Public Health located at 1609 Cedar Street & Virtual option.

IV. Meeting adjourned by Olson at 1:10 pm.