



## Muscatine County Board of Health Minutes

Wednesday, November 16, 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: Brian Wright (in-person), Karen Harper (in-person; exited at 12:30 pm), Dr. Michael Maharry (in-person), Chris Scholz (virtual)

Others Present: Christy Roby (in-person), Rikki Hetzler (in-person), Holly Barrett (in-person), Brandon Hatcher (in-person), Scott Saur (in-person), Rachel Pohl (virtual)

Meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm by Wright

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

Wright asked for a motion to approve 9.21.2022 minutes. Motion by Harper, seconded by Maharry. All ayes; motion carries.

I. Essential Public Health Reports:

A. Public Health Director Update (Roby)

- Spoke about collaborative media campaign for COVID-19 vaccines.
- Workforce changes/updates—Holly Barrett has accepted a position to do contract management with UnityPoint. Her last day at Public Health will be December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Public Health Leadership restructure: Rikki Hetzler will move into the role of Clinical Manager and Jacob Dornbush will assume the role of Fiscal Operations. A new Project Manager will be hired for 24 hours a week/0.6 FTE. Our Nurse Practitioner of 35 years, Kaia Petersen, will also be retiring as of December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Public Health is seeking a new provider for 20 hours per week/0.5 FTE.
- Iowa Public Health Association – Roby is acting as the Advocacy Committee Co-Chair.
  - Legislative Priorities—(ISAC—Iowa State Association of Counties)
    - ∞ Strengthen the Public Health Workforce
    - ∞ Support Community Health Needs and Access to Care
    - ∞ Ensure Safe, Sustainable, & Thriving Communities
    - ∞ Protect Iowans from Preventable Diseases
- FY23 Budget Request to Muscatine County Board of Supervisors; needs approval by Board of Health.
  - Harper made a motion to approve FY23 budget as presented; seconded by Scholz. All ayes; motion carries.

B. Environmental Health Services (Hatcher)

- Sub-Division Plat for Curry Acres Sub-Division—proposed a lot with private wells and septic. Preliminary plan has been approved by Zoning Board and Board of Supervisors. Needs Board of Health approval.
  - Maharry made a motion to approve; seconded by Harper. All ayes; motion carries.

C. Community Health Assessments (Barrett)

- Communicable Disease Dashboard Report – Barrett shared report. An additional column was added for vouchers used and prior year data; aligned ages with State report. Report showed a small bump in TB cases (latent). Reportable diseases—increase in Hepatitis C. Has been trending up over the past 10 years, possibly due to increased testing. STI—statistics reviewed and spoke to percentage in 15 – 24 age group. Animal bites discussed. There has been a significant increase in Muscatine County from last year.
  - Flu Vouchers Update – 9 of 50 Board of Health approved vouchers used to date.
  - Immunization Audit Results – Public Health Immunization Nurse, Susan Krueger, completed school audits prior to the October 28<sup>th</sup> deadline. All schools were above 97% except Susan J. Clark Middle School (89.2%) and Adventist Christian School (50%). Preschool and Childcare audits are scheduled to be completed on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and due to the State by 1/27/2023. All data is entered into the State Immunization Registry (IRIS).

D. New Business (Roby)

◦ Current Membership Terms

- Brian Wright—12/31/2022
- Karen Harper—12/31/2022
- Michael Maharry—12/31/2023
- Brandy Olson—12/31/2024
- Chris Scholz—12/31/2024

Seeking current member re-application or new member application to fill 2 expiring terms.

◦ Call to Action

● Roby asked Board of Health and community members present to hang up fliers and share information in community about colon cancer screening and testing. Public Health has colon cancer testing kits available for community.

II. Citizens Speak

◦ Hospital Executive Director, Rachel Pohl, spoke to heavy load of pediatric cases and provider staffing needs. Dr. Ealey is now doing cases in the Operating Room.

III. Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at Muscatine County Administration Building located at 414 E. Third Street, Muscatine, IA. This will include a Public Hearing for amendments to Muscatine County Private Sewage Disposal System.

IV. Discussed Board of Health schedule for 2023 to meet member's needs; talked about possibly changing day of the week to a Tuesday or a Thursday. Board of Health meetings for 2023 will continue at Public Health, 1609 Cedar Street & virtual option.

V. Meeting adjourned by Wright at 1:00 pm.