



## Muscatine County Board of Health Minutes

Wednesday, January 18, 2023 | 12:00pm | In-Person – 414 E Third Street, Muscatine, IA 52761

### Board members

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Brandy Olson, Chair | Karen Harper, Secretary | Dr. Michael Maharry

Chris Scholz, OD | Michelle Garvin | Public Health Director – Christy Roby

Members Present: Brandy Olson, Dr. Michael Maharry, Michelle Garvin

Others Present: Christy Roby, Jacob Dornbush, Rikki Hetzler, Stephanie Otskey, Jolynn Herr, Brittney Rock, Eric Furnas, Chris Jasper, Scott Sauer, Berdette Davis

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 11.16.2022 minutes. Motion by Maharry, seconded by Garvin. All ayes; motion carries.

#### Essential Public Health Reports

- A. Public Hearing on proposed amendments to the Muscatine County private sewage disposal ordinance

Olson opened the hearing.

Furnas provided an overview of the County's private sewage disposal ordinance and Iowa Code Chapter 69.

Furnas recommended an adoption of Iowa Code Chapter 69 by reference moving forward, which will allow for County ordinance updates to follow in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 69 updates.

With no further discussion, Olson moved to close the public hearing. Maharry seconded. All ayes; motion carries.

- B. Discussion and possible action to recommend proposed changes to the Muscatine County Private Sewage Disposal Ordinance to the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors. (Roll call vote)

Olson moved to approve the recommendation of adopting Iowa Code Chapter 69 by reference for Muscatine County's private sewage disposal ordinance. Maharry seconded.

Roll call vote: Maharry – aye; Garvin – aye; Olson – aye.

- C. Environmental Health Services

Furnas provided an overview of PFAS along with an update on strategic testing for PFAS in potentially vulnerable private wells that the County will begin to complete. Approximately 20 wells will be tested in the affected area. Furnas also shared that the DNR handles testing of groundwater and public water systems for PFAS.

- D. Public Health Director Update

Roby reported that the Local Public Health Services grant quarterly report was submitted.

Roby provided an update to the BOH regarding workforce changes within the Public Health Department.

Roby provided an update to the BOH regarding the Iowa Public Health Association's legislative priorities for the 2023 year.

Roby shared with the BOH the identification of need for opioid prevention initiatives in community. TMPH is developing informational materials and is working with local entities to ensure that resources are available in community to address this concern.

- E. Community Health Assessments

Hetzler shared the communicable disease dashboard with the BOH, summarizing year-end data.

Hetzler noted that 23 of the allocated 50 flu vouchers have been used to-date.

Roby provided an update on the Ebola outbreak in Uganda, noting that as of 1/11/23, the Ebola outbreak and requirements for health monitoring and risk assessments have ended.

F. New Business

Roby shared the current membership terms for BOH members.

The following slate for officers was presented: Brandy Olson – Chair; Karen Harper – Vice Chair; Dr. Michael Maharry – Secretary.

Olson asked for a motion to approve the slate for BOH officers. Garvin moved to approve the positions of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. Olson seconded. All ayes; motion carries.

Citizens Speak

- A. No public comments.

Next Meeting

- A. Next meeting will be held on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in-person at Public Health – 1609 Cedar Street, Muscatine IA with a virtual hybrid option.

Roby will send communication to BOH members at the conclusion of the meeting regarding the 2023 BOH meeting schedule and location.

Adjournment

- A. Olson moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:43 pm