



## Muscatine County Board of Health Minutes

Wednesday, March 15, 2023 | 12:00pm | In-Person – 1609 Cedar Street, Muscatine, IA 52761  
& Virtual option - Microsoft Teams meeting

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### 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, Karen Harper, Michelle Garvin (virtual)

Others Present: Christy Roby, Jacob Dornbush, Rikki Hetzler, Stephanie Otskey, Eric Furnas

Meeting was called to order at 12:07 pm by Olson

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

Olson asked for a motion to approve 1.18.2023 minutes. Motion by Harper, seconded by Olson. All ayes; motion carries.

### Essential Public Health Reports

- A. Environmental Health Services

Furnas shared with the Board of Health (BOH) that planning work continues in preparation for private well testing for PFAS, which is anticipated to start on July 1, 2023.

- B. Public Health Director Update

Roby shared with the BOH that in partnership with Aligned Impact Muscatine (AIM), two youth from the Muscatine County Youth Advisory Board will be shadowing BOH meetings to learn more about public policy and local boards.

Roby shared that on May 11<sup>th</sup>, the Federal Public Health Emergency resulting from the COVID-19 Pandemic will end.

Roby updated the BOH on her participation with the Iowa Public Health Association's (IPHA) Day at the Capitol, discussing proposed bills and impact at a local level, as well as local advocacy efforts.

A status update was shared regarding opioid overdose prevention efforts at a local level, in partnership with the State Opioid Response Team. Muscatine County Public Health continues to share information on opioid overdose prevention including ways to obtain Naloxone.

Roby discussed the work being done in community surrounding education on radon and lead hazards. Muscatine County Public Health will begin offering lead screenings to help fill gaps in care in community.

An update on State Senate File 181 and impact to County budgets was shared by Roby. After communications with the County Budget Coordinator, it was indicated that there would be a minimal likelihood of impact to current budget requests.

- C. Health Improvement Plan Priorities

Roby provided an overview of the Clinical Innovations for Prediabetes Assessment and Referral project and it's aim to reduce diabetes mortality rates by implementing screening protocols by healthcare providers at earlier ages.

Muscatine County Public Health plans to offer educational classes to individuals referred who have prediabetes, with the first cohort to begin in April. The Department is also seeking grant funding to help offset the cost of classes for participants.

On behalf of the Public Health Department, Roby shared that she wrote a letter of support for Iowa State University Extension's pursuit of a CDC High-Obesity Program Grant opportunity.

A Heart-to-Heart Event focused on the benefits of exercise for the heart and signs of exercise overexertion will be held on March 28<sup>th</sup> at the Musser Public Library.

To minimize the impact of potential loss in healthcare coverage as a result of Medicaid eligibility determination, the Public Health Department has developed flyers to be disbursed in community, encouraging current Medicaid recipients to ensure mailing addresses on file with the State are accurate, as eligibility paperwork will be mailed out starting in April. Flyers were shared with BOH members.

Roby shared a recent update provided by the Executive Director of Trinity Muscatine, that UnityPoint Clinic groundbreaking will occur in Summer 2023 as part of their new clinic construction.

#### D. Grant Applications & Contracts

Roby inquired about an annual process for Authority designation for the BOH in authorizing contracts on behalf of the Board, and whether an annual process should be established. Upon discussion, it was determined that annually in January would be reserved for making such designation.

Olson then moved to grant authority designation to the Public Health Director and the Planning and Zoning Administrator, for contracts entered into on behalf of the Muscatine County board of Health. Harper seconded. All Ayes; Motion carries.

Roby presented a budget amendment for the Public Health 6-Year Emergency Response Contract - Amendment 21. Olson moved to approve the amendment as presented. Harper seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

#### E. Communicable Disease Report

Hetzler shared the communicable disease dashboard with the BOH, summarizing first quarter data to-date.

Hetzler noted that 27 of the allocated 50 flu vouchers have been used to-date.

#### F. New Business

Roby updated BOH on staff changes within the Public Health Department, sharing that the department's new Family Nurse Practitioner will be starting at the end of April.

#### Citizens Speak

- A. No public comments.

#### Next Meeting

- A. Next meeting will be held on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in-person at Public Health – 1609 Cedar Street, Muscatine IA with a virtual hybrid option.

#### Adjournment

- A. Olson moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm