



Muscatine County Board of Health Minutes

Wednesday, May 17, 2023 | 12:00pm | In-Person – 1609 Cedar Street, Muscatine, IA 52761
& Virtual option - Microsoft Teams meeting

Board members

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, Dr. Michael Maharry, Chris Scholz, OD (virtual)

Others Present: Amy Thoreson (virtual), Brooke Barnes, Jackie Hall, Tammy Loussaert (virtual), Chris Jasper, Scott Sauer, Christy Roby, Jacob Dornbush, Rikki Hetzler, Eric Furnas (virtual)

Meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm by Olson

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

Olson asked for a motion to approve 3.15.2023 minutes, noting one correction. Motion by Harper to approve with correction, seconded by Garvin. All ayes; motion carries.

Essential Public Health Reports

A. Environmental Health Services

- Furnas shared an update on flooding, noting that minor damage occurred throughout the county with minimal structural damage. Furnas noted that funding for shock chlorination for well treatment is available.
- Furnas shared with the Board of Health (BOH) that planning work continues in preparation for private well testing for PFAS, including training of staff members on testing protocols.
- Thoreson shared that the Scott County Health Department is completing swimming pool and tattoo parlor inspections for Muscatine County. Inspections are occurring throughout the County, and a final report of inspections will be provided to the Muscatine County BOH at a later date.

B. Public Health Director Update

- Roby shared that the 3rd quarter local public health report was completed and sent to BOH members.
- Roby updated the BOH on work being done in collaboration with Aligned Impact Muscatine (AIM) with the Muscatine County Youth Advisory Board. Members Tye Miller and Brandy Lopez will be two youth representatives who will be present during BOH meetings.
- Roby shared that as co-chair of the Iowa Public Health Association's (IPHA) Advocacy Committee, she will be participating in a retreat in July to build IPHA's upcoming legislative agenda.
- Roby shared with the BOH that the Public Health Department has purchased mobile translation devices through the use of technology funds associated with COVID relief dollars. These will be used to assist with patient care in community.
- Roby provided a general update on additional lead and maternal health screening services, as well as diabetes prevention programming that the department will be doing throughout the year.
- Roby shared that she has been attending National Association of City and County Health Officials meetings to learn more about Opioid Resettlement funds including the intention of funding and how disbursement of funds will occur.
- Roby shared with the BOH that the Public Health Department will be doing a Back-to-School Clinic on August 8th from 12-7pm. More details and flyers will be coming in the next few months.
- Roby shared that a Public Health System Survey was completed by the State in 2022, and a final report of survey findings is available now. Roby will send the report to BOH members. Additional work will continue throughout 2023 to look at restructuring of local systems.

C. Health Improvement Plan Priorities

- Hetzler shared with the BOH that the Public Health Department's new provider for family planning services, Rebecca Kerby, FNP, ARNP has started in her position. In the coming months, the department will look at what additional clinical services can be provided to patients.
- Hetzler shared the communicable disease dashboard with the BOH, noting that the department is seeing an increase in the number of STI tests being completed.
- Roby shared that a Healthcare Provider alert was sent out by Iowa HHS regarding a noticeable increase in the number of latent Tuberculosis infection and Tuberculosis cases among individuals from Pacific Island communities.

D. New Business

- Roby updated the BOH on Public Health's department goals that have been established for the year, as well as quarterly outcomes for employee engagement, financial outlook, and patient care.

Citizens Speak

- Jasper shared with the BOH that the Red Cross will be at the Fairport Recreation area from 4-6pm on 5/18 providing cleaning supplies to those affected by flooding, along with education on how to properly clean up after a flood.
- Conversation about gas shut-off protocols during flooding ensued, with Jasper sharing that the State recognizes that current protocols are an issue. Jasper shared that conversations are occurring at the State level as a result of the recent occurrences, with potential resolutions to come.

Next Meeting

- A. Next meeting will be held on July 18th, 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 1:10 pm