



## Muscatine County Board of Health Minutes

Wednesday, September 20, 2023 | 12:00pm | In-Person – 1609 Cedar Street, Muscatine, IA 52761

Virtual option – Microsoft Teams

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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, Dr. Michael Maharry

Others Present: Berdette Davis, Stephanie Otskey, Rikki Hetzler, Jacob Dornbush, Brandon Hatcher, Tye Miller (virtual), Brandy Lopez (virtual)

Meeting was called to order at 12:04 pm by Olson

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

Olson asked for a motion to approve the 7.18.2023 minutes. Motion by Harper to approve, seconded by Maharry. All ayes; motion carries.

#### Essential Public Health Reports

A. Environmental Health Services

- Hatcher provided an update to the Board of Health (BOH) regarding well testing completed throughout the 2023 grant year. Of the 94 wells tested, 70 wells were deemed safe. Hatcher shared that the 2023 grant year testing results are statistically similar to prior years' test results.
- Hatcher provided a status update to the BOH on PFAS testing plans. No PFAS testing has occurred yet, as the department is still examining testing guidelines and protocols.

B. Public Health Director Updates

- Dornbush reported to the BOH that Roby submitted two press releases explaining the importance of childhood immunizations and vaccinations for older adults.
- Dornbush shared that the mosquito surveillance activities conducted by the Public Health Department will continue throughout the month of September, due to a contract extension allowing for further collection of samples.
- Otskey shared with the BOH an overview of the CDC Lead Access and Community Education grant that the Public Health Department applied for. Notification of outcome will come from the CDC by the end of September.
- Otskey shared that the Public Health Department is participating in Health Equity trainings offered by the U of I College of Public Health, with the first training session to occur on October 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Dornbush shared that a request to post the Public Health director position has been submitted for approval, but noted that a formal review of the request has to go before a regional and system review committee within UnityPoint, so the time it takes to get the position publicly posted may take two or more weeks. Workload transition plans have also been shared with leadership in the Public Health department to ensure community and department needs are met in the interim.

C. Public Health Grants & Contracts

- Dornbush shared that the Public Health Department will need to have an interim signatory authority for all contracts signed on behalf of the BOH until the director position is filled.
- Olson motioned to appoint Jacob Dornbush as interim signatory authority after 10/6/23, until the director position is filled. Seconded by Harper. All ayes; motion carries.

D. Community Health Assessments

- Hetzler provided an update to the BOH on the communicable disease dashboard data to-date.

- Hetzler requested that the BOH consider the approval of 50 flu vouchers to be distributed to community members in need this year. Motion by Harper to approve 50 flu vouchers for community members. Seconded by Olson. All ayes; motion carries.
- Hetzler shared an update on immunization audits with schools and childcare centers in Muscatine County, stating that all visits have been scheduled, and audits are currently being completed.

E. New Business

- Dornbush provided an update to the BOH regarding the status of Public Health department goals set for the year, as well as action plans developed to meet goals set forth.

Citizens Speak

- A. None present at this time.

Next meeting

- A. November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 12pm in-person at the Public Health Office – 1609 Cedar Street, Muscatine, IA.

Adjournment

- A. Olson moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:38 pm