



Muscatine County Board of Health Minutes

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

Board members

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

Chris Scholz, OD | Michelle Garvin

Members Present: Brandy Olson (virtual), Karen Harper, Michelle Garvin

Others Present: Stephanie Otskey, Rikki Hetzler, Jacob Dornbush, Kate Arndt, Susan Krueger, Scott Sauer, Rachel Pohl (virtual)

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 the 9.20.2023 minutes. Motion by Harper to approve, seconded by Garvin. All ayes; motion carries.

Essential Public Health Reports

A. Environmental Health Services

- No department personnel present to report out at this time.

B. Public Health Director Updates

- Dornbush reported to the Board of Health (BOH) that first round interviews for the director position have been completed. Pohl shared the anticipated timeline for filling the vacant director position. Second round interviews have been scheduled with the intent to extend an offer and have it accepted by the end of November.
- Pohl shared that there will be a beam signing for the new Trinity Muscatine Medical Office Building on November 29th, 2023 at 8:30 am, and invited BOH members to attend and sign the beam.

C. Public Health Grants & Contracts

- Dornbush shared three contract amendments that have been signed, requesting board approval for the following: CADE COVID Funding Reversion, CADE COVID Funding Extension, and implementation of the Bridge Access Program.
- Olson moved to approve three contract amendments listed above. Seconded by Garvin. All ayes, motion carries.

D. Community Health Assessments

- Hetzler provided an update to the BOH on the communicable disease dashboard data to-date.
- Hetzler provided an update on the amount of flu vouchers that have been used to-date. 22 vouchers have been used thus far in comparison to 27 used in total last year.
- Krueger reported on childcare and school immunization audits. K-12 immunization audits were completed, consisting of 18 facilities and 6,692 immunization records reviewed. Krueger shared that childcare audits consisting of 21 facilities will be completed by 11/30/2023.

E. New Business

- Dornbush shared an update on current BOH membership terms. Dr. Maharry's membership term expires on 12/31/2023. Dornbush will connect with Dr. Maharry to gauge interest in reapplication.
- Dr. Chris Scholz provided his formal resignation from the BOH. Dornbush shared written communication of the resignation with Nancy Schreiber and Board Members. The Notice of Vacancy and application are posted on the Muscatine County website.

Citizens Speak

A. None present at this time.

Next meeting

A. January 17th, 2024, 12pm in-person at the Public Health Office – 1609 Cedar Street, Muscatine, IA.

Adjournment

A. Olson moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:28 pm