



Muscatine County Board of Health Minutes

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 | 12:00pm | In-Person – 1609 Cedar Street, Muscatine, IA 52761
Virtual option – Microsoft Teams

Board members

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

Michelle Garvin | Cory Garvin

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

Others Present: Jennifer Craft, Stephanie Otskey, Rikki Hetzler, Jacob Dornbush, Scott Sauer, Heather Bombei

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 the 1.17.2024 minutes. Motion by Maharry to approve, seconded by C. 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 Update

- Craft shared with the BOH a newly developed department newsletter that will be updated and shared at every BOH meeting. Craft noted that the purpose of the newsletter is to showcase the department's initiatives since the previous BOH meeting.
- Craft reported that as of 3/14/24, there were 58 cases of measles in the United States, none of which are reported cases in Iowa.
- Craft provided an update to the BOH regarding Covid-19 quarantine and isolation guidelines, sharing that the CDC is now recommending isolation guidance be similar to that of other seasonal respiratory illnesses.

- C. Public Health Grants & Contracts

- Craft reported that the 6-year Public Health Emergency Response contract amendment #4 has been signed allowing for the extension of time that funding can be utilized. Craft reported that the Local Public Health Services grant contract amendment #1 has been signed, updating the name of the contract administrator within the Public Health department.

Olson asked for a motion to confirm the signing of the above-mentioned contract amendments. Motion by Harper to approve. Seconded by Maharry. All ayes; motion carries.

- D. Community Health Assessments

- Hetzler provided an update to the BOH on the communicable disease dashboard data to-date, noting no significant concerns with trend data at this time.
- Hetzler provided a status update to the BOH on the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) activities for Muscatine County. The CHNA committee is currently working on identifying survey questions that will be utilized for the current assessment period.

- E. New Business

- No new business at this time.

Citizens Speak

- A. No discussion at this time.

Next meeting

- A. May 15th, 2024 at 12pm in-person at the Public Health Office – 1609 Cedar Street, Muscatine, IA.

Adjournment

- A. Olson moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:24 pm