



Muscatine County Board of Health Minutes

Wednesday, May 15, 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: Karen Harper, Dr. Michael Maharry, Michelle Garvin, Cory Garvin

Others Present: Jennifer Craft, Stephanie Otskey, Rikki Hetzler, Jacob Dornbush, Scott Sauer, Eric Furnas, Brooke Barnes, Parker Prochaska, Jackie Hall

Meeting was called to order at 12:01 pm by Harper.

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

Harper asked for a motion to approve the 3.20.2024 minutes. Motion by Maharry to approve, seconded by C. Garvin. All ayes; motion carries.

Essential Public Health Reports

A. Environmental Health Services

- Furnas provided an oral report of activities completed under the Grants to Counties grant. Furnas reported that as of the end of April, 62 well tests have been completed with 77% showing safe results.
- Furnas shared that as a component of the Grants to Counties grant, proof of delegation of signatory authority must be sent to the grant administrator, allowing for the signing of contract documents on behalf of the Board of Health. Harper asked for a motion to approve Furnas as the signatory authority on behalf of the Board of Health for the Grants to Counties grant. Motion by C. Garvin to approve, seconded by M. Garvin. All ayes; motion carries.
- Furnas provided an update on a sewage release that occurred at the M&W Mobile Home Park. Furnas shared that the Iowa DNR is also aware of the situation and has sent a notice of violation to the park owners. Owners have started to facilitate repairs on the system.
- Prochaska with Scott County Public Health provided a report on tattoo facility inspections, as well as swimming pool and spa inspections completed within the county. Of the 9 tattoo facilities inspected in the county, no violations were indicated. Of the 10 swimming pools inspected, reoccurring frequent violations include filtration and recirculation issues and water quality testing concerns.

B. Public Health Director Update

- Craft shared the most recent public health department newsletter, highlighting activities and initiatives that have occurred since the last Board of Health (BOH) meeting.
- Craft provided an update on House File 2673, which aims to shift mental health and disability service regions from county managed systems to state facilitated systems.
- Craft reported that there are still no confirmed cases of measles in Iowa; however, Illinois has the highest number of confirmed positive cases of measles in the United States.
- Craft shared that the public health department will begin working on succession planning workforce initiatives, streamlining staff orientation and onboarding efforts, and enhancing retention efforts.
- Craft reported that the public health department will be meeting with Muscatine County Emergency Management on a monthly basis starting in June, to ensure that emergency preparedness plans are up-to-date and inclusive of all populations served within the county.

C. Public Health Grants & Contracts

- Craft shared that signatory authority authorization forms are required for all grants awarded to the Muscatine County Board of Health. These grants include the following: Local Public Health Services, Immunizations, 6-Year Public Health Emergency Response, and Care for Yourself programming. Harper asked for a motion to approve Craft as the signatory authority on behalf of the Board of Health

for the above-mentioned contracts. Motion by Maharry to approve. Seconded by M. Garvin. 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) priorities that resulted from the 2021 CHNA and associated activities that have occurred to-date.
- Craft shared a status update on the 2024 CHNA process, which includes a stakeholder meeting on June 7th at the Musser Public Library. Board members are invited to attend.

E. New Business

- No new business at this time.

Citizens Speak

- A. No discussion at this time.

Next meeting

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

Adjournment

- A. Harper moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:43 pm