



Muscatine County Board of Health Minutes

Wednesday, July 17, 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: Bandy Olson, Karen Harper, Dr. Michael Maharry, Michelle Garvin, Cory Garvin

Others Present: Jennifer Craft, Stephanie Otskey, Rikki Hetzler, Jacob Dornbush, Jamee Hudson, Emily Biddenstadt, Tessa Schroeder, Nora Dwyer, Elly Olson, Jessica Bopes (virtual)

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 5.15.2024 minutes. Motion by C. Garvin to approve, seconded by Maharry. All ayes; motion carries.

Essential Public Health Reports

A. Environmental Health Services

- No department personnel available to report.
- Craft reported that the Grants-to-Counties grant was signed by Furnas on behalf of the Board of Health (BOH).

B. Public Health Director Update

- Craft shared the most recent public health department newsletter, highlighting activities and initiatives that have occurred since the last BOH meeting.
- Craft shared that the Public Health department will be holding their 3rd annual back-to-school clinic on 8/8/2024 at McKinley Elementary School. The event is open to the public.
- Craft reported that the department's family planning clinic is beginning to serve more patients with the start of the department's new family planning provider, who began seeing patients on June 18th.
- Craft provided an update to the BOH regarding mosquito surveillance activities, reporting that six different locations in Muscatine serve as collection sites for capturing mosquitoes for further communicable disease testing.
- Craft reported that the end-of-year Local Public Health Services grant report was submitted to the State for approval. Craft will send the year-end report to board members.
- Craft provided an update to the BOH regarding the submission of a funding request to Telligen to support ongoing maternal health services and supports in Muscatine County. Funding determination will occur by the end of November.
- Craft shared an update regarding the department's involvement in the local Iowa State University Extension Office's High Obesity Program (HOP) coalition involvement.
- Craft reported that collaborative meetings with Muscatine County EMA and Public Health continue, as evaluations of emergency preparedness plans occur on a routine basis to ensure plans are up-to-date and relevant.

C. Public Health Grants & Contracts

- Craft shared that the following grant contracts have been signed on behalf of the board of health, requesting approval of signing: Local Public Health Services FY25 Amendment 2, FY25 Immunization Contract, FY24 Care for Yourself Amendment 2 Bridge Amendment, and FY24 Mosquito Surveillance.
- Harper moved to approve the signing of the four contracts signed by Craft for Public Health services, and the Grants-to-Counties grant signed by Furnas., seconded by M. Garvin. All ayes; motion carries.

D. Maternal Child & Adolescent Health and 1st Five – Lee County

- Schroeder provided an update to the BOH on 1st Five grant activities that have occurred throughout FY24.
- Hudson shared data for FY24 maternal health and child & adolescent health services provided to-date, as well as shared trend data regarding performance in comparison to prior year's activities.

- Discussion ensued regarding equitable funding allocations for the entire service area, including for Trinity Muscatine Public Health.
- Craft reported that the entire service area allocation from the State decreased by approximately 6%, and Trinity Muscatine Public Health's allocation decreased by approximately 11%. Craft shared that she is continuing to engage in discussion with Lee County Health Department's administrator to determine whether allocated funding can be adjusted any further to minimize the impact on MCAH services provided.

E. Community Health Assessments

- Craft provided an update to the BOH on the communicable disease dashboard data to-date, noting an increase in chlamydia and gonorrhea tests, due to the onboarding of the new family planning provider within the department.
- Craft reported that there are currently twelve focus groups that will be meeting throughout the county to discuss community health needs. A stakeholder meeting will occur in the fall to discuss themes from the focus groups, as well as needs identified in the community-wide survey.

F. New Business

- No new business at this time.

Citizens Speak

- A. Nora Dwyer spoke about recent activities that have occurred in community regarding addressing obesity within the county because of a recently awarded LEAP (Leveraging Experiences and Partnerships) grant with Iowa State University Extension – Muscatine County. A coalition of over twenty individuals are working toward addressing high obesity rates within the county.
- B. Harper shared that there is a new produce blessing box at Harper's Cycling and Fitness where individuals can donate and take produce.

Next meeting

- A. September 18th, 2024 at 12pm in-person at the Public Health Office – 1609 Cedar Street, Muscatine, IA.

Adjournment

- A. Harper moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:57 pm