



Muscatine County Board of Health Minutes

Wednesday, November 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

Others Present: Jennifer Craft, Jacob Dornbush, Rikki Hetzler, Eric Furnas, Scott Sauer, Jessica Bopes, Patti Fuller-Bloechl, John Koch, Dr. Matthew McKinney, Nora Dwyer

Meeting was called to order at 12:02 pm by Olson.

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

Olson asked for a motion to approve the 9/18/2024 minutes. Motion by Harper to approve, seconded by M. Garvin. All ayes; motion carries.

Essential Public Health Reports

A. Environmental Health Services

- Furnas provided an update to the Board of Health (BOH) on the Grants to Counties well testing grant activities to-date, noting that 68 well tests have been completed from January 2024 – September 2024.

B. Public Health Director Update

- Craft introduced the Public Health department's new Medical Director of clinical services. Dr. Matthew McKinney started as the medical director as of October 1, 2024.
- Craft shared the BOH newsletter with board members, highlighting that the department has received a Telligen grant to support gap-filling maternal health services for prenatal patients.
- Craft reported that in partnership with the Louisa County Emergency Manager, Muscatine County Emergency Manager, and the United Way of Muscatine County, a disaster preparedness drill will be facilitated in October 2025.
- Craft reported that in partnership with the Community Engagement Coordinator with Iowa Health and Human Services Bureau of HIV, STI and Hepatitis, the "That's What She Said" project will be brought to Muscatine County in April 2025.

C. Wastewater Scan

- John Koch and Patti Fuller-Bloechl shared information about wastewater testing for communicable disease prevalence within the City of Muscatine. More information about wastewater testing and communicable disease prevalence can be found at: <https://data.wastewaterscan.org/>.

D. Community Health Assessments

- Craft shared the communicable disease dashboard statistics to-date, reporting no major outliers within the past month.
- Craft reported that to-date, 17 schools and 13 childcare sites/preschools have been audited. Four of these facilities had less than 95% compliance in having valid certificates on file.
- Craft shared that the Public Health department is in the Community Health Assessment (CHA) prioritization phase. By 11/25/24, the top two CHA priorities will be identified.

E. New Business

- Craft shared that Brandy Olson and Cory Garvin's terms will be ending on 12/31/24. Both positions will be posted on the Muscatine County website for interested individuals to apply.

Citizens Speak

- A. None present to speak at this time.

Next meeting

- A. January 15th, 2025 at 12pm in-person at the Public Health Office – 1609 Cedar Street, Muscatine, IA.

Adjournment

- A. Olson moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:44 pm.