



## Muscatine County Board of Health Minutes

Wednesday, March 19, 2025 | 12:00pm | In-Person – 1609 Cedar Street, Muscatine, IA 52761

Virtual option – Microsoft Teams

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### Board members

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

Michelle Garvin | Cory Garvin

Members Present: Brandy Olson, Karen Harper, Michelle Garvin, Cory Garvin

Others Present: Jennifer Craft, Jacob Dornbush, Scott Sauer, Eric Furnas, Emma Martin, Nora Dwyer, Kaitlyn Arndt, Hannah Wachtel, Gabe Corona, Dr. Matthew McKinney (virtual), Luan Nguyen (virtual)

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

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

Olson asked for a motion to approve the 1/15/2025 minutes. Motion by C. Garvin to approve, seconded by M. Garvin. All ayes; motion carries.

### Essential Public Health Reports

A. Environmental Health Services

- Furnas shared information regarding Avian Influenza, noting that no cases have been identified within Muscatine County. Furnas shared the process by which Environmental Health and Public Health would be notified by State officials, should an outbreak or detection be identified.

B. Public Health Operations Update

- Craft shared the Board of Health (BOH) newsletter with board members, discussing department activities that have occurred since the last BOH meeting.
- Arndt and Wachtel provided a program presentation regarding the Sexual Risk Avoidance Education (SRAE) grant funded program, which allows for the facilitation of the Teen Outreach Program (TOP) at the West Liberty High School. Information shared included program activities that have occurred to-date, as well as program outcome data.

C. Public Health Grants and Contracts

- Craft shared that amendment 8 to the 6-year Public Health Emergency Response contract was signed, providing an additional \$1,800 for communicable disease follow-up activities. Harper moved to approve the signing of the amendment on behalf of the BOH, seconded by C. Garvin. All ayes; motion carries.

D. Community Health Assessments

- Craft shared the communicable disease dashboard statistics to-date, reporting no major outliers to-date.
- Craft shared additional information regarding Avian Influenza, noting that there is currently no known person-to-person spread of the illness. Craft reported that the threat to the public is still low, although risk to exposure for those working with potentially infected animals is much higher.
- Craft shared current measles data in the United States. As of 3/18, 279 confirmed cases have been reported in Texas with one confirmed death, and 38 confirmed cases have been reported in New Mexico with one confirmed death. Currently no confirmed cases exist in Iowa.
- Craft presented the Community Health Improvement Plan that was developed from findings through the Community Health Needs Assessment, requesting board approval of the Health Improvement Plan. Motion by M. Garvin to approve the 2024 Community Health needs assessment and approve and adopt the 2025 Community Health Improvement Plan, seconded by Harper. All Ayes; motion carries.

E. New Business

- No new business to report at this time.

### Citizens Speak

- A. None present to speak at this time.

### Next meeting

- A. May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 at 12pm in-person at the Public Health Office – 1609 Cedar Street, Muscatine, IA.

### Adjournment

- A. Olson moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1:03 pm.