



Muscatine County Board of Health Minutes

Wednesday, May 21, 2025 | 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, Jacob Dornbush, Eric Furnas, Emma Martin, Nora Dwyer, Emma Martin, Parker Prochaska, Dr. Matthew McKinney (virtual)

Meeting was called to order at 12:03pm by Harper.

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

Harper asked for a motion to approve the 3/19/2025 minutes. Motion by M. Garvin to approve, seconded by Maharry. All ayes; motion carries.

Essential Public Health Reports

A. Environmental Health Services

- Furnas provided an update to the Board of Health (BOH) regarding environmental health activities provided under the Grants to Counties grant to-date.
- Furnas shared a meeting recently held with the University of Iowa. Discussion ensued regarding select ice and water kiosks located in Muscatine and concern over testing results that have yielded high lead levels within the supplied water being sold. Discussion on further action steps ensued. Public Health will be working with the University of Iowa to develop educational information for community members.
- Furnas presented the signatory authorization form for the Private Well Testing grant to the BOH, requesting board approval, delegating signatory to Furnas on behalf of the BOH. Motion by C. Garvin to approve the signing of the form, seconded by M. Garvin. All ayes; motion carries.
- Prochaska provided an update regarding swimming pool and tattoo parlor inspections that have been provided by the Scott County Public Health department, to-date. Prochaska noted that the most frequent violations found during inspections include record keeping, permit requirements, filtration and recirculation concerns, as well as water quality. A full report will be provided to the BOH at the end of the grant period.

B. Public Health Operations Update

- Craft shared the BOH newsletter with board members, discussing department activities that have occurred since the last BOH meeting.

C. Public Health Grants and Contracts

- Craft reported that the following grant contracts have been signed for the upcoming 2026 State Fiscal Year:
 - Immunization Grant
 - Local Public Health Services Grant

Craft requested that the BOH approve the signing of the two contracts. Motion by Maharry to approve the signing of the FY26 Immunization Grant and the FY26 Local Public Health Services Grant, seconded by M. Garvin. All ayes; motion carries.

- Craft presented the renewal of the Local Public Health Services subcontract between the Muscatine County Board of Health and UnityPoint Health - Trinity Muscatine, requesting approval of the subcontract. Motion by C. Garvin to approve the signing of the subcontract between Trinity Muscatine and the Muscatine County BOH, seconded by M. Garvin. All ayes; motion carries.
- Craft reported to the BOH that notification letters were sent by Iowa Health and Human Services to contractors who had contracts with the state that included federal funding allocations, noting that any executive orders made by the President are recognized as having the same force and effect as Federal law.

D. Community Health Assessments

- Craft shared the communicable disease dashboard statistics to-date, reporting no major outliers.
- Craft shared a press release with the BOH regarding Measles and the availability of free MMR vaccines through the Public Health department.

- Craft provided an update on Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) activities that have occurred to-date. Craft reported that as part of the CHIP, Mental Health First Aid Youth training will be offered in community within the next few months, with the goal to offer 3-4 trainings per year.

E. New Business

- No new business to report at this time.

Citizens Speak

- A. Dwyer provided an update to the BOH regarding the LEAP project (Leveraging Activities and Partnerships to address Obesity), sharing activities that have occurred to-date. Throughout the past year, the Muscatine School District has begun the process of signing up for the 5-2-1-0 program, as well as integrating recommendations of the Iowa Healthiest State initiative into the school district. The LEAP coalition is also encouraging local independent grocery stores to sign up and participate in the Double Up Food Bucks program.

Next meeting

- A. July 16th, 2025 at 12pm in-person at the Public Health Office – 1609 Cedar Street, Muscatine, IA.

Adjournment

- A. Harper moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm.