



## Muscatine County Board of Health Minutes

Wednesday, September 17, 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, Kate Arndt, Jacob Dornbush, Scott Sauer, Jamee Hudson, Tessa Schroeder, Rachael Patterson-Rahn, Jessica Bopes (virtual), Dr. Matthew McKinney (virtual)

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

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

Olson asked for a motion to approve the 7/16/2025 minutes. Motion Harper to approve, seconded by M. Garvin. All ayes; motion carries.

### Essential Public Health Reports

#### A. Environmental Health Services

- No department personnel to report out at this time.
- Craft reported that the final tattoo & swimming pool inspections report for fiscal year 2025 has been completed. No significant findings were reported within the report.

#### 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.
- Craft reported on the Get the Lead Out initiative in partnership with the University of Iowa. Craft shared that the department will begin to distribute kits for lead testing in water. Testing kits are available to any community member.
- Hudson, Schroeder, and Patterson-Rahn were present on behalf of the Lee County Health Department to provide an update on maternal health, 1<sup>st</sup> Five, and oral health activities that have occurred throughout the 2025 fiscal year, in partnership with Trinity Muscatine Public Health.
- Arndt provided an overview of the 2025 Back to School Clinic that occurred on August 8<sup>th</sup> at McKinley Elementary School.

#### C. Public Health Grants and Contracts

- No updates with regard to current contracts held on behalf of the Board of Health at this time.

#### D. Community Health Assessments

- Craft shared the communicable disease dashboard statistics to-date, reporting no major outliers. Craft provided an update on current vaccination rates by age range, for Muscatine

County residents.

- Craft shared that influenza vaccination activities are beginning to occur. Craft requested that the Board of Health approve 25 flu vouchers, to be used for individuals in need of the influenza vaccine with no means to attain one. Harper moved to allocate 25 flu vouchers for individuals in need, seconded by Olson. All ayes; motion carries.
- Craft provided an update on Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) activities that have occurred to-date. Craft shared that she will be trained to facilitate both adult and youth Mental Health First Aid, and will begin offering these trainings in community. In addition, Craft reported on the Be Real initiative, sharing that she will begin to offer trainings focused on healthy eating and body image.

E. New Business

- No new business at this time.

Citizens Speak

- A. None present to report out at this time.

Next meeting

- A. November 19<sup>th</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 1:35pm.