



Muscatine County Board of Health Minutes

Wednesday, November 19, 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 (virtual), Jessica Bopes (virtual), Emma Martin (virtual), Dr. Matthew McKinney (virtual)

Meeting was called to order at 12:00pm by Harper.

Harper asked for a motion to approve the 9/17/2025 minutes. Motion by M. Garvin to approve, seconded by Maharry. All ayes; motion carries.

Essential Public Health Reports

A. Environmental Health Services

- Furnas reported out on the Grants to Counties grant activities that have occurred to-date, and answered board members questions regarding grant activities.

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 spoke about the upcoming World AIDS Day event that will occur at the Muscatine Community College. This event will feature on-site STD testing, as well as educational sessions for individuals to participate in.
- Craft reported that a large amount of work has gone into updating department Tuberculosis policies and procedures. All staff have been trained by the department medical director on the updated protocols.
- Craft shared that the current department contract with the Family Planning Council of Iowa will end on 3/31/25. After this date, Trinity Muscatine Public Health will no longer be the Title X service provider for the area.

C. Public Health Grants and Contracts

- Craft shared that the Maternal Health and Child, and Adolescent Health contracts have been signed with the Lee County Health Department for fiscal year 2026.
- Craft reported that Amendment 1 to the Care for Yourself – Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program was signed on behalf on the BOH, requesting approval of the signing of the amendment. Maharry moved to approve the signing of the amendment, 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. Craft provided an update on current vaccination rates by age range, for Muscatine County residents.

- Craft shared that the immunization audit for the Department of Education is currently occurring. A final report will be provided to the BOH upon completion at all sites. Only two sites remain to be completed. Currently, Muscatine County schools have a 98.5% average compliance rate for students who have valid immunization certificates or exemptions on file.
- Craft provided an update on Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) activities that have occurred to-date. Craft reported on upcoming Mental Health First Aid trainings scheduled in community, as well as ongoing social media efforts to help impact community health. Craft shared that Trinity Muscatine Cardiac Rehab will be providing educational sessions at the Senior Center, in partnership with Senior Resources.

E. New Business

- Discussion ensued regarding the time and day of the bi-monthly Board of Health meeting times, to ensure that the reoccurring meetings continued to work with board members schedules. Craft will connect with those not in attendance to verify whether moving the meeting date to the 2nd Wednesday of every other month will work with all affected individual's schedules.

Citizens Speak

- A. No report out at this time.

Next meeting

- A. January 14th, 2026 at 12pm in-person at the Public Health Office – 1609 Cedar Street, Muscatine, IA.

Adjournment

- A. C. Garvin moved to adjourn; seconded by M. Garvin. all ayes; motion carries.
Meeting adjourned at 12:34pm.