



## Muscatine County Board of Health Minutes

Wednesday, March 11, 2026 | 12:30 pm | 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, Michelle Garvin, Cory Garvin

Others Present: Jen Craft, Jacob Dornbush, Kiara Stellern, Scott Sauer, Dr. Matthew McKinney (virtual), Jessica Bopes (virtual), Emma Martin (virtual)

Meeting was called to order at 12:35 pm by Olson.

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

Olson asked for a motion to approve the 1/14/2026 minutes. Motion by C. Garvin to approve, seconded by M. Garvin. All ayes; motion carries.

### Essential Public Health Reports

A. Environmental Health Services

- No department personnel present to report out at this time.

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 presented a Tobacco Tax Position Statement in support of proposed legislation that would increase the tax rate on tobacco products sold in the State of Iowa. After much discussion, C. Garvin moved to adopt the position statement as written, seconded by M. Garvin. All ayes; motion carries.
- Craft reported on progress made toward defining department goals for 2026 with the overarching goal of increasing education in community and increasing community outreach efforts. The first planning meeting to discuss objectives will be held on 3/12/26. Further updates will be provided to the BOH during future meetings.
- Stellern provided an overview of the Care for Yourself program, answering board members questions and providing program informational flyers and brochures.

C. Public Health Grants and Contracts

- Craft presented the Care for Yourself program contract amendment #2 which extends screening service provision deadlines. Craft requested board approval of the signing of the amendment on behalf of the BOH. Olson moved to approve the signing of the amendment, seconded by M. 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 to the BOH on the status of the Community Health Improvement Plan and associated activities that have occurred since the last meeting.
- Craft shared that the updated Iowa HHS County Snapshots are available on the Iowa HHS website. Craft will send out the updated Muscatine County snapshot to BOH members at the conclusion of the meeting.

E. New Business

- Craft provided an update to the BOH regarding the new Community Health Care clinic on Park Avenue in Muscatine, sharing information about provider availability and service offerings. A Community Health

Care representative will be present at a future meeting to provide an update on clinic operations and answer any questions from board members.

Citizens Speak

- A. None present to speak at this time.

Next meeting

- A. May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 12:30 pm 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 1:22 pm.