



Muscatine County Board of Health Minutes

September 18, 2019 | 12:00pm | Muscatine County Administration Building

Board members

William Koellner, Chairman | Brian Wright, Secretary

Karen Harper | Dr. Michael Maharry, Physician Representative | Brandy Olson

Members Present: William Koellner, Brian Wright, Karen Harper, Dr. Michael Maharry

Others Present: Eric Furnas, Christy Roby Williams, Berdette Davis, Vanessa Leza

Visitors Present: Shannon Mess

Meeting was called to order at 12:00PM by Koellner.

I. Motion made by Koellner to approve minutes from the 07/17/2019 meeting. Wright seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

II. Koellner requested for citizens to speak. Roby Williams communicated to the Board of Health that as of October 1, 2019 hours of operations for Public Health will be from 8:00am-4:30pm. This change came after analyzing patient utilization times, employee productivity and better aligning ourselves with other Public Health departments across the state. Davis informed Board of Health that on October 31, 2019 an audit will be conducted at Muscatine Public Health. They are more than welcome to attend, and reminders can be sent out to those that would like to be present.

III. Public Health Report

- A. Communicable Disease Report- Roby Williams presented report to the Board of Health reminding them that these numbers reflect only Trinity Muscatine Public Health activity and not county wide. Maharry inquired why these number do not reflect county wide stats. Davis explained that we are receiving all reportable communicable diseases to the Muscatine County Public Health Department. STDs would be the only exclusion as the local public health departments do not provide direct follow-up on all reportable STDs in the county
- B. Flu Vouchers – Roby Williams shared vouchers with the Board for review or feedback requesting the same as last year to begin with 50 vouchers for distribution. Harper motioned to approve vouchers and amount. Maharry seconded. All ayes. Motion Carried

IV. Old Business

A. Environmental

Contract for Grants to County Well Testing and Plugging – Furnas provided the Board with an overview of this grant and to be noted that he had signatory approval and submitted the grant. Furnas was looking for affirmation of grant funds, \$30,927.00. Wright motioned to approve. Harper seconded. All ayes. Motion Carried

B. Iowa Department of Public Health Contracts FY 20

- o Local Public Health Services \$98,179 and Subcontract with UnityPoint Health-Trinity Muscatine – Roby Williams presented signed contract to BOH members and looking for affirmation to proceed. Motion made by Maharry. Wright Seconded. All ayes. Motion Carried.
- o Care for Yourself – Roby Williams informed board that the final allocation for FY 20 totaled \$23,160.
- o Immunization - Roby Williams informed board that the final allocation for FY 20 totaled \$12,278.
- o Intervention Implementation in Target Populations - Roby Williams informed board that the final allocation for FY 20 totaled \$9,900.

V. New Business

A. Board Membership –

- o A recommendation was made by Chairperson Koellner to assign Wright for the vacant position of the board Secretary. Harper moved to elect Wright as the Secretary with a second by Dr. Maharry. All ayes. Motion Carried.
- o Application for the current board of health vacancy has been opened to the public and due to gender laws, it would be preferable to have another female presence on the board. Roby Williams reminded Board members of those individuals that have terms that will be expiring soon. Roby Williams informed BOH that members can serve 2 terms without having to reapply and for those that have already served 2 terms application would need to be submitted and approved by the Board of Supervisors.

B. New partnerships with Public Health

- o 4th Resource Navigator- The Muscatine Community School District (MCSD) and Public Health have partnered together to fund an additional Resource Navigator position that will work as an advocate for our school-based families that feel they need additional help.
- o School-Based Nurse-MCSD approached Public Health in sub-contracting a school nurse. Nurse has been hired for this pilot program and will be starting 9/30/19.
- o Economic Navigator-In collaboration with the Resource Navigators this individual will assist parents/caregivers of those students that are currently enrolled in the backpack program. Looking to help families upscale into a sustainable financial approach.
- o Healthy Hometown-Going back to blue zones, identifying course corrections, and looking into improvements that need to happen for our community to be in a healthier state.
- o Business Leadership Network – U of I Public Health partnership to highlight the top health priorities in the community. A public forum will be developed with panelists and purposeful invites to the business industry. Seeking business partnerships on ways they can support health priorities in our county.

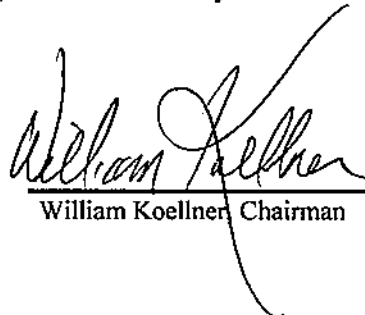
C. Fireworks-Effects on community discussion – Wright would like BOH members to take a more supportive role when it comes to this issue. Setting up designated areas for fireworks, supporting those individuals with negative effects, and pushing for more regulation.

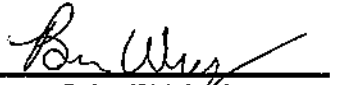
D. Vaping- With the increasing numbers of vaping related incidents BOH members are asking for Public Health to address the current health concerns from vaping. Roby Williams and Davis will work together on a position statement.

VI. Next Board Meeting: November 20, 2019 at 12:00PM

- A. Items for Agenda- Maharry requested that a standing agenda item for discussing the handling of fireworks and the effect it has on our community.

VII. Motion Made by Wright to adjourn the meeting at 1:13PM. Maharry seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.


William Koellner, Chairman


Brian Wright, Secretary