

**Muscatine County Board of Health**

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**MINUTES  
BOARD OF HEALTH**

May 17, 2017

12:00 PM

Muscatine County Chambers/County Administration Building

414 E 3<sup>rd</sup> St

Muscatine, Iowa 52761

Members Present: Bill Koellner, Brian Wright, Neva Rettig-Baker,  
and Karen Harper

Others Present: Christy Roby Williams, Jim Alvarez, Scott Sauer, Eric Furnas,  
Ruby Mateos, Holly Barrett, Nancy Schreiber

Visitors Present: Nora Dwyer

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

Motion made by Harper to approve minutes from 3/15/2017 meeting. Wright seconded. All ayes.  
Motion carried.

Koellner asked for any citizens present who would like to speak.

Nora Dwyer, Muscatine Community Food Pantry Board member in attendance asked to speak. Dwyer bringing to attention the various programs in progress and hoping to stabilize programs plus identify the community needs. Discussed were some current programs; Backpack Program, Bag of Blessings, Muskie Lockers. Dwyer is looking to understand needs such as at the community college, possibly a food pantry, and create a strategy for servicing this population. In addition, servicing children when school is not in session – a summer lunch program, training volunteers on food handling, etc. Per Roby Williams, Public Health can assist with program education needs and collaborate with Dwyer for support.

**Public Health Report:**

1. Review of Communicable and Preventable Diseases Stats (handout provided) by Mateos. Mateos reviewed stats provided and advised that after the quarter ends she will be able to provide full counts.
2. Roby Williams reported on obtained information on tick borne diseases. IDPH no longer tracks Lyme disease. A brochure was provided to the Board for education. Informed that ISU entomology will not report if the insect is disease carrying, only the species. Koellner suggested providing education via website or other method. Roby Williams to follow up on providing the brochure to site locations such as pharmacies.

**Old Business:**

1. Roby Williams reported on United Way funding. What Public Health received for funding is in the packet for review by the Board which also includes the scoring used to select funding amounts and needs.

2. Local Public Health Services grant review occurred April 4<sup>th</sup>. All Board members were invited to attend. Harper attended session. IDPH provided notes, conditions, compliance review, and rubric tool. These notes were provided to the Board. Public Health is in compliance.

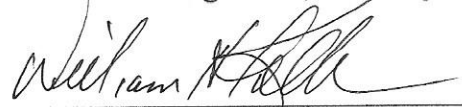
New Business:

1. Furnas introduced four minor subdivisions proposed. Reviewed and sought signature.
  - Sterner Wire split from single family residence. Koellner motion to approve. Harper motions, Rettig-Baker 2<sup>nd</sup>. All ayes.
  - Ferris rezone south portion for single family residence. Harper motioned, Rettig-Baker 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - Norma Jean land split proposed. Harper motioned, Rettig-Baker 2<sup>nd</sup>. All ayes.
  - Agricultural split of land. No residence at this time. Anticipated sand issues and nitrates. Subdivision break out but no formal proposal yet. Harper motioned, Rettig-Baker 2<sup>nd</sup>. All ayes.
2. Local Public Health Services grant spending update. \$800.00 was received as incentive. Public Health will be purchasing sunscreen and participating in events, spring meal sites, providing sun safety education at MCSA, and Roby Williams will connect to food pantry as well.
3. Public Health program education on Health Improvement Plan for Muscatine County area.
4. Animal Bite Policy – working and in progress. Mateos reviewed policy as it is today. Would like to review timelines. Agencies currently following individual protocol. Need to identify role of Public Health. Mateos will convene a task force to further review and refine the policy to later be presented to the Board of Health.
5. Senate File 489 discussed. Wright spoke of concerns as an Emergency Responder. Per Koellner to keep this on as a discussion topic. Roby Williams to provide some Veteran outreach information.
6. Follow up on Women’s Choice Mobile Clinic. Roby Williams to follow up with the Director of the mobile clinic company.
7. Family Planning Program overview provided by Public Health.
8. Roby Williams provided overview of her presentation at the Iowa Governor’s Conference related to Muscatine County’s Health Improvement Plan specific to Mental Health Equity in Rural Communities.

Confirmation of next Board meeting to be held July 19th, 2017 at 11:30AM.

No further business. Motion by Rettig-Baker to adjourn the meeting. Wright second. All ayes.

  
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Neva Rettig-Baker, Secretary

  
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William Koellner, Chairman