



## Muscatine County Board of Health Minutes

Wednesday, May 13, 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: Karen Harper, Cory Garvin, Dr. Michael Maharry (virtual)

Others Present: Jen Craft, Jacob Dornbush, Kate Arndt, Hannah Wachtel, Eric Furnas, Jake Boucher, Scott Sauer, Jessica Bopes, Dr. Matthew McKinney (virtual)

Meeting was called to order at 12:32 pm by Harper.

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

Harper asked for a motion to approve the 3/11/2026 minutes. Motion by C. Garvin to approve, seconded by Maharry. All ayes; motion carries.

#### Essential Public Health Reports

A. Environmental Health Services

- Furnas was present to introduce Boucher as a new staff member. Furnas provided an update to the Board of Health (BOH) on PFAS testing that will be occurring within the county.

B. Public Health Operations Update

- Arndt and Wachtel provided an update on the Sexual Risk Avoidance Education (SRAE) program that is facilitated at the West Liberty High School, highlighting program successes and accomplishments for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Craft shared BOH newsletter with board members, discussing department activities that have occurred since the last BOH meeting.
- Craft discussed public health realignment efforts that are occurring at the State level, and the impacts at a local level. As further updates are received from Iowa Health and Human Services, Craft will share these with the BOH.

C. Public Health Grants and Contracts

- Craft reported that the following contracts have been signed, requesting board approval: FY27 Local Public Health Services Contract; FY27 Immunization Services Contract; Avian Influenza Contract – Amendment 11 for funding reversion. Motion by Maharry to approve the signing of the contract documents, seconded by C. Garvin. All ayes; motion carries.
- Craft shared that the FY27 Care For Yourself – Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program grant application was submitted to Iowa Health and Human Services for the upcoming year.
- Craft reported that in partnership with the Muscatine Center for Social Action (MCSA) and other various community partners, MCSA is writing a proposal for funding through the Iowa Finance Authority to implement programming to prevent homelessness.
- Craft shared that the Public Health Department will be writing a Telligen Community Initiative grant proposal to support maternal health programming expansion efforts.

D. Community Health Assessments

- Craft shared the communicable disease dashboard statistics to-date, reporting no major outliers.

E. New Business

- Craft reported that she will reconnect with Community Health Center leadership to arrange for a presentation to the BOH regarding the new Muscatine clinic site.

Citizens Speak

A. None to speak at this time.

Next meeting

A. July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 12:30 pm in-person at the Public Health Office – 1609 Cedar Street, Muscatine, IA.

Adjournment

A. Harper moved to adjourn. Meeting at 1:26 pm.