

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
BOARD OF HEALTH
Minutes
February 14, 2023

The City of Middletown Board of Health met in regular session at 7:30 AM on February 14, 2023.

Members Present

Mayor Nicole Condrey, BS, President
Jeff Bonnell
Sally Kash, MS, RN
Ruth Lolli
Dr. Ken Patrick, DVM
Joseph Richmond
Amy Sibcy
Dr. Scott Zollett, MD

Health Department Staff Present

Jackie Phillips Carter, MPH, BSN, RN
Carla Ealy, BS, REHS
Chandra Corbin, BSN, RN
Amanda McDonald, Vital Statistics Registrar

Guests

Zoey Peach, Caracole, Health Educator
Leah Majesky, Caracole, Prevention Supervisor

ROLL CALL

All board members were present.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

Ms. Phillips Carter introduced Olivia Hall, the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator hired under the Workforce Development Grant. Ms. Hall began her position with CMHD in October 2022.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- January 2023

Ms. Lolli noted that there was a typo in the January minutes.

Motion: Ms. Kash moved, seconded by Ms. Lolli to approve the January 2023 Board of Health meeting minutes with corrections.

Roll call vote: Yes-7(Bonnell, Kash, Lolli, Patrick, Richmond, Sibcy, Zollett). No-0. **Motion Passed.**

RECEIVE AND FILE FINANCIAL REPORT-January 2023

Motion: Ms. Lolli moved, seconded by Mr. Richmond to receive and file the January 2023 Financial Report.

Roll call vote: Yes-7 (Bonnell, Kash, Lolli, Patrick, Richmond, Sibcy, Zollett). No-0. **Motion Passed.**

Education Presentation- Caracole-Harm Reduction

Zoey Peach, Health Educator, and Leah Majesky, Prevention Supervisor, of Caracole presented the Board of Health with an overview of Caracole's Harm Reduction Services. Ms. Peach explained that Harm Reduction can include everyday harm reduction such as seatbelts and sunscreen, as well as encouraging individuals to examine the connections between their substance use and their health and well-being and to take steps toward any positive change.

Ms. Majesky explained that Caracole is Greater Cincinnati's AIDS service organization, devoted to positively changing lives in the fight against HIV/AIDS through prevention, housing and care. Prevention includes promoting health and well-being in at-risk communities through evidence-based approaches to prevent disease and reduce the spread of HIV. Housing includes offering a variety of permanent housing support to prevent homelessness and to stabilize individuals and families

living with HIV. Care includes helping individuals living with HIV access the health care they need through medical case management and pharmacy services.

Ms. Peach stated that statistics have proven that drug use has, is and will happen in our communities. Harm reduction seeks to reduce the harms associated with drug use through education, provision of supplies and relationship building. Harm Reduction's end goal is not necessarily getting participants into treatment, however; studies have shown that people who use drugs and participate in syringe services programs are up to five times more likely to enter into treatments.

OLD BUSINESS

PHAB

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that CMHD is working together with Butler County General Health District and Hamilton City Health Department to complete the Community Health Assessment (CHA). Ms. Phillips Carter thanked board member Ms. Lolli for her continued involvement with the CHA.

NEW BUSINESS

Travel Authorizations

Ms. Corbin will be attending a Director of Nursing meeting in Xenia, Ohio in February. The only cost associated with this travel request is mileage reimbursement.

Motion: Dr. Patrick moved, seconded by Ms. Lolli to approve the travel request.

Roll call vote: Yes-7 (Bonnell, Kash, Lolli, Patrick, Richmond, Sibcy, Zollett). No-0. **Motion Passed.**

Approval of CMHD Public Health Worker Agreement with Deanna Shores

Ms. Phillips Carter explained that Ms. Shores will be hired as a Public Health Worker under the Workforce Development Grant. Ms. Shores will aid in the facilitation of the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) and the Community Health Assessment (CHA).

Discussions

Mayor Condrey asked if Ms. Shores would be paid directly.

Ms. Phillips Carter confirmed that she would be paid directly.

Mayor Condrey asked if this was a floated position.

Ms. Phillips Carter stated that this is a contracted position, multiple individuals can be hired if needed.

Mayor Condrey asked if there was a maximum length of time or number of hours to be worked included in this contract, stating that the contract seems loose and open-ended.

Ms. Phillips Carter stated that the agreement was purposefully created that way to be able to discontinue it at any given time under the grant.

Motion: Ms. Kash moved, seconded by Ms. Sibcy to approve the CMHD Public Health Worker Agreement with Deanna Shores.

Roll call vote: Yes-7 (Bonnell, Kash, Lolli, Patrick, Richmond, Sibcy, Zollett). No-0. **Motion Passed.**

2022 Annual Report

The 2022 Annual Report was included in the February BOH meeting packet. This report is required by Ohio Department of Health and must be submitted by January 15th each year.

Board of Health Member Topic-Open Discussion

Mayor Condrey informed the board that she had received an email from two children that will be setting up a lemonade stand and asked Ms. Phillips Carter and Ms. Ealy what/if there were any health department rules and regulations pertaining to lemonade stands.

Ms. Ealy stated that they can have a lemonade stand at their residence without a health department issued license and they must be 12 years old or younger.

Ms. Phillips Carter stated that even if they were older than 12, they could ask for donations (versus charging for their goods) and would not need a license.

Mayor Condrey stated that the city is currently bombarded with feral cars and asked if this is a health department concern.

Ms. Hall stated that Trap, Neuter, Release (TNR) programs are ran by non-profit organizations and are the most humane way to handle the situation.

Ms. Lolli added that once a cat is spayed or neutered, they don't attract more cats to the area.

Dr. Patrick stated that once a vet has spayed or neutered a cat, the ear is clipped. This is an easy way to discern if a cat has been spayed/neutered.

Ms. Phillips Carter stated that she will look into it and find out if there is a TNR that is active in our area.

REPORTS

Health Commissioner

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the BOH that OHIZ is looking towards starting a "Walk and Talk" initiative which will focus on connecting community members through exercise and sharing concerns and requests with one another and city leadership.

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the BOH that the mobile unit from Premier Health will be setting up more clinics in the area.

Ms. Phillips Carter thanked SHALOM for their efforts with the unhoused this winter.

Ms. Phillips Carter stated that City Manager Lolli has begun the "Not in Middletown" initiative in response to the recent shootings in Middletown. Meetings are held each Wednesday at 7:30am in the Police Training Room.

Medical Director

Dr. Jennewine informed the board that though the influenza season began quickly this year, it appears it has died out just as quickly.

Dr. Jennewine reported the January Communicable Disease numbers.

Chlamydia infection	25
COVID-19	194
Gonococcal infection	6
Hepatitis A	1
Hepatitis B	1
Hepatitis C	11
HIV	1
Influenza-associated hospitalization	1
Salmonellosis	1
Streptococcus pneumoniae-invasive	2
Syphilis	2

Director of Nursing

Ms. Corbin informed the board that CMHD continues to hold COVID and flu vaccine clinics on the first and third Thursday of each month, though the number of vaccine recipients has decreased significantly.

Ms. Corbin informed the board that CMHD has supplied Hope House and the Warming Shelter with COVID test kits.

Environmental Director

Ms. Ealy informed the board that CMHD is on target for finalizing all inspections by the end of February.

CMHD is now in the process of collecting payments and issuing license renewals for food service operations and retail food establishments.

Ms. Ealy informed the board that there is a new micro market at PCA on Baltimore Street. Plans have been approved for Perez Grocery on Vail Avenue. CMHD received plans for an equipment review for the installation of seven new coolers that will be added to the Dollar General located on Central Avenue for selling produce. Primo Italian Steakhouse has been approved and is now licensed.

Ms. Ealy discussed a home on Central Avenue which has a failing septic system. CMHD initially discussed this failure with the realtor prior to the home being sold. The new homeowners had sought to connect to the City's sewer through Central Avenue and Bavarian Woods Street, but due to cost had decided to install a new septic system. The system designed was an alternative system, and the health department will usually only permit this type of system as a last resort. The site also did not meet the EPA guidelines to qualify for this type of system. Upon speaking with the Public Works Director, it was mentioned that he located a legal easement for the property which may make the connection to city sewer easier and possibly less expensive. Ms. Ealy states that she continues to work with the homeowners on this issue and will keep the BOH updated. Ms. Ealy went on to state that the homeowners could possibly request a variance. Ms. Ealy informed the board that the newest Air Quality Report from Hamilton County was included in the BOH packet.

Discussions

Mayor Condrey asked if there were any findings concerning citizen's complaints about air quality.

Dr. Zollett asked what would happen if the report findings stated that air quality was poor.

Ms. Ealy stated that Hamilton Air Quality conducts the complaint investigation and issues a violation/fine if the findings are not within the acceptable range.

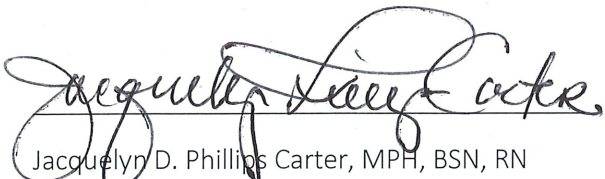
Ms. Phillips Carter stated that the reports regarding SunCoke have been published and all air quality ranges are within Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) guidelines.


Mayor Condrey stated that a stack was recently removed at Essity and odor in that area should decrease.

Ms. Ealy stated that fewer complaints were received in 2022 than in 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 AM. The next meeting will be held on March 14, 2023 at 7:30 AM.


Jacquelyn D. Phillips Carter, MPH, BSN, RN
Secretary


Nicole Condrey, President
City of Middletown Board of Health