

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
Minutes  
July 12, 2022

The City of Middletown Board of Health met in regular session at 7:30 AM on July 12, 2022.

**Members Present**

Mayor Nicole Condrey, BS, President  
Jeff Bonnell  
Margie Davis, RN  
Sally Kash, MS, RN  
Charlene Kurtz, BSN, RN  
Ruth Lolli  
Dr. Ken Patrick, DVM  
David Schul

**Health Department Staff Present**

Jackie Phillips Carter, MPH, BSN, RN  
Carla Ealy, BS, REHS  
Dr. Paul Jennewine, MD  
Chandra Corbin, BSN, RN  
Amanda McDonald, Vital Statistics Registrar

**Absent and Excused**

None.

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**ROLL CALL**

All board members were present.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES- June 2022**

Motion: Mr. Schul moved, seconded by Ms. Lolli to approve the June 2022 Board of Health Meeting Minutes.  
Roll call vote: Yes-7 (Bonnell, Davis, Kash, Kurtz, Lolli, Patrick, Schul). No-0. Motion Passed.

**RECEIVE AND FILE FINANCIAL REPORT-June 2022**

Motion: Ms. Kurtz moved, seconded by Ms. Kash to receive and file the June 2022 Financial Report.  
Roll call vote: Yes-7 (Bonnell, Davis, Kash, Kurtz, Lolli, Patrick, Schul). No-0. Motion Passed.

**Education Presentation- Meningitis (Peer Review)**

Dr. Jennewine presented the board of health with a peer review-based education presentation on meningitis. Meningitis is inflammation of the fluid and membranes (meninges) surrounding the brain and spinal cord. There are different types of meningitis including: viral, bacterial, parasitic, amebic, fungal and non-infectious (cancers, system lupus erythematosus, drugs, head injury). Most cases in the United States are viral and self-limited in a normal immune system; however, bacterial meningitis is life threatening and requires immediate medical attention. Bacterial meningitis is spread through respiratory and throat secretions. There are several different types of bacterial meningitis. The most common in children is *Neisseria meningitidis*, it is highly contagious, particularly in the first year of life or when living in close quarters such as in college dormitories. *Streptococcus pneumoniae* is the most common bacterial cause and most serious form of meningitis. *Haemophilus influenzae* was once the most common cause of meningitis in children, but is now rare due to successful vaccinations. *Listeria monocytogenes* is becoming a more

prevalent cause of meningitis and is found in unpasteurized cheese, hotdogs and lunchmeats. Listeria monocytogenes typically affects neonates, pregnant women and those over age 60.

Symptoms of meningitis include: nausea/vomiting, stiff neck, sensitivity to bright light, fever and seizures. Diagnosis includes a lumbar puncture (analysis of spinal fluid to determine whether it is viral or bacterial) and blood testing. The American Journal of Medicine and Medical Sciences, Vol. 4 No. 6, 2014, pp. 266-271 states that mortality rates due to meningitis are between 5-10%, meningitis is a rapidly progressive disease from exposure to blood stream to sepsis. It can progress as rapidly as first fever to death in 12-24 hours. Meningitis is endemic worldwide with sporadic outbreaks, 8-12% of survivors experience neurological sequelae such as: deafness, cognitive loss and memory disturbances.

Treatment and prevention of meningitis include: vaccination, IV antibiotics, steroids and supportive care (symptom relief, intensive care unit and seizure treatment/prevention). Haemophilus influenza type B (Hib) vaccine and pneumococcal 13 vaccine is given in childhood, pneumococcal 23 vaccine is given to individuals over the age of 65 or high-risk individuals and meningococcal vaccine is given in adolescence.

The most recent outbreak has been in the state of Florida. There have been forty-six cases statewide over a six month time period. Thirteen of those cases were in the Orlando area, there have been seven deaths as a direct result of the outbreak. Public health is encouraging vaccinations.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel discussion, under the authority of O.R.C. 121.22(G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official.

**Motion:** Ms. Lolli moved, seconded by Ms. Kash to move into executive session at 7:43 AM.

**Roll call vote:** Yes-7 (Bonnell, Davis, Kash, Kurtz, Lolli, Patrick, Schul). No-0. Motion Passed.

#### REGULAR SESSION RESUMED

**Motion:** Ms. Kurtz moved, seconded by Ms. Kash to resume regular session at 8:28 AM.

**Roll call vote:** Yes-6 (Davis, Kash, Kurtz, Lolli, Patrick, Schul). No-0. Motion Passed.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### PHAB

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that the deadline for Accreditation Committee Action Requirements (ACAR) is August 27, 2022, however; CMHD is working hard to complete all tasks by July 27, 2022 to allow ample time to review documentation.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### Travel Authorizations

None.

#### Approval of Agreement Between The Board of Health of the Butler County General Health District and City of Middletown Health Department-Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Grant

Ms. Phillips Carter explained to the board that this is the same grant CMHD receives every year. Epidemiology services have now been incorporated into the PHEP grant, increasing the PHEP total to \$22,000.

**Motion:** Dr. Patrick moved, seconded by Ms. Kurtz to approve the PHEP grant.

**Roll call vote:** Yes-6 (Davis, Kash, Kurtz, Lolli, Patrick, Schul). No-0. Motion Passed.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report-2022

The 2022 CMHD 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report was included in the board of health packet for review along with the 2021 CMHD 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report for comparison.

## REPORTS

### Health Commissioner

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that Healthy Middletown has been working to develop a structure in which action circles are formed to tackle obstacles faced by the community. Currently, the action circles are focusing on the unhoused and mental health.

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board of the retirement of Primary Health Solutions CEO Marc Bellisario, his successor will be Stephen Roden. She reminded the board that Middletown has two federally qualified health centers (FQHC), Centerpoint and Primary Health Solutions, located within city limits. Primary Health Solutions has a school-based health center located at Middletown High school, and Centerpoint has recently opened a school-based health center in Norwood High School.

### Discussion

Mayor Condrey informed the board that the Hamilton city manager has asked her to sit in on some of the OneOhio meetings.

Ms. Carter Phillips stated that she would contact Cindy Carpenter's assistant to ask if she will add Mayor Condrey to the OneOhio listserv.

### Medical Director

Dr. Jennewine was unable to stay for the duration of the board of health meeting, in his absence Ms. Corbin presented the board with June communicable disease numbers.

Campylobacteriosis	1
Chlamydia infection	28
COVID-19	354
Gonococcal infection	11
Hepatitis B	3
Hepatitis C	9
Meningitis-bacterial (Not N. meningitidis)	1
Pertussis	1
Salmonellosis	1
Streptococcal-Group A-invasive	1

### Director of Nursing

Ms. Corbin informed the board that CMHD has purchased the nursing module in Health Department Information Systems (HDIS) in preparation for resuming Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH) home-visits. The new CMHD nurse will be conducting home-visits in the evenings and on weekends.

Ms. Corbin reported to the board that there were 364 cases of COVID reported to CMHD in June, less than 1% of those cases had received their second booster shot. The majority of new COVID cases are unvaccinated or received their primary vaccine in early 2021.

### Environmental Director

Ms. Ealy informed the board that CMHD refiled three Lefferson Road properties for court for failing to connect to sanitary sewer. Two additional properties had orders rescinded based on accessibility or other connection issues.

The Cracked Pot Coffee is now open on Central Avenue. Tacos Colima mobile is now licensed and ready for operation. A new tattoo shop, Inkspiration, is now licensed and open on Central Avenue.

Ms. Ealy stated that Little Caesar's was having some compliance issues at the time of their last inspection, CMHD is currently working with them to bring all issues into compliance. Mayor Condrey asked what the issues were. Ms. Ealy stated that there are cleaning and maintenance issues that need to be addressed. Ms. Ealy discussed with the facility that continued non-compliance could result in administrative action against their food service license.

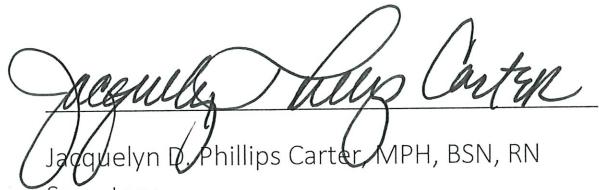
Ms. Ealy informed the board that the building department has issued a permit for a bingo hall that will be located on University Boulevard and an indoor go-kart facility at Towne Mall.

Ms. Ealy informed the board that the new Environmental Health Specialist-In-Training has begun work with CMHD and is doing a great job in the field. Ms. Ealy stated that she has scheduled Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) to work with her in the field in September 2022.

Ms. Ealy informed the board that CMHD has inspected and licensed several temporary food vendors in the past month at events such as: Sounds at Sunset, Juneteenth, Elk's Weekend, Broad Street Blast and Ohio Challenge.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 AM. The next meeting will be held on August 9, 2022 at 7:30 AM.



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



Nicole Condrey, President  
City of Middletown Board of Health