

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
BOARD OF HEALTH
Minutes
September 13, 2022

The City of Middletown Board of Health met in regular session at 7:30 AM on September 13, 2022.

Members Present

Mayor Nicole Condrey, BS, President
Jeff Bonnell
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

Margie Davis, RN
Sally Kash, MS, RN

ROLL CALL

Motion: Ms. Kurtz moved, seconded by Ms. Lolli to excuse absent board members.
Roll call vote: Yes-5 (Bonnell, Kurtz, Lolli, Patrick, Schul). No-0. **Motion Passed.**

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- August 2022

Motion: Mr. Schul moved, seconded by Ms. Kurtz to approve the August 2022 Board of Health meeting minutes.
Roll call vote: Yes-5 (Bonnell, Kurtz, Lolli, Patrick, Schul). No-0. **Motion Passed.**

RECEIVE AND FILE FINANCIAL REPORT-August 2022

Motion: Ms. Kurtz moved, seconded by Ms. Lolli to receive and file the August 2022 Financial Report.
Roll call vote: Yes-5 (Bonnell, Kurtz, Lolli, Patrick, Schul). No-0. **Motion Passed.**

Education Presentation- Viral Meningitis

Dr. Jennewine presented the board of health with an overview of Poliomyelitis (Polio). Polio is a viral infection, there are three separate strains. Polio is highly infectious and is spread person-to-person through fecal-oral route, an infected person can spread the virus for up to six weeks after becoming infected. There is no specific treatment for polio, it can lead to paralysis and death, with the risk of paralysis increasing with age. Seventy percent of all cases are asymptomatic with a small percentage developing mild symptoms including: fever, nausea and vomiting, lethargy and abdominal pain. One percent of cases develop a neurological infection. One to two in every one thousand individuals develop paralysis, a small number of cases leads to diaphragm paralysis and death. There are descriptions of polio dating back thousands of years to ancient Egypt. Better sanitation and water supplies led to reduced "herd" immunity and led to localized epidemics. Polio began reaching pandemic proportions across Europe, North America and Australia the first half of the 1900's. During this peak, age incidence was shifting from infants to

5-9-year-olds. In 1952 there was a polio epidemic in the United States involving 58,000 cases, 3,145 deaths and leaving 21,269 with some degree of disability. The first vaccine was developed in 1950, world-wide vaccination drives decreased wild cases from 350,000 in 1988 to 6 in 2021.

Prevention is the best method of defense for the polio virus and includes washing hands with soap and water (alcohol-based hand sanitizer is ineffective against the polio virus) and vaccination.

Jonas Salk developed an inactivated vaccine in 1952 that was very effective against all three strains of the polio virus. In 1962 Albert Sabin developed a live attenuated oral vaccine. This vaccine is taken orally and is very effective against all three strains of the polio vaccine. Due to its effectiveness and low cost, it quickly became the only vaccine used worldwide. Due to the Sabin vaccine being a live virus, it transmitted through the community by fecal oral route providing immunity even to those that did not get vaccinated, however, it can mutate into cVDPV. The inactive injectable vaccine has been used exclusively in the United States since 2000.

The last reported case of wild type polio in the Americas was reported in 1991. There are still cases of wild polio in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Wild polio cases are outnumbered annually by cVDPV cases. There was a case of cVDPV case reported in July 2022 in New York City, there are likely many more cases that are unreported.

Discussions

Mayor Condrey inquired about better sanitation leading to an increase of polio cases.

Dr. Jennewine explained that as water sanitation improved, exposure to the virus decreased leading to a reduction of natural immunity. Dr. Jennewine stated that the area of New York City where the positive case of polio was reported was among an unvaccinated population.

OLD BUSINESS

PHAB

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that CMHD submitted all documentation to PHAB on August 17, 2022. The PHAB committee meets quarterly and will review CMHD's documentation in November. Ms. Phillips Carter also informed the board that City of Middletown Health Department, Butler County General Health District and Hamilton City Health Department held the Community Health Assessment (CHA) meeting yesterday, September 12, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

Travel Authorizations

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that there are six travel authorizations requested for September/October before the next BOH meeting will be held. The first three are for Ms. Phillips Carter, Ms. Ealy and Dr. Jennewine to attend the Association of Ohio Health Commissioners (AOHC) Fall Conference in Columbus, Ohio, the last three are for Ms. Ealy, Ms. Mourer and Ms. Chaney to attend The Ohio Environmental Health Association (OEHA) Education Conference in Dayton, Ohio.

Motion: Dr. Patrick moved, seconded by Ms. Kurtz to approve travel requests.

Roll call vote: Yes-5 (Bonnell, Kurtz, Lolli, Patrick, Schul). No-0. **Motion Passed.**

First Reading of MBHE Ordinance No. 2022-01 An Ordinance Amending Fees for the Licensing of Food Service Operations, Mobile Food Service Operations, Temporary Food Service Operations, Vending Machine Locations, Retail Food Establishments, Mobile Retail Food Establishments, and Temporary Retail Food Establishments

Ms. Ealy informed the board that this ordinance establishes food licensing fees for the 2023 year.

First Reading of MBHE Ordinance No. 2022-02 An Ordinance Amending the License Fees for Recreational Vehicle Parks, Recreational Camps, Combined and Temporary Park-Camps

Ms. Ealy explained that the addition of the second campground license has led to an increase of time spent in the program and fees will be adjusted to reflect that increase.

First Reading of MBHE Ordinance No. 2022-03 An Ordinance Requiring a License to Sell Tobacco Products Within the City of Middletown-Tobacco 21

Ms. Ealy explained that the City of Middletown Law Department developed this ordinance to be similar to the tobacco ordinance used by Hamilton City Health Department. The goal is to provide education to operators throughout 2023 and implement the Tobacco 21 ordinance in January 2024.

Discussions

Mayor Condrey asked if the goal of Tobacco 21 is to reduce/eliminate the sale of tobacco to minors.

Ms. Ealy replied that it is the goal of Tobacco 21 to reduce the sale of tobacco and tobacco paraphernalia to minors.

Ms. Phillips Carter stated that Hamilton City will begin their tobacco licensing program in March of 2023.

First Reading of MBHE Ordinance No. 2022-04 An Ordinance Authorizing the Health Commissioner to Take Action That May be Taken by the Board of Health as Licensor Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 3717.29(D)(1) to Suspend a License Issued to a Retail Food Establishment or a Food Service Operation

Ms. Ealy explained that this revision was to remove the word revoke, the health commissioner can only suspend a license.

First Reading of MBHE Ordinance No. 2022-05 An Ordinance Authorizing the Health Commissioner, Any Registered Environmental Health Specialist or Environmental Health Specialist-In-Training Employed by the Board of Health to Take Action That May be Taken by the Board as Licensor Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 3717.29(c)(1) or 3717.49(B)(1) to Suspend a License Issued to a Retail Food Establishment or a Food Service Operation

Ms. Ealy informed the board that as with MBHE Ordinance No. 2022-04, MBHE Ordinance No. 2022-05 also must also be revised to remove the word revoke.

Motion: Ms. Kurtz moved, seconded by Ms. Lolli to read MBHE Ordinance No. 2022-01, 2022-02, 2022-03, 2022-04 and 2022-05 by title only.

Roll call vote: Yes-5 (Bonnell, Kurtz, Lolli, Patrick, Schul). No-0. **Motion Passed.**

Public hearing will be held Tuesday, October 11, 2022.

Approval of Services Agreement Between Butler County General Health District and the City of Middletown Health Department-Harm Reduction

Ms. Phillips Carter explained that the harm reduction program has been operated under different agencies over the years, but currently will be operated by Butler County General Health District. City of Middletown Board of Health needs to approve this agreement since the activity occurs within Middletown City limits.

Discussions

Mayor Condrey asked if there had been any communities that had operated a Syringe Exchange Program and then discontinued the program and what the effect had been on the community.

Ms. Lolli stated that she had not heard of a city/community stopping the program once it had already been put into place, but that cities have refused to allow Syringe Exchange Programs to operate within their limits.

Mayor Condrey stated that she would like to see Middletown's program go to a one-to-one exchange policy.

Motion: Ms. Lolli moved, seconded by Mr. Schul to approve the Services Agreement-Harm Reduction.

Roll call vote: Yes-5 (Bonnell, Kurtz, Lolli, Patrick, Schul). No-0. **Motion Passed.**

2023 Budget Discussion

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that she has met with the Finance Department to discuss recommendations for the 2023 CMHD Budget. CMHD still has carry-over from the previous year. There have been a few reclassifications of staff in order to provide an equitable, just and proper classification; Environmental Director, Environmental Health Specialist, Director of Nursing and Vital Statistics will be recommended for reclassification.

REPORTSHealth Commissioner

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that she participated in the first annual harm reduction retreat. There is a large need for support and resources for the families of addicts. In the past, there was an organization titled Families of Addicts that proved to be beneficial for families suffering with loved ones and addiction.

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that the City of Middletown has hired Jerri Lewis to work on the unhoused issue. The Dignity Bus is still being researched as a possible solution for safe sleep. The city has hired a new staff member to help with the unhoused initiatives.

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that September is suicide awareness month. While individuals in crisis nation-wide can call 988, local individuals may be able to receive better crisis intervention by dialing 844-4-CRISIS.

Medical Director

Dr. Jennewine reported the communicable diseases for August 2022.

Chlamydia infection	30
COVID-19	761
Gonococcal infection	12
Hepatitis B	1
Hepatitis C	12
Streptococcal-Group A-invasive	1
Streptococcus pneumoniae	1
Syphilis	1

Director of Nursing

Ms. Corbin informed the board that CMHD has ordered flu vaccine and should be ready to vaccinate in October.

CMHD has received the bivalent COVID vaccine and will begin boosting once Dr. Jennewine signs orders.

Ms. Corbin informed that board she and Ms. Brown will be representing CMHD at the Heart Walk at Atrium Medical Center on September 17, 2022.

Environmental Director

Ms. Ealy informed the board that plans have been approved for Central Connections. SheAesthetics and Bingo Bloc have had plans approved and a pre-licensure inspection has been scheduled.

Ms. Ealy stated that inspectors are finishing their first round of food inspections.

Ms. Ealy stated that there are three sewage cases left waiting to be refiled in court.

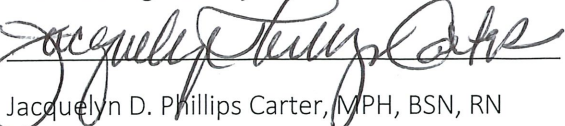
Discussions

Dr. Patrick inquired about the white substance at the end of the runway by smith park.

Mayor Condrey stated that it is lime. The city is aware of the issue is and is working on creating a lime processing unit to resolve the problem.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 AM. The next meeting will be held on October 11, 2022 at 7:30 AM.



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



Nicole Condrey, President
City of Middletown Board of Health