

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
Minutes  
March 9, 2021

The City of Middletown Board of Health met in remote session at 7:30 AM on March 9, 2021.

Members Present

Mayor Nicole Condrey, BS, President  
Jeff Bonnell  
Margie Davis, RN  
Ruth Lolli  
Charlene Kurtz, BSN, RN  
Dr. Anita Scott Jones, Ed.D., MBA, BS  
David Schul

Health Department Staff Present

Jackie Phillips Carter, MPH, BSN, RN  
Carla Ealy, RS  
Chandra Corbin, BSN, RN  
Amanda McDonald

Absent and Excused

Dr. Ken Patrick, DVM

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ROLL CALL

**Motion:** Ms. Kurtz moved, seconded by Ms. Davis to excuse Dr. Patrick.

**Roll call vote:** Yes-6(Bonnell, Davis, Lolli, Kurtz, Jones, Schul). No-0. **Motion passed.**

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-February 2021

Ms. Kurtz noted that Dengue Fever had been spelled wrong at the top of page two, Ms. Condrey also noted that the word bias should read "biased" at the bottom of page two.

**Motion:** Ms. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Schul to approve the corrected February 2021 Board of Health Meeting Minutes.

**Roll call vote:** Yes-6(Bonnell, Davis, Lolli, Kurtz, Jones, Schul). No-0. **Motion passed.**

RECEIVE AND FILE FINANCIAL REPORT-February 2021

**Motion:** Ms. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Bonnell to receive and file the February 2021 Financial Report.

**Roll call vote:** Yes-6(Bonnell, Davis, Lolli, Kurtz, Jones, Schul). No-0. **Motion passed.**

EDUCATION PRESENTATION- Childhood Mental Illness

Dr. Jennewine shared an educational presentation on childhood mental illness. An estimated 20% of children have a diagnosable mental illness during any given year. Suicide is the leading cause of death in children age 10-17. The most common mental illnesses among children include: ADHD, anxiety, mood disorders, disruptive behavior disorder, elimination disorders, schizophrenia, and tic disorders.

Dr. Jennewine listed the following warning signs of developing mental illnesses in children: changes in school performance, use of drugs or alcohol, changes in sleep and/or eating habits, excessive complaints of physical disorders, intense fear of gaining weight, loss of interests in friends and activities, and withdrawing or spending excessive amounts

of time alone. Causes of mental illness can be hereditary or biological, but can also be caused by psychological trauma or environmental circumstances.

Diagnosing mental illnesses in children can be more difficult than with adults because many of the signs of mental illness in children can also occur as a normal part of development. Behaviors become symptoms when they occur very often, last a long time, occur at an unusual age, or cause significant disruption the child's or family's, ability to function. There are no specific tests to diagnose mental illnesses in children, only tests to rule out other disorders.

Treatment of mental illness include medication and psychotherapy; many children benefit from a combination of both. Treatments are usually effective, although often times to varying degrees depending on the individual and severity of illness.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic there has been a 25-50% increase in children diagnosed with mental illness requiring treatment. Contributing factors include: homes with financial strains due to parental job losses, increased difficulty with access to healthcare and treatment options, isolation from peers and other adults outside the home due to the lockdowns, and parental mental health issues inside the home due to COVID.

Data involving suicide rates is conflicting. Some areas show as high as 67% increases, other areas show little change from 2019. It will be one to two years until the data is better collected, analyzed and understood.

The American Academy of Pediatrics reviewed visits to pediatric emergency departments from January-July. February, March, April and July were most notable. All four months were when COVID concerns were the highest.

## Medical Director

Dr. Jennewine reported the February communicable disease numbers.

Chlamydia infection	19
COVID-19	281
Gonococcal infection	12
Hepatitis B	1
Hepatitis C	5
Varicella	1

## OLD BUSINESS

### COVID

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that CMHD has received 300 doses of the Johnson and Johnson one-dose vaccines. We are currently compiling a list of individuals interested in this vaccine. We will either be holding Johnson and Johnson clinics or hold mini-clinics at the health department.

Governor DeWine has increased qualifying categories to receive the vaccine to 50 years or older, type II diabetics, those with end stage renal disease, and childcare, adult daycare and funeral workers.

CMHD will be holding a Moderna clinic on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at Miller Ridge Elementary School, with 500-600 patients expected.

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that any individual looking to receive a vaccine should call the health department at 513-425-7844.

### PHAB

Ms. Phillips Carter stated that CMHD has been hard at work preparing for the PHAB site visit at the end of May.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Travel Authorizations

None.

### Review of Regional Harm Reduction Collaborative Funding for Syringe Supply Services (SSP)

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that the money from the mental health board goes to offset the funding of SEP.

### Approval of Agreement between the Board of Health of the Butler County General Health District and City of Middletown Health Department-COVID-19 Vaccine Grant

Ms. Phillips Carter stated that CMHD has already received the money from this grant. The money is being used to fund the vaccine clinics being held by CMHD.

**Motion:** Ms. Kurtz moved, seconded by Ms. Davis to approve the COVID-19 Vaccine Grant.

**Roll call vote:** Yes-6(Bonnell, Davis, Lolli, Kurtz, Jones, Schul). No-0. **Motion passed.**

### Public Health Week-April 5-11, 2021

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that public health week is April 5-11, 2021. Public health week is a time to recognize the contributions of public health and highlight issues that are important to improving our nation's health. Included in the BOH packet is a detailed list of the topics being focused on this year.

Mr. Bonnell felt the topics seemed political and asked Ms. Phillips Carter if she agreed. Ms. Phillips Carter explained that these initiatives are ongoing concern covered by public health. Board members Mr. Schul and Ms. Kurtz agreed that similar topics have been discussed over the years.

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that ODH gave a kudos to Butler County for their success in vaccinating minorities. Butler County General Health District Health Commissioner, Jenny Bailer, attributed the success of Butler County to City of Middletown Health Department Health Commissioner, Jackie Phillips Carter, for her continued efforts in reaching minority populations.

### REPORTS

#### Health Commissioner

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that she took part in Innovation Weekend hosted by Miami University. The topic of discussion this year was homelessness. Ms. Phillips Carter stated that this event continues to be enlightening every year. The students are smart, care and ask great questions. Ms. Phillips Carter commented that our future is in great hands. Ms. Phillips Carter and Ms. Corbin will be strategically planning a Latino vaccine clinic in an effort to continue to reach minority populations.

Ms. Phillips Carter and Ms. Ealy have been attending meetings discussing festivals, parades, etc. The governor is expected to lift some, if not all, of the restrictions once we get down to 50 cases per 100,000 Ohioans.

#### Director of Nursing

Ms. Corbin informed the board that CMHD has given 4,603 vaccines since December 21, 2020. 2,513 doses were given in February.

Ohio Department of Health is strongly encouraging use of their website, Vaccine Management Solution (VMS), to schedule vaccinations. CMHD piloted the system on Thursday, March 4, 2021. Ms. Corbin states that this a good tool. Ms. Corbin informed the board that there is a COVID outbreak at a local manufacturing company. The company has done well quarantining affected employees. The outbreak is thought to have started at a lunch meeting. There are 23 employees currently either quarantined or tested positive.

#### Environmental Director

Ms. Ealy stated that she has been working with organizations in getting them on board with what they need when everything is opened back up.

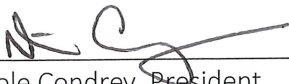
Ms. Ealy informed the board that there were actually six homeowners being taken to court over failure to connect to city sewer. One additional homeowner will be served by a process server as he lives out of town.

Ms. Ealy stated that she and Ms. Mourer have been able to complete most inspections. There were a few seasonal places that did not open at all.

Ms. Ealy informed the board that in the City of Middletown there are: 261 FSO/RFE operations, 29 pools, 18 mobiles, 2 campgrounds and 6 body art facilities.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 AM. The next meeting will be held on April 13, 2021 at 7:30 AM.

  
Jacquelyn D. Phillips Carter, MPH, BSN, RN  
Secretary  
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Nicole Condrey, President  
City of Middletown Board of Health