

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
BOARD OF HEALTH
Minutes
April 13, 2021

The City of Middletown Board of Health met in remote session at 7:30 AM on April 13, 2021.

Members Present

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

Health Department Staff Present

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

Absent and Excused

None

ROLL CALL

All board members were present except Dr. Anita Scott Jones who unexpectedly passed on April 11, 2021.

Mayor Condrey asked the board to take a moment of silence to honor Dr. Anita Scott Jones. Mayor Condrey informed the board that she plans to email Governor DeWine requesting that flags be lowered to half mast.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-March 2021

Motion: Mr. Bonnell moved, seconded by Ms. Ms. Kurtz to approve the March 2021 Board of Health Meeting Minutes.

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

RECEIVE AND FILE FINANCIAL REPORT-March 2021

Changes were made to the budgetary report for March 2021 to ensure COVID related expenses were listed as such.

Motion: Dr. Patrick moved, seconded by Mr. Bonnell to receive and file the March 2021 Financial Report.

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

EDUCATION PRESENTATION- Sexually Transmitted Infections

Dr. Jennewine informed the board that he would be giving an overview on sexually transmitted infections (STI's), formally known as sexually transmitted diseases. STI's are acquired through sexual activity and can be caused by a virus, bacteria or parasite. STI's can also be passed from mother to child or by sharing needles. STI's do not always cause symptoms thereby increasing the risk of spreading the infection while also increasing the transmission rate.

The most common sexually transmitted infections are: chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, mycoplasma genitalium, HPV, herpes and hepatitis. Symptoms can include: skin sores, painful urination, vaginal bleeding, pain during intercourse, fever and rashes.

Risk factors include: unprotected sex, multiple partners, a history of STI's, rape, misuse of alcohol or recreational drugs, injecting intravenous drugs, young age (half of all STI's reported occur in those aged 15-24), men who request erectile dysfunction prescriptions. Preventions includes: abstinence, using protection, only having one un-infected partner, vaccines, avoiding drinking excessively and male circumcision. STI's are most commonly diagnosed through urine samples. Treatments can include both antibiotics and antivirals depending on the infection.

Dr. Jennewine explained to the board the effect of COVID on STI's. He stated that while data has been hard to pin down, the National Coalition of STI Directors have shown that 83% of STI services and programs have deferred their treatment throughout COVID. Numbers of reported STI's are likely to increase drastically due to lack of treatments.

OLD BUSINESS

COVID

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that Governor DeWine has rescinded and simplified all COVID orders. Most recreational activities are now open with groups still limited to ten people or less and masks must still be worn.

Ms. Phillips Carter stated that there is an increase in number of COVID cases being reported in those aged 30-60.

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that the Middletown Community Center had been planning on partnering with Premier Health to offer Friday vaccine clinics, but is unable to because of Atrium Medical Center being located in Warren County. City of Middletown Health Department has offered to partner with the Community Center.

PHAB

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that all documents must be submitted to PHAB by the end of business day on Friday, April 23, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

Travel Authorizations

None.

Renewal and Approval of Agreement to Provide Air Pollution Control Services

Ms. Phillips Carter explained that this is a basic contract with all Ohio counties. The contract will be renewed every three years. Mayor Condrey informed the board that SunCoke is not allowing citizens to participate in the Community Advisory Panel (CAP). Discussion about SunCoke followed.

Motion: Mr. Bonnell moved, seconded by Ms. Lolli to approve the Agreement to Provide Air Pollution Control Services.

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

Name, Address, Phone, Health History (NAPH) Form Update

Ms. Phillips Carter explained that these forms will be used in the event that medication needs to be distributed to board members and their families in times of emergency. Forms need to be updated and turned back in to Ms. McDonald by the next board of health meeting.

1st Quarter Report 2021

The 1st Quarter Report for 2021 and 2020 were included in the board of health packet for board members to review.

Approval of Enhanced Operations Grant #EO21-002

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that this is an updated grant that has previously been approved by the board of health. Additional money has been added to the grant.

REPORTS

Health Commissioner

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that Dr. Matt Stone has been in communication with an epidemiologist graduate student that would like to intern for CMHD this summer.

Ms. Phillips Carter will be presenting at a Lunch and Learn at the YWCA on April 21, 2021.

Ms. Carter Phillips informed the board that she will be speaking and giving an update on COVID-19 and new amended health orders and how to stay safe at the sixth Annual Faith Breakfast hosted by Coalition for a Healthy Middletown on April 27, 2021.

Medical Director

Chlamydia infection	29
COVID-19	183
Gonococcal infection	12
Hepatitis B	3
Hepatitis C	10

Director of Nursing

Ms. Corbin informed the board that as of April 13, 2021 there have been 4,635 confirmed and/or probable cases of COVID among city of Middletown residents.

Ms. Corbin explained that we are on the back end of an outbreak at AK Steel. There was an employee that tested positive for COVID and came to work while positive. Another employee was a known contact to a positive case and reported to work within the quarantine period. Over thirty employees have now tested positive. AK Steel is now vaccinating their own employees, and have given out over 100 doses of vaccine to date.

Ms. Corbin informed the board that Pfizer is applying for clearance to be able to vaccinate children twelve and older. Johnson and Johnson is now recruiting children nine and older for a clinical trial.

Environmental Director

Ms. Ealy informed the board that CMHD is still collecting payments for food licenses. There are approximately 25 facilities that have not yet renewed their licenses. Facilities will not be penalized with a late fee until after July 1, 2021.

Pool and campground license renewals have been mailed out and are due April 30, 2021.


Ms. Ealy stated that she and Ms. Mourer are continuing to conduct septic inspections.

Ms. Ealy informed the board that there are two new businesses that have been licensed in Middletown. Mz. Jade's has moved to a new location, 6 S. Broad Street, and is now open for business. Midtown Nutrition, a smoothie shop, is now open on Central Ave. Ms. Ealy stated that there is a business interested in opening at Mz. Jade's former location in the Pendleton Center.

Ms. Phillips Carter thanked Mayor Condrey for the Public Health Week Proclamation presented to CMHD at the April 6th city council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 AM. The next meeting will be held on May 11, 2021 at 7:30 AM.


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