

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
BOARD OF HEALTH
Minutes
December 14, 2021

The City of Middletown Board of Health met in regular session at 7:30 AM on December 14, 2021.

Members Present

Mayor Nicole Condrey, BS, President
Jeff Bonnell
Margie Davis, RN
Sally Kash, MS, RN
Charlene Kurtz, BSN, RN
Ruth Lolli
David Schul, Vice President

Health Department Staff Present

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

Absent and Excused

Dr. Ken Patrick, DVM

ROLL CALL

Motion: Ms. Kash moved, seconded by Mr. Schul to excuse Dr. Patrick.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-November 2021

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

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

RECEIVE AND FILE FINANCIAL REPORT-November 2021

Motion: Mr. Bonnell moved, seconded by Ms. Davis to receive and file the November 2021 Financial Report.

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

EDUCATION PRESENTATION-HIV

Dr. Jennewine presented the board of health with an overview of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). HIV is an RNA virus, RNA is less stable than DNA making it more susceptible to mutations. HIV affects immune cells in humans. The virus was first identified in 1981. Retrospectively it is believed that the first case in the United States occurred 1966. HIV was initially called 4H Disease, as it was seen in homosexuals, heroin users, hemophiliacs and Haitians.

Initial symptoms are the same as many typical viral symptoms and include: fever/chills, night sweats, enlarged lymph nodes and oral ulcers. The virus destracts CD4+ cells. If left untreated, HIV will progress to a diagnosis of Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) in which cell mediated immunity is essentially lost and the host becomes susceptible to opportunistic infections.

HIV is transmitted through bodily fluids including: blood, seminal fluids, vaginal fluids and breast milk. HIV is not transmissible through saliva or if the viral load is less than 50 copies/ML.

To diagnose an individual with HIV, an ELISA (enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay) is given to test for HIV antibodies. Although this is a quick and very accurate blood test, there is up to a six-month delay before antibodies can be detected. There is no cure for HIV. It is a lifelong disease/condition once it is acquired. There are anti-retroviral drugs used to treat HIV making it more of a chronic condition than a progression to AIDS.

In 2019, there were an estimated 11,189,700 million people aged 13 and older living with HIV in the United States, including an estimated 158,500 (13%) people with infections that have not been diagnosed. 36,801 new cases of HIV were diagnosed in the United States in 2019. In 2019, 66% of cases diagnosed were among men having sex with men and 6.8% of cases diagnosed were among IV drug users. In 2021, only 16% of cases diagnosed are among men having sex with men and 61% of cases diagnosed are among IV drug users. The city of Middletown has seen HIV numbers nearly double from 2018 to the end of November 2021.

OLD BUSINESS

COVID

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that there has been an increase in COVID cases, most cases reported are the delta variant.

Discussions

Ms. Kurtz added that Miami Valley Hospital and Atrium Medical Center are both opening additional units to treat COVID patients, stating that Middletown cases have increased dramatically.

Dr. Jennewine added that his office saw a large increase two weeks ago.

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that CMHD vaccination clinics have been going well, stating that while most vaccines given seem to be booster doses, we are still seeing some first doses and pediatric doses in our clinics.

Ms. Kurtz added that roughly 86% of COVID cases in the hospital appear to be among the unvaccinated.

Ms. Kash inquired the ages of those hospitalized.

Ms. Kurtz replied that it is anywhere from six months to the elderly.

PHAB

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that all documentation is to be turned in to PHAB in August 2022. Many health departments have filed for an extension with PHAB. CMHD will be working diligently on completing all documentation beginning January 2022 and at this time, will not be filing for an extension.

NEW BUSINESS

Travel Authorizations

None.

MBHE Ordinance No. 2021-02 and MBHE Ordinance No. 2021-03 Read by Title Only and Declaring an Emergency

Ms. Phillips Carter explained to the board that CMHD always presents a preliminary budget to the BOH around September. It then must be approved by City Council. It is brought back to the BOH in December to adopt the budget that was already approved by City Council. It is declared an emergency because it is effective January 1, 2022.

Motion: Ms. Kash moved, seconded by Mr. Schul to read MBHE Ordinance No. 2021-02 and MBHE Ordinance No. 2021-03 by title only and declaring an emergency.

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

Approval MBHE Ordinance No. 2021-02- 2022 Pay and Benefits

Motion: Ms. Kurtz moved, seconded by Ms. Lolli to approve MBHE Ordinance No. 2021-02-Pay and Benefits.

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

Approval of MBHE Ordinance No. 2021-03- 2022 Health Department Budget

Motion: Ms. Kash moved, seconded by Mr. Schul to approve MBHE Ordinance No. 2021-03- Health Department Budget.

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

REPORTS

Health Commissioner

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that a Lefferson Road resident that complied with sewer connection orders has made a complaint stating that the health department is not doing anything to those residents that did not comply with connection orders. Ms. Phillips Carter explained that the health department enforces the law which states that residents must connect to sewer when it is available. Those that did not comply were turned over to the city prosecutors office. CMHD did not make any exceptions, and no residents were considered exempt from connection orders.

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that she met with the city manager, assistant city manager and the chief of police to discuss the un-housed. The goal is to locate a cold shelter and a permanent solution for housing.

Ms. Phillips Carter met with new city councilman, Zack Ferrell, and discussed the health department and the role CMHD plays in the city.

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that the smoking initiative has recently gained more traction. Envision will be presenting to the BOH the first part of 2022.

Medical Director

Dr. Jennewine presented the board with November's monthly communicable disease numbers.

Campylobacteriosis	1
Chlamydia infection	22
COVID-19	572
Giardiasis	1
Gonococcal infection	14
Hepatitis B	5
Hepatitis C	12
Streptococcal-Group A-invasive	2
Streptococcus pneumoniae	2
Tuberculosis	1

Director of Nursing

Ms. Corbin informed the board that there was one positive case of tuberculosis reported to CMHD in November. There were five cases of the flu reported in November, and three have already been reported in December. All cases of the flu reported to CMHD have been influenza a.

Ms. Corbin reported to the board that CMHD has given over 10,000 COVID vaccinations.

There was a sharp decrease in the number of patients seeking COVID vaccines in the beginning of November, then the number sharply increased. CMHD is providing more than 100 vaccines weekly. Ms. Corbin reported that children are doing great with vaccines.

Ms. Corbin stated that as of late, there have been more probable cases of COVID reported than confirmed cases.

Ms. Corbin states that home tests do create a notification issue with local health departments.



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Environmental Director

Ms. Ealy informed the board that two new restaurants have been licensed in Middletown, Triple J's Essential Deli on Central Avenue and DC Roadhouse on Vail Street.

Ms. Ealy stated that CMHD has received and disapproved plans for Hector's Taco Shop located on Central Avenue due to incomplete information being turned in to the health department.

Ms. Ealy informed the board that the state has requested information on Lakeside Inn trying to collect \$7600 in unpaid smoking violation fines.

Ms. Ealy informed the board that two cease and desist orders have been issued to individuals selling food out of their homes.

Ms. Ealy informed the board that there was a public record request regarding a dog bite involving a dog that bit and killed another dog as well as biting a person.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 AM. The next meeting will be held on January 11, 2022 at 7:30 AM.

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

Nicole Condrey, President
City of Middletown Board of Health