

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
BOARD OF HEALTH
Minutes
March 10, 2020

The City of Middletown Board of Health met in regular session at 7:30 AM on March 10, 2020.

Members Present

Mayor Nicole Condrey, BS, President
Jeff Bonnell
Margie Davis, RN
Dr. Anita Scott Jones, Ed.D., MBA, BS
Sally Kash, MS, RN
Charlene Kurtz, BSN, RN
Dr. Ken Patrick, DVM

Health Department Staff Present

Jackie Phillips, MPH, BSN, RN
Carla Ealy, RS
Paul Jennewine, MD
Amanda McDonald

Absent and Excused

David Schul

ROLL CALL

Motion: Ms. Kurtz moved, seconded by Ms. Davis to excuse Mr. Schul.

Roll call Vote: Yes-6 (Bonnell, Davis, Jones, Kash, Kurtz, Patrick). No-0. Motion passed.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-February 2020

Motion: Ms. Kash moved, seconded by Dr. Jones to approve the February 2020 Board of Health Meeting Minutes.

Roll call Vote: Yes-6 (Bonnell, Davis, Jones, Kash, Kurtz, Patrick). No-0. Motion passed.

RECEIVE AND FILE FINANCIAL REPORT- February 2020

Ms. Phillips informed the board that staff has devoted an exorbitant amount of time and money on the COVID-19 pandemic. The state should be reimbursing local health departments for expidntures relating directly to the crisis. Ms. Phillips extended an invitation to new board members to review intricate parts of the budget with her if they have any questions.

Motion: Ms. Kurtz moved, seconded by Ms. Kash to receive and file the February 2020 Financial Report.

Roll call Vote: Yes-6 (Bonnell, Davis, Jones, Kash, Kurtz, Patrick). No-0. Motion passed.

EDUCATION PRESENTATION-Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Coronavirus Disease 19, also known as COVID-19 or SARS-CoV-2, is part of a large family of viruses typically infecting mammals and birds. In humans, these viruses cause respiratory infections that are typically mild, such as the common cold. Rarer forms of corona viruses can be lethal. No vaccines or antiviral drugs have been proven effective against human coronavirus infections.

Currently, those being tested must meet the following criteria: fever or signs/symptoms of lower respiratory illness and the patient has had close contact with a lab confirmed COVID-19 patient within 14 days of symptom onset, fever and signs/symptoms of a lower respiratory illness requiring hospitalization and a history of travel from affected geographic areas within 14 days of symptom onset, or fever with severe acute lower respiratory illness without an alternative diagnosis with no identified source of exposure. Human transmission is thought to be mainly from: person to person, close contact with an infected person (within six feet), and respiratory droplets. It is thought to be most contagious while an infected individual is most ill. The average incubation is thought to be five to seven days, but may be up to 14 days. Higher risk individuals seem to include older adults and those with underlying health issues.

Prevention includes standard precautions such as: avoiding close contact with those who are sick, avoiding touching the face, stay at home if you are sick, cover coughs and sneezes, clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces, wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. There is no specific antiviral treatment recommended for COVID-19, only supportive care to help relieve symptoms. Severe cases may require hospitalization to support vital organ functions.

OLD BUSINESS

PHAB

Ms. Phillips informed the board that the PHAB site visit has been scheduled for October 14th and 15th, 2020.

Ms. Ealy stated that she and Ms. Kash attended the Tobacco 21 meeting in Warren County to discuss enforcement. Cincinnati is in the process of licensing their facilities, and will begin compliance checks in June. The next step for CMHD will be to create the ordinance, have the law department review the ordinance, and then bring it to the Board of Health for approval and adoption.

NEW BUSINESS

Travel Authorizations

Ms. Phillips requested authorization to attend the Governor's meeting in Columbus, Ohio.

Motion: Dr. Patrick moved, seconded by Ms. Kash to approve travel authorization.

Roll call Vote: Yes-4 (Davis, Jones, Kash, Patrick). No-0. **Motion passed.**

Agreement between City of Middletown Health Department and Wright State University's Applied Policy Research Institution –Community Health Assessment

Motion: Ms. Kash moved, seconded by Ms. Davis to approve the agreement.

Roll call Vote: Yes-4 (Davis, Jones, Kash, Patrick). No-0. **Motion passed.**

Approval of Infant Mortality Grant Agreement

Ms. Phillips stated that City of Middletown Health Department will have the ability to receive compensation up to the amount of \$13,000 for the work and efforts contributed to the reduction of infant mortality.

Motion: Dr. Jones moved, seconded by Ms. Davis to approve the Infant Mortality Grant Agreement.

Roll call Vote: Yes-4 (Davis, Jones, Kash, Patrick). No-0. **Motion passed.**

Approval of Agreement between Hamilton County General Health District and City of Middletown/City of Middletown Health Department-Syringe Exchange Program

Ms. Phillips explained that this agreement has previously been approved quarterly, we will now be approving every six months.

Motion: Ms. Kash moved, seconded by Ms. Davis to approve the Agreement between Hamilton County General Health District and City of Middletown/City of Middletown Health Department-Syringe Exchange Program.

Roll call Vote: Yes-4 (Davis, Jones, Kash, Patrick). No-0. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS

Health Commissioner

Ms. Phillips stated that the annual Innovation Weekend was held at Miami University in Oxford. This year's problem was to solve food insecurity. Ms. Phillips was able to raise COVID-19 awareness and the additional layer of challenges with food insecurity at a time of pandemic crisis.

Environmental Director

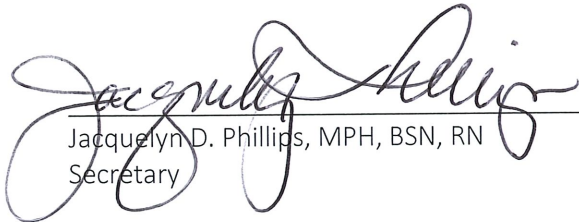
Ms. Ealy informed the board that the septic survey results have been received from Ohio Department of Health. City of Middletown Health Department passed the survey. The septic survey is conducted every three years.

Ms. Ealy stated that Ms. Mourer has begun conducting the five year septic system survey (inspections) on the non-mechanical systems.

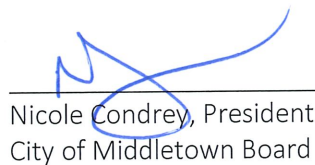
We are still in the process of collecting food license fees and the septic permit/inspection fees.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 AM. The next meeting will be held on April 14, 2020 at 7:30 AM.



Jacquelyn D. Phillips, MPH, BSN, RN
Secretary



Nicole Condrey, President
City of Middletown Board of Health