

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
Minutes  
June 9, 2020**

The City of Middletown Board of Health met in remote session at 7:30 AM on June 9, 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  
David Schul

**Health Department Staff Present**

Jackie Phillips, MPH, BSN, RN  
Carla Ealy, RS  
Paul Jennewine, MD  
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 Mr. Bonnell to excuse Dr. Patrick.

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

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES-May 2020**

**Motion:** Ms. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Bonnell to approve the May 2020 Board of Health Meeting Minutes.

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

**RECEIVE AND FILE FINANCIAL REPORT- May 2020**

Ms. Phillips noted that any negative balance in the other professional services line item due to additional expenses caused by COVID-19 will be covered by a transfer of funds from the surplus in the miscellaneous revenues line item in September or October.

**Motion:** Ms. Kash moved, seconded by Mr. Schul to receive and file the May 2020 Financial Report.

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

**EDUCATION PRESENTATION-Suicide Demographics and Trends**

Ms. Corbin explained to the board that Ohio and Butler County suicide trends tend to be higher than the national average. Five Ohioans commit suicide every day, one youth commits suicide every 33 hours. Suicide rates have increased 41% since 2007, while youth suicide rates have increased 65%. Butler County has implemented the “No Wrong Door” initiative to aid individuals seeking assistance find the resources that are needed. The No Wrong Door Initiative is county-wide and ensures that when people are in need they can be connected to services regardless of what agency they call seeking help.

## OLD BUSINESS

### **PHAB**

PHAB has proposed remote site visits and has given local health departments either two, four, or six month extensions. We are hoping to have our site visit completed by December 2020. Ms. Corbin and Ms. G-Knight are now handling all of the case tracing, freeing time for Ms. Phillips and health department staff to move forward with PHAB. A new Community Health Assessment (CHA) is underway, a new Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) will be completed, and a new Strategic Plan will be developed.

### **COVID**

Ms. Phillips explained that the Health Inspectors/Sanitarians have been heavily involved with the reopening of food service operations, retail food establishments, pools, and body art facilities. They have worked closely with store owners and operators on adhering to the guidelines and orders handed down by Dr. Acton. Sanitarians have also been investigating complaints received regarding businesses of any kind failing to comply with guidelines and orders.

Ms. Phillips explained that individuals must weigh their risks and find safer ways to conduct activities. The Health Commissioner does not “sign off” or give permission, but rather provide consultations, education, and recommendations on limiting risks and exposures. Ms. Phillips has been invited to speak with the Middletown School Board in June, exploring safer ways for schools to reopen.

Ms. Phillips informed the board that there are possible COVID testing opportunities that will be coming to the men’s and women’s shelters in Middletown. There is also a possible testing opportunity that will be coming soon, details to follow.

## NEW BUSINESS

### **Travel Authorizations**

None.

## REPORTS

### **Health Commissioner**

Ms. Phillips informed the board that she will be having a meeting with acting City Manager looking at the budget and discussing possible cuts due to COVID.

### **Medical Director**

Dr. Jennewine reported on the May communicable disease numbers.

Aseptic meningitis	1
Hepatitis A	2
Hepatitis B	3
Hepatitis C	11
Gonorrhea	17
Chlamydia	23

Dr. Jennewine stated that national COVID case numbers peaked the second week of April, with death totals peaking the third week of April. Ohio’s COVID case numbers peaked the third week of April, with death totals peaking the fourth week of April. Butler County’s COVID case numbers peaked the second week of May, and numbers continue to trend downward.

### **Director of Nursing**

Ms. Corbin informed the board that there have been total of 118 confirmed or probable COVID cases in Middletown, case numbers have been trending consistently. One assisted living facility will begin testing staff and residents for antigens.

Ms. Corbin informed the board that assisted living facilities will be allowing outdoor visitation with limitations in place. Governor DeWine and Dr. Acton have announced that the National Guard will be conducting testing on long term care facility staff members.


#### **Environmental Director**

Ms. Ealy stated that CMHD has received approval of our campground survey conducted by Ohio Department of Health (ODH). ODH has also accepted the action plan for CMHD's food service program.

Ms. Ealy stated that she and Ms. Mourer continue to receive and investigate complaints regarding COVID concerns, most complaints involve employees not wearing face masks. Ms. Ealy and Ms. Mourer investigate each complaint and talk to the facility clarifying the orders. The goal is to provide education to facilities, creating a safer environment for both employees and patrons. Ms. Phillips states that some health departments have used criminal charges to force businesses to comply with COVID orders, but reiterates that CMHD is business-friendly and will have sanitarians work with businesses to provide education and additional resources to gain compliance.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30AM. The next meeting will be held on July 14 , 2020 at 7:30 AM.

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