



CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
BOARD OF HEALTH
Minutes
July 14, 2020

The City of Middletown Board of Health met in remote session at 7:30 AM on July 14, 2020.

Members Present

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

Health Department Staff Present

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

Absent and Excused

Jeff Bonnell
Margie Davis, RN

ROLL CALL

Motion: Dr. Patrick moved, seconded by Ms. Kurtz to excuse absent board members.
Roll call Vote: Yes-5 (Jones, Kash, Kurtz, Patrick, Schul). No-0. Motion passed.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-June 2020

Motion: Ms. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Schul to approve the June 2020 Board of Health Meeting Minutes.
Roll call Vote: Yes-5 (Jones, Kash, Kurtz, Patrick, Schul). No-0. Motion passed.

RECEIVE AND FILE FINANCIAL REPORT- June 2020

Ms. Phillips stated that while vital statistic and pool license revenue is trending downward due to COVID, environmental revenue has increased due to septic permits. City of Middletown Health Department will also be receiving additional state and federal funds due to COVID. Ms. Phillips states that the financials are not a concern for the 2020 or 2021 budget.

Motion: Ms. Kash moved, seconded by Dr. Jones to receive and file the June 2020 Financial Report.
Roll call Vote: Yes-5 (Jones, Kash, Kurtz, Patrick, Schul). No-0. Motion passed.

EDUCATION PRESENTATION- Public Health Advisory System for COVID-19

Ms. Phillips informed the board that Governor DeWine has developed a system for local health departments, authorities, and citizens to determine the risk level of COVID-19. There are four levels ranging from least severe to most severe in this system: 1-yellow, 2-orange, 3-red, 4- purple. The risk level will be determined by seven indicators. Counties that are in a level red with a purple star indicate that the county is a borderline level 4, most likely to reach a level 4 soon. Governor DeWine will report county risk levels weekly on Thursdays.



Ms. Phillips stated that while the City of Middletown Health Department has the capability to create its own ordinance/order mandating that all parts of the city (Butler and Warren counties) adhere to the same orders, at this time we will only be enforcing orders based on county level.

Ms. Phillips stated that public health's main mission is to prevent, protect, and promote. The three W's of COVID-19 prevention are: wear a mask, wash your hands, and watch your distance. There are also three C's to avoid: close contact, crowds, closed indoor spaces. At this time there is a large increase in the number of cases of COVID, we are seeing long term health effects on the lungs of those that have been infected, and may see a large number of chronic long term illnesses.

Discussion regarding the COVID death rate followed.

OLD BUSINESS

PHAB

Ms. Phillips informed the board that Clinton County has their remote PHAB site visit scheduled, Ms. Phillips will be joining remotely. City of Middletown Health Department plans to move ahead with the accreditation process.

NEW BUSINESS

Travel Authorizations

None.

2nd Quarter Report

Ms. Phillips stated that during Governor DeWine's original shutdown-orders, we were seeing a decrease in communicable disease numbers. Since reopening the state, we are seeing an increase in those reports.

Review and Approval of Epidemiology Services Agreement

Ms. Phillips explained to the board that out of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant, we pay for our epidemiology services. This is the same agreement that has been in place previously, it is typically renewed in July.

Review and Approval of Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Agreement

Ms. Phillips explained that this is the same grant received by City of Middletown Health Department from the state as previous years, with the deliverables changing on the state side.

Motion: Dr. Jones moved, seconded by Ms. Kash to approve the Epidemiology Services Agreement and the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Agreement.

Roll call Vote: Yes-5 (Jones, Kash, Kurtz, Patrick, Schul). No-0. Motion passed.

REPORTS

Health Commissioner

Ms. Phillips informed the board that CMHD will begin working on providing additional resources addressing mental health. We will begin working on an algorithm to provide to businesses on how to proceed when an employee tests positive for COVID.

Ms. Phillips stated that one of the largest challenges currently is schools reopening. The three health departments in Butler County are working together with school officials to determine the safest way possible to begin the school year, considering all options available to keep children and the community as safe as possible while COVID numbers continue to increase.



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Director of Nursing

Ms. Corbin reported the communicable disease numbers for June 2020.

Chlamydia Infection	39
COVID-19	93
Cryptosporidiosis	1
Giardiasis	1
Gonococcal Infection	21
Hepatitis A	2
Hepatitis B-Perinatal Infection	1
Hepatitis B (including delta)-c chronic	1
Hepatitis C- acute	1
Hepatitis C- chronic	7
Legionellosis	1

Ms. Corbin informed the board that Ohio National Guard came in to test four long term care facilities in Middletown the first week in July. As of this time, we have not received any new additional positive cases from that testing. In order to close the "outbreak" status of a facility, they must go thirty days without any new cases.

Environmental Director

Ms. Ealy stated that sanitarians are currently working on complaints received concerning businesses not following the Director's mandate orders, as well as continuing with inspections of facilities.

There are three new facilities in Middletown that have just been licensed. A bar located on Central Avenue in the old FOE location, BAAB's located on Carmody Boulevard, and BAR II located on Elliott Drive.

Ms. Ealy stated that the ten person gathering order is still in effect.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30AM. The next meeting will be held on August 11, 2020 at 7:30 AM.



Jacquelyn D. Phillips, MPH, BSN, RN
Secretary



Nicole Condrey, President
City of Middletown Board of Health