

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
BOARD OF HEALTH
Minutes
August 11, 2020

The City of Middletown Board of Health met in remote session at 7:30 AM on August 11, 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
David Schul

Health Department Staff Present

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

Absent and Excused

All board members were present.

ROLL CALL

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

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-July 2020

Motion: Ms. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Schul to approve the July 2020 Board of Health Meeting Minutes.

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

RECEIVE AND FILE FINANCIAL REPORT- July 2020

Motion: Ms. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Schul to receive and file the July 2020 Financial Report.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION-Personnel Discussion

Motion: Ms. Kurtz moved, seconded by Mr. Schul to move to executive session.

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

Ms. Kash joined the remote meeting at 7:40 AM.

Regular session resumed at 7:59AM

ROLL CALL

All board members were present.

EDUCATION PRESENTATION- COVID-19 Testing

Ms. Corbin explained to the board that there are currently two COVID tests available. The first, and “gold standard” of COVID-19 testing, is the PCR test. This test is a nasopharyngeal swab that tests for the viral RNA found in COVID-19. While these tests have proven to be more accurate than antigen testing, the results are not as quickly available. The second is an antigen test, this tests for proteins that are identified in the COVID-19 virus. These tests are proven to be fairly accurate, but are not typically used by itself for diagnosis. An antigen test would be given to an individual that has known exposures and is experiencing signs and symptoms of COVID-19. Antigen testing is currently the only rapid testing available, providing results in as little as 15-20 minutes. Antigen positive patients are not considered confirmed, instead being considered probable until confirmed by a PCR test. Currently we are looking for quicker methods to test for COVID-19 without losing the accuracy provided by PCR testing.

OLD BUSINESS

PHAB

Ms. Phillips informed the board that she was invited by Health Commissioner Bauer to remotely join Clinton County’s virtual PHAB site visit. CMHD is still awaiting site visit dates.

NEW BUSINESS

Travel Authorizations

None.

Approval of Syringe Exchange Program (SEP) Contract

Ms. Phillips informed the board that in the past, the SEP contract was renewed quarterly and has now been changed to biannually. No services were provided by SEP to Middletown for the second quarter of 2020. This new amended contract will take us through the end of the year with no impact on the health department’s budget.

Motion: Dr. Jones moved, seconded by Ms. Kash to approve the Syringe Exchange Program Contract.

Roll call Vote: Yes-7 (Bonnell, Davis, Jones, Kash, Kurtz, Patrick, Schul). No-0. **Motion passed.**

Approval of Amendment to 2020 Agreement between City of Middletown Health Department and Wright State University’s Applied Policy Research Institution

Ms. Phillips explained to the board that due to COVID-19, the dates of the agreement have now been extended through January 2021.

Roll call Vote: Yes-7 (Bonnell, Davis, Jones, Kash, Kurtz, Patrick, Schul). No-0. **Motion passed.**

REPORTS

Health Commissioner

Ms. Phillips informed the board that the governor and state dictate that any death certificate with COVID-19 listed on it, will count as a COVID death. In light of this change, the COVID deaths for Middletown residents has increased from two to seven, with three of them occurring in July. Discussion about COVID and comorbidities followed.

Ms. Phillips stated that moving forward, CMHD will be focusing on the mental health of the community. Implementing strategies to offset the “mood” of COVID.

Ms. Phillips informed the board that there have been 232 non-fatal drug overdoses within the City of Middletown year-to-date, compared to the 246 year-to-date 2019 totals. Ms. Phillips stated that while many programs have been placed on hold due to COVID, CMHD was able to utilize Access Counseling to provide a syringe exchange in Middletown.

Medical Director

Dr. Jennewine stated that no communicable disease report was provided by Butler County at the time of the Board of Health meeting.

Director of Nursing

Ms. Corbin explained to the board that there was a large uptick in COVID cases throughout July. Ms. Corbin states that we will need to see a continuous decline for fourteen consecutive days before believing that we are headed in the right direction.

Ms. Corbin informed the board that school clinics will be working with Centerpoint to provide pretesting at a mass drive-thru event. If needed, CMHD will help Centerpoint notify patients of their results.

Environmental Director

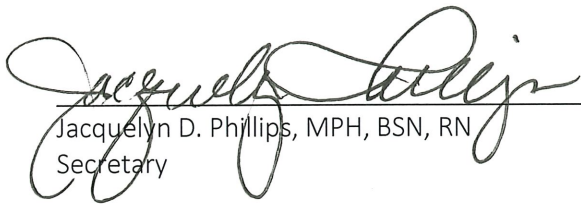
Ms. Ealy informed the board that CMHD has received the following plan reviews for new facilities throughout July: Lunar Body Art, Chipotle, Garrett's Mobile, Dairy Queen, and Greentree Science Academy.

Ms. Ealy stated that while the Ohio Department of Agriculture was scheduled to conduct a retail food establishment survey in the year of 2020, it has now been placed on hold until 2021 due to COVID-19.

Ms. Ealy states that CMHD will continue to conduct septic inspections.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39AM. The next meeting will be held on September 8, 2020 at 7:30 AM.


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