

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
Minutes  
October 13, 2020**

The City of Middletown Board of Health met in remote and regular session at 7:30 AM on October 13, 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  
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**

Charlene Kurtz, BSN, RN

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**ROLL CALL**

**Motion:** Ms. Kash moved, seconded by Ms. Davis to excuse Ms. Kurtz.

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

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES-September 2020**

Ms. Phillips informed board members that after the September 2020 meeting minutes had been sent, revisions and clarifications were made by Mayor Condrey.

**Motion:** Ms. Kash moved, seconded by Dr. Patrick to approve the revised September 2020 Board of Health Meeting Minutes.

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

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

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

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

**EDUCATION PRESENTATION- Middletown Youth Coalition**

Kristy Duritsch and Laura Acosta presented the board with information about the Middletown Youth Coalition. Ms. Duritsch informed the board that after conducting a survey among youth, it was revealed that within the last 30 days: 44.8% of 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders have experienced stress, 32.9% have experienced anxiety, 23.5% have experienced depression, and 22.2% have experienced the desire to be alone all the time. Ms. Duritsch continued that within the last 30 days 45.3% of 9-12<sup>th</sup> graders have experienced stress, 33.1% anxiety, 25.5% depression, and 24.6% have experienced the desire to be alone all the time. It was revealed that more than half of students from 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade never or seldom attend church or synagogue, almost 75% of students never or seldom take part in community activity, and 57.9% never or seldom take part in school activities.

In light of these survey results, the Youth Coalition was formed. The Youth Coalition consists of 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders and are led by the youth leadership team called “Youth Ambassadors.” Ms. Duritsch stated that Middletown Youth Coalition envisions a Middletown where youth are making healthy, educated and responsible choices about drug, alcohol use, and self-care, and those choices are supported by the community through sustainable policies and programs developed by the youth.

Middletown Youth Coalition is composed of youth ambassadors, youth members, committees that are manned by the youth to organize events and programs, and leader conferences where the youth hold meetings with adult advisors once a quarter to give updates and get advice. Middletown Youth Coalition strives to have a safe space to meet, have the chance to meet and discuss with community leaders, host training and skill building opportunities, and to provide an awesome, fun-loving group of youth leaders. There are monthly events including skill builds/training, volunteer opportunities, and meetings with community leaders.

Ms. Acosta informed the board that as a part of a Middletown Youth Coalition initiative, youth members conducted environmental scans on local stores and restaurants. The compliance check provided a line of defense against businesses failing to request identification to verify age, and therefore selling alcohol or tobacco products to underage youth.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **PHAB**

Ms. Phillips informed the board that City of Middletown Health Department has received a tentative site visit date of the first week of February. Ms. Phillips states that we are still unsure if the visit will be held in-person, remote, or a combination of both.

### **Budget**

Ms. Phillips stated that the first reading of the budget has been held by City Council. While it appears that the health department’s budget has increased, it is due to Syringe Exchange funds being included in the budget.

Following up with mayor Condrey’s question at the September meeting, Ms. Phillips informed the board that only one health department staff member will be paid out for comp time accrued throughout 2020. This comp time will be paid through the CARES Act, and not out of the city budget.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Travel Authorizations**

None.

### **Personnel Appointment**

Ms. Phillips informed the board that Laura Brown began as a Health Clerk in September 2019 and stepped into the Deputy Vital Statistic Registrar position in February 2020.

**Motion:** Dr. Patrick moved, seconded by Ms. Kash to approve the appointment of Laura Brown as Deputy Vital Statistic Registrar.

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

### **COVID Response Grant #21-001**

This grant has previously been approved by the Board of Health. Ms. Phillips informed the board that any time there are additional monies added to a grant, the grant is then updated and brought to the board for approval once again.

**Motion:** Mr. Bonnell moved, seconded by Ms. Kash to approval the COVID Response Grant #21-001.

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

**Contact Tracing Grant #21-002**

Mayor Condrey noted that in section 11 the contract referenced “grantee” when it should have read “contractor.” The mayor noted that this is the same error that was found on the Coronavirus Response Grant #20.

**Motion:** Ms. Kash moved, seconded by Mr. Bonnell to approve the Contact Tracing Grant #21-002 with “grantee” corrected to “contractor.”

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

**REPORTS****Health Commissioner**

Ms. Phillips informed the board that as part of a harm reduction initiative, Carecol is experimenting with a vending machine that will dispense harm reduction supplies such as needles and condoms. The vending machine is made to be durable and would be less costly than staffing the Syringe Exchange Program. Clients would set up an appointment and then enter an ID number to obtain supplies. Ms. Phillips stated that the Middletown location continues to be the busiest of the Syringe Exchange locations.

Ms. Phillips informed the board that Middletown City Schools would be resuming in-person classes on Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Phillips continues to work with the schools and Middletown superintendent Marlon Styles as they make this transition.

Ms. Phillips reiterated that the number of COVID cases continues to rise. Ohio Governor DeWine continues to leave it to local health departments to enforce COVID policies for businesses.

**Director of Nursing**

Ms. Corbin reported the September communicable disease numbers.

Chlamydia	26
COVID 19	134
Gonococcal infection	14
Hepatitis A	1
Hepatitis B	4
Hepatitis C	12
Legionellosis	1
Streptococcal-Group A- invasive	2

Ms. Corbin stated that communicable disease numbers continue to hold steady. Cases of Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C have not increased, which Ms. Corbin contributes to the Syringe Exchange Program. Mayor Condrey inquired if this could be due to less individuals being tested throughout the COVID pandemic. Ms. Corbin stated that it appears that people are still being tested, as the number of sexual transmitted infections continue to rise.

Ms. Corbin informed the board that the number of COVID cases reported continues to rise rapidly. She stated that we had appeared to be trending downward when the number of cases reported in a single week suddenly jumped up to 94. Ms. Corbin states that 12 new cases were reported yesterday (Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>). Ms. Corbin informed the board that Ohio Department of Health’s website displays both the number of individuals tested as well as the number of positive cases.

**Environmental Director**

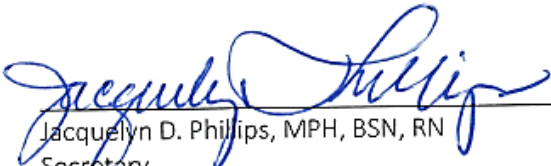

Ms. Ealy stated that she has been reviewing COVID entertainment and sports plans. Ms. Ealy and Ms. Phillips will be meeting with Jeff Payne of Downtown Middletown Inc. to discuss COVID precautions regarding events being held in downtown Middletown.

Ms. Ealy states that she and Ms. Mourer continue to conduct septic and food facility inspections.

Ms. Ealy informed the board that Butler County, Hamilton City, and City of Middletown will be sharing COVID educators that will be able to educate restaurants and bars about COVID precautions and safety measures.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59AM. The next meeting will be held on November 10, 2020 at 7:30 AM.

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