

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes

June 13, 2023

The City of Middletown Board of Health met in regular session at 7:30 AM on June 13, 2023.

Members Present

Mayor, Nicole Condrey, BS, President
Jeff Bonnell
Sally Kash, MS, RN
Ruth Lolli
Joseph Richmond
Amy Sibcy
Dr. Scott Zollett, MD

Health Department Staff Present

Jackie Phillips Carter, MPH, BSN, RN
Carla Ealy, BS, REHS
Chandra Corbin, BSN, RN
Amanda McDonald, Vital Statistics Registrar
Olivia Hall, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

Absent

None.

ROLL CALL

Motion: Ms. Kash moved, seconded by Ms. Lolli to excuse Mr. Richmond.

Roll call vote: Yes-5(Bonnell, Kash, Lolli, Sibcy, Zollett). No-0. Motion Passed.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Steve Lewis, a Middletown citizen and member of the Parks Board, joined the Board of Health meeting. Mr. Lewis stated that he was not speaking on behalf of the Parks Board, but rather as a Middletown citizen. Mr. Lewis brought up concerns regarding stray cats being fed at public parks. Mr. Lewis stated that there are ordinances and laws prohibiting the feeding of animals on public grounds, and stated that the laws needed to be adhered. Feeding cats in public parks has brought in other wild animals such as raccoons and opossums as well as predatory animals that prey on the smaller animals. Mr. Lewis stated that coyotes have been documented at the site of the old Middletown Regional Hospital. Mr. Lewis stated that round worms can be transmitted from raccoons to cats, thus presenting health concerns. Mr. Lewis encouraged Board of Health members to attend Parks Board meetings which are held at 7:30pm the second Monday of each month in Conference Room 2C.

Discussions

Mayor Condrey stated that the ordinance to which Mr. Lewis referenced was Parks Ordinance 1070.02 which states in part, "No person shall feed or provide any form of food to any animal in the park other than a dog or service animal which is in their possession. No food of any kind shall be left behind in the park and all consumable items shall be removed from the park or deposited into a park waste receptacle."

Mr. Richmond arrived at 7:40am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- May 2023

Motion: Ms. Kash moved, seconded by Ms. Lolli to approve the May 2023 Board of Health meeting minutes.

Roll call vote: Yes-6 (Bonnell, Kash, Lolli, Richmond, Sibcy, Zollett). No-0. **Motion Passed.**

RECEIVE AND FILE FINANCIAL REPORT-May 2023

Motion: Mr. Richmond moved, seconded by Ms. Sibcy to receive and file the May 2023 Financial Report.

Roll call vote: Yes-6 (Bonnell, Kash, Lolli, Richmond, Sibcy, Zollett). No-0. **Motion Passed.**

Education Presentation- Vaping-Chandra Corbin

Ms. Corbin provided the board with an overview of vaping and the need for Tobacco21 (T21). A short video discussing the addictive properties of nicotine and the ill effects that it has on a developing brain was shown to the board. Ms. Corbin explained that local tobacco retailer licensing is important for funding and coordinating T21 efforts. Tobacco Retailer Licensing (TRL) is an evidence-based way to reduce tobacco use and an important companion strategy to T21. Through annual renewal of the license, the policy sets up sustainable funding for enforcement efforts. Use of TRL can also help reduce the density, type and location of tobacco retailers.

Ms. Corbin stated that in Cincinnati after T21 was implemented, retailer sales to youth under age 21 during underage buy attempts decreased by 74% from 2021 to 2022. Youth are finding it harder to access tobacco, from 2018 to 2022 youth-reported-ease-of-access to tobacco products decreased by 27%.

Ms. Corbin explained that a CDC study found that 99% of the e-cigarettes sold in assessed venues in the United States contained nicotine. Nicotine can harm the developing adolescent brain. The brain keeps developing until about age 25. Using nicotine in adolescence can harm the parts of the brain that control attention, learning, mood and impulse control. The most common reason U.S. middle and high school students give for trying an e-cigarette is "a friend used them." The most common reason youth give for continuing to use e-cigarettes is "I am feeling anxious, stressed or depressed."

Ms. Corbin explained to the board that many of the vape pens or e-cigarettes can be hidden in plain sight due to the many different styles and varieties, some being disguised as writing pens or highlighters, making them difficult to spot.

Discussions

Ms. Phillips Carter stated that many of the vaping ads are targeted for youth. Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that Beth Race, Executive Director of Butler County Family and Children First Council, visited many of the local schools and vapes were found in classrooms as young as fourth and fifth grades.

Dr. Zollett asked how such young children were able to get vapes.

Ms. Phillips Carter stated that anyone can purchase them online.

Mayor Condrey stated that City Council's biggest concern is inhibiting Middletown businesses.

Mayor Condrey stated that the BOH is implementing T21, the question being posed to City Council is, should there be a retail density number in place and should there be zoning restrictions on tobacco shops.

Upon further discussion, it was stated that the Planning Commission would be the ones to impose zoning restrictions.

Mayor Condrey stated that the purpose of the joint meeting between BOH and City Council being held on Tuesday, June 20th, is to educate council about T21.

Mayor Condrey stated that City Council had discussed lifting the moratorium in place concerning medical marijuana dispensaries, but would still like to limit the number of dispensaries located within the city.

Dr. Zollett added that while everyone seems to be concerned with being "allowed" to do what they want, the healthcare costs associated with tobacco are astronomical.

Mayor Condrey stated that having someone from the schools present at the joint meeting would be beneficial.

Ms. Phillips Carter stated that she believes someone from the schools will be present; Kristina Latta-Landefeld of Envision Partnerships, is putting together a presentation for City Council.

Mayor Condrey stated that BOH may want to forgo a zoning recommendation.

OLD BUSINESS

PHAB

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that a Community Health Assessment (CHA) meeting will be held Wednesday, June 14th and will focus on declaring health priorities for the upcoming Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).

NEW BUSINESS

Travel Authorizations

No travel requests.

Approval of Agreement between Butler County General Health District and City of Middletown Health Department-Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)

Ms. Carter Phillips explained that CMHD has been receiving this grant since 2001. The grant goes through Butler County General Health District and CMHD is required to complete deliverables to receive funds. The new contract is effective July 1, 2023.

Motion: Ms. Kash moved, seconded by Mr. Richmond to approve the PHEP Agreement.

Roll call vote: Yes-5 (Kash, Lolli, Richmond, Sibcy, Zollett). No-0. **Motion Passed.**

Board Member Topic-Open Discussion

Mayor Condrey stated that the BOH should decide before the joint meeting with City Council what number they would like to suggest for retail density. Retail density number discussion followed. Mayor Condrey suggested that the BOH look into the policies of cities that currently have retail density numbers in place.

REPORTS

Health Commissioner

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that she will be attending the 17 Strong Symposium on June 24th that will focus on getting communities to connect and engage. Ms. Phillips Carter encouraged board members to attend the symposium. Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that CMHD will be participating in the June 14th Farmer's Market by providing food safety information.

Medical Director

In Dr. Jennewine's absence, Ms. Corbin reported the May Communicable Disease cases.

Campylobacteriosis	1
Chlamydia infection	27
Coccidioidomycosis	1
COVID-19	37
CP-CRE	4
Gonococcal infection	12
Hepatitis B	1
Hepatitis C	6

Director of Nursing

Ms. Corbin informed the board that CMHD continues to offer the bivalent COVID vaccines as we await ODH's newest recommendations to be released in the fall. Vaccines are offered the first and third Thursday of each month from 12pm-1pm at the health department.

Environmental Director

Ms. Ealy informed the board that plans have been approved for Arby's that will be located on Verity Parkway. The licensing of Mango Punch, a new mobile, has brought the city's total mobile licenses to sixteen.

Ms. Ealy explained what a "mobile" is to the board, citing that there are different types of mobiles and the differences between mobiles and temporaries.

Ms. Ealy informed the board that the city now has seven micro-markets. A micro market is a self-service retail space where individuals can purchase food and beverages.

Ms. Ealy stated that PHEP deliverables had been completed and CMHD has received funds in the amount of \$22,491.84.


Ms. Ealy stated that CMHD continues to maintain regular inspections of swimming pools and food facilities.


Ms. Ealy informed the board that the Juneteenth Festival will be held Saturday, June 17th. CMHD expects multiple temporary and mobile food vendors to attend this event.

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that Ms. Hall had held Emergency Response Plan (ERP) training for CMHD staff and will be providing the Board of Health with similar training.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 AM. The next meeting will be held on June 20, 2023 at 4:30 PM in Council Chambers. This will be a special meeting held with City Council focusing on Tobacco21.


Jacquelyn D. Phillips Carter, MPH, BSN, RN
Secretary


Nicole Condrey, President
City of Middletown Board of Health