

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
BOARD OF HEALTH
Minutes
June 11, 2024

The City of Middletown Board of Health met in regular session at 7:30 AM on June 11, 2024.

Members Present

Mayor, Elizabeth Slamka
Ruth Lolli
Emily Miller, BSN, RN
Dr. Scott Zollett, MD
Amy Sibcy
Jeff Bonnell
Sally Kash, MS, RN
Joseph Richmond, MBA

Health Department Staff Present

Jackie Phillips Carter, MPH, BSN, RN
Carla Ealy, BS, REHS
Dr. Paul Jennewine, MD
Chandra Corbin, BSN, RN
Amanda McDonald, Vital Statistics Registrar

Absent and Excused

All board members were present.

ROLL CALL

Motion: Ms. Lolli moved, seconded by Ms. Kash to excuse Mayor Slamka from the Board of Health Meeting.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 2024

Motion: Ms. Lolli moved, seconded by Ms. Kash to approve the May 2024 minutes.

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

RECEIVE AND FILE FINANCIAL REPORT-May 2024

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that the Finance Department has provided updated expense and revenue reports current through May 31st.

Ms. Phillips Carter stated that the Health Department's yearly budget is right on track for 2024 and preparation of the 2025 budget is underway. Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board of Environmental Health Specialist-in-Training, Sarah Chaney's, resignation. CMHD will look for a Registered Environmental Health Specialist in place of a Specialist-in- Training to fill the open position, which will add cost to the 2025 budget. The Registered Environmental Health Specialist position will be posted June 11, 2024.

Motion: Dr. Zollett moved, seconded by Ms. Lolli to approve the May financial report.

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

Mayor Slamka arrived at 7:39 AM.

Education Presentation- Cataracts Dr. Jennewine

Dr. Jennewine provided the board with an overview of cataracts. Cataracts cause the lens of the eye to become cloudy by proteins in the lens breaking down and clumping. The lens focuses light to hit the retina for sharp images, cataracts obstruct the light. Cataracts develop slowly over time.

There are four different types of cataracts: nuclear cataracts, cortical cataracts, posterior cataracts and congenital cataracts. Symptoms of cataracts include: clouded, blurred or dim vision, trouble with night vision, sensitivity to light, “halos,” fading or yellowing of colors, double vision and frequent changes in eye prescriptions. Risk factors include: age, family history, sun exposure, injury or surgery, radiation, diabetes, medications, alcohol and obesity.

To aid in the prevention of developing cataracts, it is recommended: sunglasses are worn when in the sunlight, quit smoking, lose weight, control blood sugar, reduce alcohol consumption and avoid injury to the eyes.

Treatments include managing the symptoms of cataracts or surgery to remove the cataracts.

NEW BUSINESS

Travel Authorizations

There were no travel authorizations requested.

Review of Ohio Department of Health’s Healthy Housing & Lead Poisoning Surveillance System (HHLPS) Local Administrator Agreement

Ms. Corbin explained that this is an agreement with Ohio Department of Health and City of Middletown Health Department that grants Ms. Corbin access to lead results for children tested in Middletown. This agreement provides Ms. Corbin with full access to the system.

REPORTS

Health Commissioner

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that Middletown Connect continues to move forward, stating that this initiative continues to connect communities which can in turn make them safer. Ms. Phillips Carter stated that the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) has also decided to place focus on communities connecting with each other. Connected communities can aid with mental health and chronic illnesses.

Middletown City Council will begin mailing a quarterly newsletter to all residents, “Health Minute” will be featured in this newsletter. Ms. Phillips Carter stated that this will be an opportunity for CMHD to send a positive and educational message to citizens.

Ms. Phillips Carter stated that CMHD will be partnering with Middletown Connect to pass out surveys in the Amanda Area to engage with residents and receive feedback on ways to better connect the community.

Interact for Health has offered Middletown Connect a \$100,000 grant over four years.

Approval of Resuming T21 Licensing

Ms. Phillips Carter and Ms. Ealy informed the board that the Ohio law prohibiting cities from banning the sale of flavored tobacco products has been ruled unconstitutional by an Ohio judge. The ruling stemmed from a lawsuit brought by more than a dozen Ohio cities. Ms. Phillips Carter explained that the CMHD had paused the T21 licensing program, but in light of this ruling will be moving forward. There are five tobacco retailers that have not yet applied or paid for their licenses. They will be sent letters as T21 programming and licensing moves forward.

Motion: Ms. Lolli moved, seconded by Mr. Richmond to move forward with the T21 program.

Roll call vote: Yes-7 (Bonnell, Lolli, Miller, Zollett, Sibcy, Kash, Richmond). No-0. **Motion Passed.**

Medical Director

Dr. Jennewine reported the May Communicable Disease cases.

C. auris	3
Campylobacteriosis	1
Chlamydia infection	33
COVID-19	25
CPO	2
Gonococcal Infection	7
Hepatitis C	4
Legionellosis	1
Pertussis	1
Streptococcal-Group A- invasive	1
Streptococcal pneumoniae- invasive	1
Syphilis	1

Director of Nursing

Ms. Corbin informed the board that CMHD will be receiving the PHEP Grant Contract by the next board meeting, with an estimated \$21,000 to continue emergency planning.

Ms. Corbin stated that there have not been any sharp rises in communicable diseases to report.

Environmental Director

Ms. Ealy informed the board three new plans were received in May, three were approved and three were licensed: Dollar Tree, Starvin Marvin and Bar Bunny.

Ms. Ealy stated that CMHD is continuing to conduct pool inspections.

Ms. Ealy informed the board that the Juneteenth celebration was held June 8th. CMHD licensed multiple temporary food vendors for the event.

Ms. Ealy stated that Ms. Chaney will be missed and was a great asset to the department.

Board Member Open Discussion

Mayor Slamka informed the board that City Council has voted against extending the moratorium on medical marijuana dispensaries in the city.

Ms. Phillips Carter stated that there is concern about the lack of research and long-term effects on children and would like to use this opportunity to provide education.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel Discussion, under the authority of O.R.C. 121.22(G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official.

Motion: Ms. Lolli moved, seconded by Ms. Kash to move into executive session at 8:27 AM.

Roll call vote: Yes-7 (Bonnell, Lolli, Miller, Zollett, Sibcy, Kash, Richmond). No-0. **Motion Passed.**

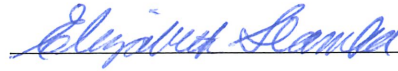
Motion: Ms. Kash moved, seconded by Ms. Lolli to resume regular session at 8:55 AM.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 AM. The next meeting will be held on July 9, 2024 at 7:30AM in Conference Room 2C.


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



Elizabeth Slamka, President
City of Middletown Board of Health