

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes

October 8, 2024

The City of Middletown Board of Health met in regular session at 7:30 AM on October 8, 2024.

Members Present

Mayor, Elizabeth Slamka
Ruth Lolli
Jeff Bonnell
Dr. Scott Zollett, MD
Emily Miller, BSN, RN

Health Department Staff Present

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

Absent and Excused

Joseph Richmond, MBA
Amy Sibcy
Sally Kash, MS, RN

ROLL CALL

Motion: Ms. Lolli moved, seconded by Mr. Bonnell to excuse absent board members.

Roll call vote: Yes-4 (Lolli, Bonnell, Zollett, Miller). No-0. Motion Passed.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 2024

Dr. Zollett noted that "City Manager" on page two of the September minutes should be corrected to "Acting City Manager."

Motion: Ms. Lolli moved, seconded by Dr. Zollett to approve the September 2024 minutes with corrections.

Roll call vote: Yes-4 (Lolli, Bonnell, Zollett, Miller). No-0. Motion Passed.

RECEIVE AND FILE FINANCIAL REPORT-September 2024

Ms. Phillips Carter informed board members that the City has been discussing the annual budget. The health department revenue is down, while payroll costs have increased. Ms. Phillips Carter stated that there are three ways in which this issue can be resolved: decreasing staff, combining with another local health department to become a general health district, or by the City subsidizing the health department. Ms. Phillips Carter stated that the health department budget should be alright until 2027 with funds that are scheduled to be received.

Motion: Ms. Miller moved, seconded by Ms. Lolli to approve the September Financial Report.

Roll call vote: Yes-4 (Lolli, Bonnell, Zollett, Miller). No-0. Motion Passed.

Education Presentation- Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)-Dr. Jennewine

Dr. Jennewine provided the board with an educational presentation on Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). SIDS is defined as any sudden, unexplained death of a child less than one year old.

SIDS usually occurs during sleep and is the leading cause of infant mortality in the United States, accounting for 80% of sudden and unexpected infant deaths. The direct cause of SIDS is unknown. SIDS is more common in males than in females. 90% of SIDS cases occur before the infant is six months old.

There is not one single cause that leads to SIDS, but likely multiple risk factors coming together at the wrong time. SIDS appears to be influenced by social, economic and cultural factors.

Risk factors include: tobacco smoke, sleeping position, room temperature, excessive bedding, soft sleep surfaces, bed sharing, maternal age, low birth weight, prematurity, genetics and alcohol use by care takers.

There does appear to be disparities among races in the rates of SIDS occurrences with Hispanics having 0.2, Asian/Pacific Islander 0.24, Whites 0.53, African Americans 1.08 and Native Americans 1.24.

SIDS is diagnosed when there is no other clear cause of death, by performing an autopsy and by scene investigation.

The best ways to prevent SIDS is by positioning babies on their backs for sleep, using a pacifier, ensuring safe bedding, avoiding alcohol and tobacco use, breastfeeding and receiving prenatal care.

NEW BUSINESS

Travel Authorizations

None.

Motion to Read MBHE Ordinance No. 2024-01 & 2024-02 by Title Only.

Motion: Ms. Lolli moved, seconded by Ms. Miller to read MBHE Ordinance No. 2024-01 & 2024-02 by title only.

Roll call vote: Yes-4 (Lolli, Bonnell, Zollett, Miller). No-0. Motion Passed.

3rd & Final Reading of MBHE Ordinance No.2024-01-Food Fees

An Ordinance Amending Fees for the Licensing of Food Service Operations, Mobile Food Service Operations, Temporary Food Service Operations, Vending Machine Locations, Retail Food Establishments, Mobile Retail Food Establishments, and Temporary Retail Food Establishments.

3rd & Final Reading of MBHE Ordinance No. 2024-02 by Title Only-Pool Fees

A Regulation Establishing a Schedule for Implementing Fees for the Licensing of Public Swimming Pools, Public Spas, and Special Use Pools

Approval of MBHE Ordinance No. 2024-01-Food Fees

An Ordinance Amending Fees for the Licensing of Food Service Operations, Mobile Food Service Operations, Temporary Food Service Operations, Vending Machine Locations, Retail Food Establishments, Mobile Retail Food Establishments, and Temporary Retail Food Establishments.

Motion: Ms. Lolli moved, seconded by Dr. Zollett to approve MBHE Ordinance No. 2024-01.

Roll call vote: Yes-4 (Lolli, Bonnell, Zollett, Miller). No-0. Motion Passed.

Roll call vote: Yes-4 (Lolli, Bonnell, Zollett, Miller). No-0. Motion Passed.

Approval of MBHE Ordinance No. 2024-02-Pool Fees

A Regulation Establishing a Schedule for Implementing Fees for the Licensing of Public Swimming Pools, Public Spas, and Special Use Pools

Motion: Ms. Lolli moved, seconded by Dr. Zollett to approve MBHE Ordinance No. 2024-02.

Roll call vote: Yes-4 (Lolli, Bonnell, Zollett, Miller). No-0. Motion Passed.

2024 3rd Quarter Report

The 2024 3rd Quarter Report was included in the BOH packet.

REPORTS

Health Commissioner

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that she will be attending the Red Carpet Luncheon chamber event in Butler County where all three Butler County health departments will be present. The luncheon will focus on prevention methods to manage health.

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that the State of the City Address will be at Central Connections, now known as the Middletown Event Center, on November 12th. Mayor Slamka will be addressing the city.

The Middletown Connect Annual Meeting was successful with two funders reaching out to Middletown Connect with interest in focusing efforts in Middletown.

The Middletown Connect combined housing meeting was successful in acquiring more completed surveys in housing efforts, with a total of close to 200 completed surveys.

Ms. Phillips Carter informed board members that the next Walk with a Doc will be held Saturday, October 19th.

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that Springfield is hosting a health fair on Wednesday, October 9th. The board discussed gathering ideas and looking into hosting a health fair in Middletown.

Medical Director

Dr. Jennewine reported the September communicable disease cases.

C. auris	3
Chlamydia infection	21
COVID-19	238
CPO	2
Giardiasis	1
Gonococcal Infection	15
Hepatitis B	2
Hepatitis C	2
HIV	1
Pertussis	1
Salmonellosis	1
Streptococcal-Group A-invasive	1
Syphilis	3

Director of Nursing

Ms. Corbin offered the flu vaccine to any board members interested after the meeting. Ms. Corbin informed board members that a flu vaccination clinic is scheduled at SunCoke next month. Ms. Corbin will be scheduling a clinic with Hope House.

Ms. Corbin stated that Public Health Emergency Planning (PHEP) deliverables are moving along on track.

Environmental Director

Ms. Ealy informed the board that CMHD received two sets of plans and approved two sets of plans in September. One license and two change of ownerships were completed. Ms. Ealy stated that there has been an increase in the number of micromarkets. Micromarkets appear to be replacing vending machines, typically in manufacturing companies. Ms. Ealy stated that CMHD is continuing T21 reinspections.

Ms. Ealy informed the board that Nightmare Manor, a haunted house located on University Boulevard, will be open every weekend in October and will be operating with a temporary food license each weekend that are open.

Ms. Ealy informed the board that the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) has completed their survey and CMHD should receive their response within 45 days. The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) survey is complete, the exit interview is scheduled for today (October 8th).

Ms. Ealy informed the board that she, Ms. Phillips Carter and Dr. Jennewine attended the OAHF Conference in Columbus last month.

Ms. Ealy stated that food inspections are moving along on schedule.

Board Member Open Discussion

Mayor Slamka stated that the State of the City Address will be held on November 12th at 6pm at the Middletown Event Center.

Dr. Zollett asked what has been done to clean up the trash problem at the apartments located on Main Street.

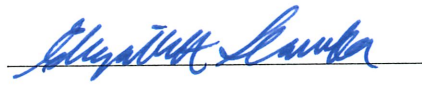
Ms. Phillips Carter stated that the property has been cleaned up.

Mayor Slamka stated that the city has not been able to locate the owner of the property.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36AM. The next meeting will be held on November 12, 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