

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
BOARD OF HEALTH
Minutes
April 8, 2025

The City of Middletown Board of Health met in regular session at 7:30 AM on April 8, 2025.

Members Present

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

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

Joseph Richmond, MBA

ROLL CALL

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

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –March 2025

Motion: Ms. Lolli moved, seconded by Ms. Miller to approve the March Board of Health minutes.

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

RECEIVE AND FILE FINANCIAL REPORT-March 2025

Motion: Ms. Lolli moved, seconded by Ms. Miller to approve the March financial report.

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

EDUCATION PRESENTATION-Candida Auris-Dr. Jennewine

Dr. Jennewine provided the board with an educational presentation about candida auris. Candida auris is a species of fungus. It is one of the few species of candida affecting humans and was first described in 2009. Candida auris is drug resistant and mostly found in patients that are hospitalized or in long term care with multiple, severe comorbidities. Candida auris is not ubiquitous, it is transferred through direct contact spread. Candida auris causes infections in the patient such as: ear infections, wound infections, urinary tract infections and blood stream infections.

The risk of contracting candida auris is increased among those that are immunocompromised, during hospitalization, after recent surgery, of advanced age and with antibiotic exposure.

Symptoms of candida auris include: fever/chills, lethargy, hypotension, tachycardia, and the typical signs and symptoms of bacterial sepsis and shock. Candida auris is diagnosed by obtaining a culture, but it can be difficult because it can mimic other candida species.

Prevention includes admissions screenings, contact precautions, disinfectants and single-use medical equipment. Treatment includes antifungals and multidrug treatments.

Candida auris has a 15-35% mortality rate in adults and 10-15% in neonates. There were 51 cases of candida auris reported in the U.S. in 2016, that number rose to over 4,500 in 2023.

NEW BUSINESS

Travel Authorizations

Health Commissioner Jackie Phillips Carter and Director of Nursing Chandra Corbin, will be attending the 2025 Spring Ohio Public Health Conference April 28th-30th in Columbus, Ohio.

Motion: Dr. Zollett moved, seconded by Ms. Miller to approve the April travel authorizations.

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

Final reading and approval of MBHE Ordinance No. 2025-01-Allowing Health Commissioner to Suspend a Food Service or Retail Food Establishment License

Motion: Ms. Lolli moved, seconded by Ms. Miller to approve MBHE Ordinance No. 2025-01.

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

MBHE Ordinance No. 2025-01-An ordinance authorizing the health commissioner to take action that may be taken by the Board of Health as a licensor pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 3717.29(D)(1) to suspend a license issued to a retail food establishment or Ohio Revised Code section 3717.49(C)(1) to suspend a license issued to a food service operation.

Final reading and approval of MBHE Ordinance No. 2025-02-Allowing Health Commissioner, Any Registered Environmental Health Specialist or Environmental Health Specialist-In-Training to Take Non-Emergency Enforcement Action.

Motion: Ms. Lolli moved, seconded by Ms. Miller to approve MBHE Ordinance No. 2025-02.

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

An ordinance authorizing the Health Commissioner, any Registered Environmental Health Specialist or Environmental Health Specialist-In-Training employed by the Board of Health to take action that may be taken by the Board as licensor pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 3717.29(C)(1) in a retail food establishment or Ohio Revised Code section 3717.49(B)(1) in a food service operation.

Approval of MBHE Resolution No. 2025-01-authorizing the City's Health Commissioner to apply for, accept, and enter into a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Agreement on behalf of the Middletown Board of Health for the repair and replacement of home sewage treatment systems and declaring an emergency.

Motion: Ms. Lolli moved, seconded by Ms. Miller to approve MBHE Resolution No. 2025-01.

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

Approval of contract template to repair/replace home sewage treatment systems under the WPCLF

Motion: Ms. Lolli moved, seconded by Ms. Miller to approve the contract template.

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

1st Quarter Report-2025

The 2025 1st Quarter Report was included in the BOH packet along with the 2024 1st Quarter Report for comparison.

REPORTS

Health Commissioner

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that the mayor presented CMHD with a proclamation at last week's City Council meeting celebrating National Public Health Week. Ms. Phillips thanked the mayor, Ms. Baggett and Ms. Lolli for being present at the council meeting and stated that CMHD is a great place to work with great staff and board members.

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that the price of security paper (birth and death certificate paper) is increasing substantially this year, noting that neighboring health departments are considering increasing fees for birth and death certificates and we may want to discuss this further in the future.

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that the city is having a "Trash Bash" on April 26th from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm at three locations across the city.

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that Black Maternal Health week is observed from April 11-17. This week is meant to raise awareness about the disparities in maternal health outcomes among black women and advocate for policies and actions to improve their well-being. It is also Infant Mortality week, this is a joint effort to highlight the significant disparities in maternal and infant health outcomes and to advocate for solutions.

Medical Director

Dr. Jennewine reported the March communicable disease case numbers.

Chlamydia infection	23
COVID-19	124
CPO	1
Gonococcal Infection	5
Hepatitis B	1
Hepatitis C	4
Influenza-associated hospitalization	28
Syphilis	1
Tuberculosis	1

Director of Nursing

Ms. Corbin informed the board that she will be attending one day of the Spring Ohio Public Health Conference.

Ms. Corbin stated that the Health Fair planning is moving right along with save the dates to come in the near future. The next planning meeting will be held May 3rd.

Ms. Corbin informed the board that both hospitalizations and the number of communicable diseases reported have decreased from February to March.

Ms. Corbin stated that all of the PHEP deliverables have been completed and we are waiting on the notice of approval of award from the Ohio Department of Health.

Environmental Director

Ms. Ealy informed the board that CMHD received three plan reviews and approved one mobile (Hook Fish and Chicken) and two food service operations (Eddy's and Sportzone). Three new facilities were licensed ('N Box, Starbucks and Mr. Hibachi). There were two change of ownerships (Hector's and Fresh's). CMHD is waiting to receive plans from three additional facilities (Blind Ernie's, Fraziers and Good Morning Wrap).

Ms. Ealy informed the board that pool license renewal applications have been sent and payment is due by May 1st.

Ms. Ealy informed the board that all food and tobacco facilities have now paid for their licenses.

Ms. Ealy stated that Accela training will continue with five days of training the week of April 14th.

Ms. Ealy informed the board that there are 136 non-payments for septic permit fees. EH Specialists are hand delivering the remaining notices and 30 days after it is delivered, it can be assessed to property taxes.

Board Member Open Discussion

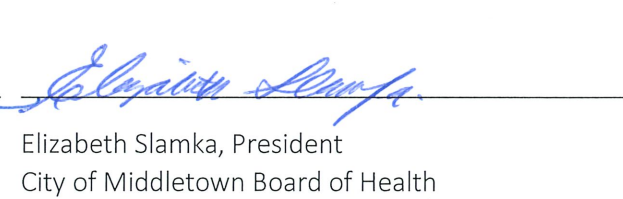
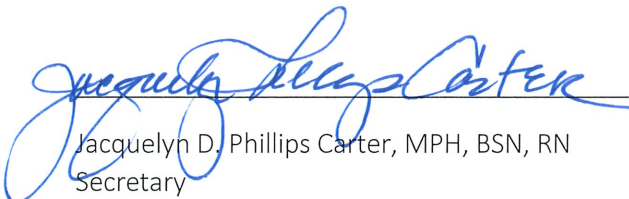
Dr. Zollett inquired how the government funding cuts would affect the health department.

Ms. Phillips Carter stated that at this time, the Workforce Development Grant has not been affected. The state has advised all local health departments to submit invoices and close up reporting so that the state can submit invoices to the federal government.

Ms. Lolli advised that the April Walk With a Doc will be held April 19th with our very own Health Commissioner Jackie Phillips Carter as the speaker.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32AM. The next meeting will be held on May 13, 2025 at 7:30AM in Conference Room 2C.



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

Elizabeth Slamka, President
City of Middletown Board of Health