

**Minutes of the
Mahoning County Public Health
Board Meeting
February 16, 2022
8:00 a.m.**

The Mahoning County Public Health Board held its regular meeting on February 16, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. at the offices of Mahoning County Public Health, 50 Westchester Drive, Youngstown, Ohio 44515.

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call

Present

Mrs. Bev Fisher
Dr. Nancy Mosca
Mr. Joe Mistovich

Present Via GoToMeeting (and not voting)

Mr. Len Perry
Dr. Michael Miladore

Staff Present:

Ed Janik, Colton Masters, Michelle Edison, Kaitlin McNally, Dr. Kravec, Julie Thompson, Ryan Tekac

Public Audience:

Tom Costello

III. Minutes

MOTIONS

Mrs. Fisher motioned, Dr. Mosca seconded to approve the minutes of the 1/26/22 Board meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Mosca motioned, Mrs. Fisher seconded to approve the minutes of the 1/24/22 Personnel Committee meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Fisher motioned, Dr. Mosca seconded to approve the minutes of the 1/25/22 Finance Committee meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Special Requests/Subdivision Requests/Board Orders

A. Board Order #EH-BO-2022-01 – Safeguard Properties (Beaver Twp.)

Mrs. McNally explained that this order is for a garage creating a public health nuisance and is a safety hazard because the structure is not weather tight or rodent proof, and the solid waste present is attracting disease vectors. The owners failed to comply with the abatement notice and did not appear at the Health Commissioner's hearing.

MOTION

Dr. Mosca motioned, Mrs. Fisher seconded to approve the sanitarian's recommendation for Board Order EH-BO-2022-01 as presented:

In accordance with the Nuisance Abatement Code, Section 6.1, and O.R.C. §3707.01, declare the garage a public nuisance and order the same:

- placarded
- abated within 15 days; and
- to remain vacant until the nuisance is abated.

In accordance with the Nuisance Abatement Code, Section 6.2, declare the dwelling/dwelling unit unfit for human habitation and unsafe.

Motion carried unanimously.

V. New Business

A. Renewal of Contracts for Services – Cities of Campbell and Canfield

Mr. Tekac explained that he has met with both Wade Calhoun, the Canfield City Manager and Mayor Tedesco, the new mayor of the city of Campbell and presented each of them with new three-year contracts. These contracts will have to be approved by the District Advisory Council as well at their March meeting but both cities are pleased with our services and will continue to pay the same .28 mils that all the other political subdivisions do. We look forward to continuing to service both Campbell and Canfield cities and thank them both for the opportunity to provide services to them.

MOTION

Mrs. Fisher motioned, Dr. Mosca seconded to approve the renewal of contracts for services with the cities of Campbell and Canfield as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Establishment of New Fees for Nursing Division – Pneumococcal 15 and Pneumococcal 20

Mr. Janik explained that these are two new vaccines that our Nursing Division would like to start offering to clients. The fees have been set based on the reimbursement rates from the insurance companies.

MOTION

Dr. Mosca motioned, Mrs. Fisher seconded to approve the establishment of two new fees for the Nursing Division as presented:

Pneumococcal 15	\$250.00
Pneumococcal 20	\$265.00

Motion carried unanimously.

C. 2022 Solid Waste Management District Contract

Mr. Janik explained that this is a one-year contract with the Solid Waste Management District that started January 1, 2022. The \$28,000.00 that was cut from the budget last year has been restored and we would like to thank the Solid Waste Management District for their consideration and restoring the funding.

Mrs. Fisher pointed out that our name through the contract had not been updated to Mahoning County Public Health and requested that Mr. Janik rectify that before the contract is signed.

MOTION

Mrs. Fisher motioned, Dr. Mosca seconded to approve the 2022 Solid Waste Management District contract with the MCPH name correction.

Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Reports

A. Committee

Dr. Miladore reported that the Finance Committee met yesterday. The cash flow and balance are good. There is some concern regarding a grant from the Western Reserve Health Foundation being underutilized.

Mrs. Edison added that the RFP for that grant was recently approved and is being posted. Once the proposals are received and reviewed, we will be able to engage new agencies utilizing those grant funds. We are really trying to be intentional about our partnership and making sure that we are able to get the outcomes that we know we can using those funds. We are prepared to ramp up quickly once the new agency comes on.

Dr. Mosca reported that the Personnel Committee met Monday and reviewed the resume for the environmental secretarial position that we will be filling later on the agenda.

B. Division/Program

Ed Janik (submitted electronically)

Working on the 2021 financial statement which is a requirement of our Annual Report which will be distributed at the District Advisory Council meeting on March 10th. Copies will also be available to the public.

I am also working on an insurance claim with Public Entities Pool of Ohio for the nine catalytic converters that were stolen from MCPH vehicles in January.

Lisa Wogan, our new Account Clerk II, who started with MCPH in January is doing a great job and is starting to feel more comfortable in her role and will continue to be a great asset to the Fiscal Division.

Colton Masters (submitted electronically)

Several of our sanitarians are completely done with their food routes and they are helping complete the ones that are not done yet. The routes are all on track to be completed before the end of the month.

We launched our O&M meeting and we have been very busy with this. The overall response rate for the program has been very good and we are looking to send out the certified letters to those who have not responded later this month.

We have officially applied for the Ohio EPA's 2022 Mosquito Control grant, and we look to hear back from them in late March or early April.

The Environmental Division will be holding a training for sewage contractors in March. This will provide the contractors with an update to the O&M program and will get the contractors several CEU's. We will be having ANUA as a guest speaker to obtain the CEU credits.

Dan Hutton and I will be attending a series of meeting held by realtors in the next few weeks to give a presentation on both the sewage real estate program and the O&M rollout and requirements. This will give them a chance to ask us questions directly to ensure that they have a good understanding of the program and that they are relaying the correct information to their clients during the real estate process. YCAR will also host us for this presentation in March.

With the end of the food year quickly approaching, I would like to extend extra acknowledgement to one of the food sanitarians in particular who continues to do an amazing job with her inspections, food route and time management. Year after year, Shannon Sellards is one of the first sanitarians to complete her food route and has consistently had one of the largest food routes in our department. Her excellent time management and planning skills allow her to not only complete her food route ahead of time each year, but also teach ServeSafe food safety class for our agency and do solid waste inspections throughout the year.

Erica Horner (submitted electronically)

The Moms Quit for Two Fiscal Year 23 competitive grant application has been delayed per ODH. The Get Vaccinated Ohio Fiscal Year 23 public health initiative RFP recently posted, and we are working on our application to continue the activities/services. The application is due March 14, 2022.

A 20-valent pneumococcal vaccine and 15-valent pneumococcal vaccine were licensed by the FDA for adults aged 18 and over mid-2021. On October 20, 2021, ACIP recommended use of either PCV20 alone or PCV15 in series with PPSV23 for all adults aged 65 and older, and for adults aged 19-64 with certain underlying medical conditions or other risk factors who have not previously received a PCV or whose previous vaccination history is unknown. We have asked for both vaccines to be added to our fee schedule and are currently looking into costs/ordering with vaccine manufacturers.

The FDA expanded the indication for zoster vaccine in July 2021 to include adults aged 18 and over who are or will be at increased risk for herpes zoster because of immunodeficiency or immunosuppression caused by known disease or therapy. On October 20, 2021, ACIP recommended two doses of herpes zoster vaccine (Shingrix) for adults 19 and older who are or will be immunodeficient/immunosuppressed because of disease or therapy. We are currently waiting for final CDC and IAC updated standing orders and then we will administer to this specific population. Shingrix is the only herpes zoster vaccine in the U.S. as of November 2020; Zostavax which was a live virus vaccine is no longer available. Shingrix was previously licensed for adults aged 50 and older (2 does separated by 2-6 months).

Michelle Edison (submitted electronically)

More 1st Birthdays project coordinator, Cathy Hergenrother, has taken the lead in preparing the countywide, multi-partner, collaborative proposal in response to the Ohio Department of Medicaid's *Coordinated Community Approaches to Target the Disparity in the Black Infant Mortality Rate in Ten Specific Ohio Counties*. During the current

grant cycle, under the facilitation of Mrs. Hergenrother, partners have streamlined services and resources in cohesive manner. By using an RFP process, we will be adding seven new programs and partners! Deadline for proposals is February 25th. Awards are expected to be announced mid-March.

The Core Planning Team of the Vibrant Valley Health Equity Project has been learning about and engaging in the CHA/CHIP process. The CPT used its new skills to assess current CHIP strategies under the Priorities 4 and 5 – Health Equity and Social Determinants of Health. Through that exercise, the CPT was able to provide feedback regarding the iteration of the CHIP.

The HUB is looking forward to expanding its staff by almost 100%. Through multiple streams of funding, the HUB will also add to the community health worker workforce to continue its effort in addressing black infant mortality and chronic disease.

Loretta Floyd-Pleas (submitted electronically)

March is National Nutrition Month and this year’s theme is “Celebrate a World of Flavors”. Mahoning County WIC staff will provide recipes that use foods from the WIC food package to prepare healthy ethnic dishes. Mahoning County WIC clinics will be focusing on education efforts on assisting participants to purchase, prepare, and eat dishes from around the world using hand-outs, cooking tolls, and offering tasty samples of an ethnic dish at the WIC clinics. Mahoning County WIC is excited to acknowledge and present recipes from our diversified community. Information on National Nutrition Month will be posted on our WIC Facebook page.

January 2022 Appointments Seen in Clinic

Clinic	Appointments Seen	Ending Caseload
Youngstown	309	1,007
Austintown	179	759
Boardman	315	1,361
Goshen	56	102
Total		3,229

Scott Bolam (submitted electronically)

The laboratory continues to provide its routine testing services as usual. Our lead program has seen an uptick at the beginning of this year compared to last year. We have received 291 lead samples to date this year, compared to 151 last year.

2022 is an audit year for the laboratory. Both our A2LA lead certification and our Ohio EPA drinking water certification are up for renewal this year. We have started the application process with both agencies to prepare for our site visits later in the year.

Dr. Kravec

The numbers are dramatically down for COVID-19 inpatients in the hospitals. Have been working with Erica on protocols. Was very proud to present Ryan Tekac with the 2021 Distinguished Alumni award from Saint Christine’s school.

Ryan Tekac

Mahoning County Public Health received this Partnership Award from Direction Home of Northeast Ohio. Joe Rossi asked that I present this to the Board and recognize our staff who worked alongside his agency to fulfill vaccinations for clients in the low to moderate income housing facilities, individuals who are homebound

and also the number of clinics that we held to ensure residents had the availability to receive a vaccination in a manner that was professional and friendly.

As Tom mentioned, the District Advisory Council meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, March 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the Canfield Township Hall.

The Ohio Department of Health shipped us a limited number of at-home COVID test kits. We made the decision to focus on underserved populations and populations in need within the jurisdiction of Mahoning County. Those test kits have been provided to Struthers, Campbell and Sebring.

Last month we discussed the ODH Data 1st pilot project. Our first meeting with ODH was cancelled due to the weather but we met with their data team yesterday. Many are focusing on low vaccination rates in areas with high social vulnerability, but we decided to go a different route and it leaves ODH intrigued. We want to focus on setting goals within long-term care facilities and ensuring the most vulnerable are protected. We have a call with the Department of Aging to discuss this further.

Thanks to professional development funding provided by the Ohio Department of Health, through the Association of Ohio Health Commissioners, Ohio's local public health professionals will have the opportunity to attend a 90-minute webinar talking about the connection between grief and public health. These presentations will focus not just on the grief experienced as a result of these past couple of COVID years – but also the underlying grief we all experience.

The presentations will also provide information about what grief is, why it's so tough to go through our grief, ways that grief is seen to be a public health issue, as well as some tips for helping to manage a bit of that grief, and how we can provide support for others through their grief.

The presentations will be provided primarily by Lois Hall, an Advanced Grief Recovery Method Specialist with over 40 years of experience in public health in Ohio.

VII. Approval of Monthly Expenses

A. Monthly Expenses

MOTION

Mrs. Fisher motioned, Dr. Mosca seconded to approve the monthly expenses as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Contracts

1) Gordon Bros. Kinetico Water Systems, DI Exchange Water for Lab, \$2,000.00

MOTION

Mrs. Fisher motioned, Dr. Mosca seconded to approve the contract with Gordon Bros. Kinetico Water Systems as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

2) ALC Technologies, Telephones for WIC Youngstown, \$1,500.00

MOTION

Dr. Mosca motioned, Mrs. Fisher seconded to approve the contract with ALC Technologies as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Personnel Actions

A. Executive Session

MOTION

Mrs. Fisher motioned, Dr. Mosca seconded to go into Executive Session at 8:24 a.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Exit – Executive Session

MOTION

Dr. Mosca motioned, Mrs. Fisher seconded to exit Executive Session at 8:40 a.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Resignation – K. Kerstetter

D. Resignation – J. Gabler

MOTION

Dr. Mosca motioned, Mrs. Fisher seconded to accept the resignation of Kali Kerstetter and Josie Gabler as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

E. Retirement – K. Svasta

MOTION

Mrs. Fisher motioned, Dr. Mosca seconded to accept the retirement of Katie Svasta with thanks for her years of service to Mahoning County Public Health.

Motion carried unanimously.

F. Appoint – Full-Time Secretary

MOTION

Dr. Mosca motioned, Mrs. Fisher seconded to appoint Dianna Nutt as a full-time secretary.

Motion carried unanimously.

G. Post/Advertise – Full-Time Secretary

MOTION

Mrs. Fisher motioned, Dr. Mosca seconded the approval to post/advertise for a full-time secretary as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Adjournment

MOTION

Dr. Mosca motioned, Mrs. Fisher seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 a.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

MAHONING COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 2022
4:00 P.M.**

**Mahoning County Public Health
50 Westchester Drive
Youngstown, Ohio 44515**

MINUTES

Board members present: Mr. Len Perry (via GoToMeeting)
Mr. Joe Mistovich (via GoToMeeting)
Dr. Nancy Mosca (via GoToMeeting)

Staff present: Ryan Tekac
Ed Janik

Meeting called to order at 4:10 p.m.

At 4:11 p.m. Mr. Perry made a motion to enter executive session to consider the appointment, employment, discipline, or compensation of public employees, or to discuss pending or imminent court action, collective bargaining matters, or security matters.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Mosca.

Mr. Mistovich made a motion to leave executive session at 4:53 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Perry.

Upon leaving executive session the Personnel committee stated that they would make recommendations related to the appointment, employment, discipline, and compensation of public employees during the next regular meeting of the Board of Health on February 16, 2022.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Mosca, seconded by Mr. Mistovich at 4:55 p.m.

MAHONING COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

February 15, 2022

8:30 A.M.

Canfield Fairgrounds Administration Building

7265 Columbiana-Canfield Road

Canfield, Ohio 44406

MINUTES

Board members present: Mrs. Bev Fisher
Dr. Michael Miladore (via GoToMeeting)

Staff present: Ryan Tekac
Ed Janik

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m.

The Finance Committee reviewed the renewal of contracts for services with the cities of Campbell and Canfield, the proposed new fees for the Nursing Division and the monthly financial reports as presented.

The Finance Committee will recommend approval of the following contracts at the next regularly scheduled MCPH meeting February 16, 2022:

Contracts:

- Gordon Bros. Kinetico Water Systems, DI Exchange Water for Lab, \$2,000.00
- ALC Technologies, Telephones for WIC Youngstown, \$1,500.00

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.