

**Minutes of the
Mahoning County Public Health
Board Meeting
July 20, 2022
8:00 a.m.**

The Mahoning County Public Health Board held its regular meeting on July 20, 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

Mr. Len Perry
Dr. Michael Miladore
Mr. Joe Mistovich

Absent

Mrs. Bev Fisher
Dr. Nancy Mosca

Staff Present:

Ed Janik, Colton Masters, Susan Kovach, Loretta Floyd-Pleas, Cynthia Grier, Scott Bolam, Genevieve Bufano, Shannon Sellards, Erin Baun, Dr. Kravec Julie Thompson, Ryan Tekac

Public Audience:

Tom Costello

III. Minutes

MOTIONS

Mr. Mistovich motioned, Dr. Miladore seconded to approve the minutes of the 6/15/22 and 6/28/22 Board meetings as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mistovich motioned, Dr. Miladore seconded to approve the minutes of the 6/13/22 Personnel Committee meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Miladore motioned, Mr. Mistovich seconded to approve the minutes of the 6/14/22 Finance Committee meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Special Requests/Subdivision Requests/Board Orders

A. Special Request #EH-SR-2022-02 – Rich (Canfield Township)

Ms. Bufano explained that this is a variance request for isolation distances to an existing private water system. There is an existing home on the property and the owners are putting an addition on the home that will be four feet from the private water system. We have received a statement from a registered well contractor that confirms the well will not be compromised by the new addition.

MOTION

Dr. Miladore motioned, Mr. Mistovich seconded to approve the sanitarian’s recommendation for Special Request #EH-SR-2022-02 as presented:

Approve the variance as submitted with the recommendation for the homeowner to sample the PWS on a semi-annual basis. The registered well contractor states any damage done during construction to the well, cap, and/or casing will be repaired as needed.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Board Order #EH-BO-2022-05 – Miner (Smith Township)

Ms. Sellards explained that the owners of this property have failed to properly dispose of all solid waste on the property which is a violation of the Mahoning County District Board of Health Nuisance Abatement Code. Also, the owner failed to appear at the Health Commissioner’s hearing.

MOTION

Mr. Mistovich motioned, Dr. Miladore seconded to approve the sanitarian’s recommendation for Board Order #EH-BO-2022-05 as presented:

In accordance with the Mahoning County District Board of Health Nuisance Abatement Code, Section 4.1.7 and 4.1.8, declare the property a public nuisance and order the same:

- unsafe which creates a public health nuisance;
- placarded;
- abated immediately, but in no longer than five (5) days

In accordance with the Nuisance Abatement Code, Section 6.1, declare the property unsafe and a public health nuisance.

Motion carried unanimously.

V. New Business

A. 2022 Budget Changes for Board Approval

Mr. Janik explained that these changes were discussed at the Finance Committee meeting. Three of them are grant related and two of the changes are in the wastewater program.

MOTION

Dr. Miladore motioned, Mr. Mistovich seconded to approve the 2022 Budget Changes as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Nursing Division – Immunization Fee Adjustments

Mr. Janik explained that two times a year staff evaluates what insurance is reimbursing and we are asking to increase these fees to recoup the maximum amount from the insurance companies. We do not charge clients the difference between what insurance reimburses and the cost of the vaccine.

MOTION

Dr. Miladore motioned, Mr. Mistovich seconded to approve the immunization fee adjustments as presented:

Vaccine	Proposed Fee
DTaP	\$ 40.00
Dt	\$ 80.00
HPV	\$ 305.00
Pneumococcal 15	\$ 265.00
Pneumococcal 20	\$ 305.00
MMR	\$ 105.00
Varicella	\$ 185.00
Yellow Fever	\$ 180.00
Menactra	\$ 170.00
Pneumococcal 23	\$ 160.00
Hepatitis B-Hepislav	\$ 165.00
Shingrix	\$ 210.00

Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Reports

A. Committee

Dr. Miladore reported that the Finance Committee met yesterday and reviewed the 15 contracts on the agenda. Eleven of them are for the More 1st Birthdays program totaling over \$1.5 million dollars. Also reviewed all the budgets and we remain in good standing.

Mr. Mistovich reported that the Personnel Committee met Monday and discussed the REHS/EHSIT appointment later on the agenda.

B. Division/Program

Ed Janik

The 2021 audit is complete and was finished quickly due to three auditors performing the work and we will have another clean audit. Working with the managers on revenue budgets which are due at the end of August.

I would like to introduce Erin Baun, our newest staff member to the Board. Erin is the Administrative Assistant who was hired to replace Katie Svasta. We are very happy to have her join us here.

The Board welcomed Erin.

Colton Masters

Our third mailing of the O&M letters went out during the first week of July. This was our largest of the four mailings, with over 4,000 letters going out in a single week. This was only possible due to the incredible dedication and hard work of our entire environmental health clerical staff. While Dianna Nutt is our primary O&M clerk and spearheaded these efforts, the deadline could not have been met without the help of Nancy Myers, Kylie Knight and Megan Nicholson. These four make up our EH clerical team and I feel like they deserve my sincere adoration for their efforts.

When I took the director position, I was striving to build on the work Ryan started in the division by promoting the team atmosphere, and the four of them truly embody that vision and help to showcase what we can achieve when we work together as an agency.

We continue to collect and send mosquitoes to ODH for testing. To date we have sent more than 1,200 mosquitoes for testing and have not yet had any positive pools detected.

Our pest control company will be spraying again next week in the scheduled parks and campgrounds throughout the county. The date of spraying has been moved from the 29th to the 27th due to activities taking place in the parks and campgrounds on Friday evenings.

We are looking forward to our first rabies clinic on August 7th at Angels for Animals between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. I would again like to thank Angels for Animals for their continued support of our vaccination program.

We had our Rabies Advisory Committee meeting yesterday. The meeting was well attended, with 12 attendees representing various agencies. I would like to thank Jeff Raines from the USDA for coming out to present information on the rabies baiting and surveillance throughout the region.

The environmental division will be starting the process of calculating the cost methodology for the food program. We are only able to do this because of collaboration with other departments and state agencies that are helping train Ryan, myself and Cory Powell, our Food Program Team Leader.

Erica Horner (reported by Susan Kovach)

Cora Lewis, Linda Mervin and Sharon Woodall trained 35 New Beginnings Residential Treatment Center Youngstown staff members on Trauma Informed Care on June 29, 2022 at their Youngstown facility. New Beginnings Residential Treatment Center is an emotional and behavioral health facility for children. This training aligns with our Maternal & Child Health grant deliverable – Adolescent Health & Resiliency which we proposed to train two additional organizations providing services to youth/high-risk youth in FY22. It also aligns with our participation on the Mahoning County Stand Grow Thrive Social Service Subcommittee and the Mahoning County CHIP team where youth resiliency is one of the objectives.

The Get Vaccinated Ohio FY21 ended on June 30, 2022. We completed the following grant deliverables during the year: 641 appointment reminders, 173 recalls to reschedule after missed appointments; completed updated immunizations disparities re-evaluation report, updated immunization disparities education plan, implemented the disparity education strategies and submitted progress report; completed county wide school list; completed all ODH assigned school validation assessments; completed 44 school education sessions. Thank you to all the staff members who worked on this project: Diane Zagorsky, Monica Macala, Linda Mervin, Debbie Moss, Sharon Woodall and Rachel Jackson.

We have had very low interest in COVID-19 vaccinations for the 6 months to 5 years old age group. We held a specific Pfizer COVID-19 clinic for this age group on July 7th and only had one patient.

The Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation provided several opportunities for Psychological Autopsy Certification Training workshops across the state earlier this year. The psychological autopsy has become a best practice procedure to reconstruct the proximate and distal causes of an individual's death by suicide or to ascertain the most likely manner of death where that manner of death is equivocal and left undetermined by a medical examiner or coroner. The psychological autopsy helps to promote understandings to the often-asked why question raised by survivors regarding the suicide of their loved one, is used in case-control research studies to find risk factors for suicide and helps to answer questions of causation in both individual cases or suicide and interconnections between cases. Public health nurse, Debbie Moss applied and was accepted for admission to the course earlier this year. To achieve this certification, Debbie attended an in-person training then completed a real-life case study and submitted it for review. Debbie's case study report was approved, and she obtained full certification on July 15, 2022. This case study required a significant amount of time and effort, and I am extremely proud of her achievement. With this certification, Debbie will assist the Mahoning County Suicide Fatality Review Team and participate in the Mahoning County Suicide Prevention Coalition.

Michelle Edison (reported by Cynthia Grier)

The proposal and funding for Round 4 of the Ohio Department of Medicaid (the MORE 1st Birthdays program) infant mortality grant has been approved. I would like to thank Cathy Hergenrother for not only ensuring that the proposal was thorough, but for also doing an exceptional job of developing and maintain collaborative partnerships around infant mortality and maternal health

- Several new partners will be adding to the dynamism of local efforts including Help Network of Northeast Ohio, the African American Male Wellness Agency, Engagement for Health (E4H), the YWCA Mahoning Valley, Price Memorial AME Church,
- Returning partners include Mercy Health, Alta Care Group, Just in Time, Community Legal Aid, the ESCEO.

MCPH is receiving a \$66,000 grant through funding donated to the March of Dimes. The anonymous donation was specifically designated for infant mortality efforts in Mahoning County. The funds will be used over a two-year period to expand efforts and awareness to address racial inequities infant and maternal health in the county.

The Vibrant Valley Project is transitioning into an action phase-supporting and informing the CHA/CHIP process and development. Members of the Vibrant Valley Core Team who are also participating in the CHA process will use the skills developed during the past years to ensure that the identification, implementation, and evaluation of priorities and strategies is executed in an equitable manner.

Application for membership was submitted earlier this month to Governmental Alliance on Racial Equity (GARE) and should be approved in a few weeks. This is a deliverable for the OEI grant under the Health Equity Position.

The Racial Equity Core Team reviewed the GARE website and will be using resources found therein to inform our internal efforts.

Loretta Floyd-Pleas

Ohio WIC Program income guidelines are based on FNS income guidelines for reduced-priced school meals established under Section 9 of the National School Lunch Act. FNS multiplies the HHS poverty income guidelines and increment for each additional economic unit member by a factor of 1.85 and rounds the results upward to the nearest whole dollar amount. As a result of using this formula, the Ohio WIC Program income guidelines are equal to 185% of the HHS poverty income guidelines. For example, an economic unit of two may have an annual income of \$ 33,874 and meet the Ohio WIC Program income guidelines.

The State WIC Office received notification from USDA that all currently active Ohio WIC waivers have been extended until January 9, 2023. Families are permitted to bring in the child(ren) anthropometric data – and are not required to bring the children into their WIC appointments—physical presence continues to be waived.

Mahoning County WIC continues to partner with ACTION and Grow Urban Farms to bring to the parking lot of the Austintown and Boardman WIC Clinics their mobile Farmers Market Van during WIC's distribution of Farmer's Market Coupons. Their van is a mobile market on wheels—beautiful produce and other items available for purchase. The Farmers Market Mobile Van accepts WIC FMNP Coupons, SNAP, Senior Farmers Market vouchers and cash. The van was appreciated by everyone in attendance of this event.

Scott Bolam

The laboratory continues to provide its' routine testing services as usual.

We had a successful audit of our Ohio EPA drinking water trace metals program in June. We are required to make some changes to our laboratory procedures based on new rules, but our activities have been acceptable, and we remain certified. Our Ohio EPA certification for microbiology and inorganics will take place in August.

The lab has seen about a 16% increase in lead testing activity compared to this time last year. We are scheduled to have our A2LA (American Association of Laboratory Accreditation) audit on September 22nd and 23rd. Due to our assessor having another Ohio audit that week, they are able to cut our incurred travel costs in half for the audit.

Dr. Kravec

Working with Erica on policies for vaccines. COVID is increasing and hospitalizations are increasing as well but nowhere near January. Receiving a lot of calls regarding Paxlovid and people seeking the medicine. Mortality remains low in the recent COVID increase.

Ryan Tekac

As a member of the AOHC Public Affairs, I would like to provide a copy of the facts vs myth sheet that will be used as a talking point with our State Representatives this summer for more one on one conversations. We hope this provides them clarity when they are in caucus. The fact sheet focuses on the following:

- Role of the DAC as defined in the ORC recommendations to improve transparency such as ensuring all townships, villages and cities notify their residents when there is an opening on the board.
- Section that speaks to the financial checks and balances that are currently in place such as the publishing of the of the annual report

with financial information included or the undergoing of annual audits at the LHDs expense.

- Defines the variety of financial sources that health district may receive with a focus in the small state subsidies that Ohio receives (17 cents per capita non accredited and 34 cents for accredited LHDS) Compare that with:
 - IN \$4.26 per captia
 - KY 3.93 per captia and moving to \$4.23
 - MI \$5.16 per capita
 - PA \$ 4.30 per capita

I would like to thank the Western Reserve Health Foundation for their support in awarding MCPH with \$40,000. The \$40,000 will be braided with the funding received by the County Commissioners to address Managing Pediatric Asthma Triggers at Home. In addition, I want to thank Ed and his staff for their financial management of the numerous funds that have been received over the past two years.

As a member of the Solid Waste Management District Policy Committee, I wanted to share and pass along Green Team information on their new facility located at 825 Bev Road. Their new recycling center helps to keep much of the e-scrap out of the landfills, E-Scrap can be recycled, but not in your curbside recycling cart or bin. Most electronics contain valuable metals that can be recovered. Items that can be recycled include desktops, towers, laptops, monitors, keyboards and peripherals, printers, modems, tablets, e-readers, telecom devices, networking equipment, cables, cell phones, ear buds and video game systems.

In order for Mahoning County residents to utilize their new program, they must register through the Green Team website to select the day and time slot to drop off e-waste. The Green Team under the leadership of Lou Vega has been incredibly supportive of our agency and I want to commend Lou and his team for their work over the years.

We are close to finishing the CHA/CHIP as we are at the stage of meeting with our agency partners who have an interest in the priority areas selected. Those areas are Mental Health and Substance Use, Access to Care and Community Conditions with a focus on safety. We should have a final document for the meeting next month and I will present to the Board with which partners are taking the lead for each identified strategy as it relates to the priority.

Lastly, I want to thank all those who took time out of their routine workdays to help with moving the Pathways HUB and WIC programs next door.

VII. Approval of Monthly Expenses

A. Monthly Expenses

MOTION

Mr. Mistovich motioned, Dr. Miladore seconded to approve the monthly expenses as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Contracts

- 1) The African American Male Wellness Agency, MORE 1st Birthdays Program, \$50,000.00
- 2) Alta Care Group, Inc., MORE 1st Birthdays Program, \$355,411.00
- 3) Community Legal Aid Services, Inc., MORE 1st Birthdays Program, \$63,340.00
- 4) Educational Service Center of Eastern Ohio, MORE 1st Birthdays Program, \$137,115.00
- 5) Engagement for Health, MORE 1st Birthdays Program, \$63,550.00
- 6) Mercy Health Youngstown, LLC, MORE 1st Birthdays Program, \$331,446.00
- 7) Susan Horne, MORE 1st Birthdays Program, \$10,000.00
- 8) Help Hotline Crisis Center, Inc., MORE 1st Birthdays Program, \$10,000.00
- 9) Price Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church, MORE 1st Birthdays Program, \$264,272.00
- 10) Just In Time Employment Agency, LLC, MORE 1st Birthdays Program, \$180,000.00
- 11) YWCA Mahoning Valley, MORE 1st Birthdays Program, \$35,000.00

MOTION

Dr. Miladore motioned, Mr. Mistovich seconded to approve the eleven contracts for the MORE 1st Birthdays Program listed above as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 12) Classic Tent & Party Rentals, Overdose Awareness Day Event, \$5,000.00
- 13) Southern Park Mall, LLC, Overdose Awareness Day Event, \$1,000.00

MOTION

Dr. Miladore motioned, Mr. Mistovich seconded to approve the contract with Classic Tent & Party Rental as presented and with the Southern Park Mall once the indemnification clause is removed from the contract or the Attorney General's Opinion regarding indemnification is provided to the Southern Park Mall, LLC.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 14) Welko, LKA Inc., Baby & Me Tobacco Free Grant Consultation, \$1,920.00

MOTION

Dr. Miladore motioned, Mr. Mistovich seconded to approve the contract with Welko, LKA Inc. as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 15) Signs by Tomorrow, Signage for 98 & 100 Westchester, \$2,007.50

MOTION

Mr. Mistovich motioned, Dr. Miladore seconded to approve the contract with Signs by Tomorrow as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Travel

A. Official Travel

MOTION

Mr. Mistovich motioned, Dr. Miladore seconded to approve the Official Travel as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Board Continuing Education

A. Mahoning County Public Health Rabies Policies and Procedures Review
Mr. Masters gave a 30-minute presentation to the Board regarding the proposed changes to the Rabies Policies and Procedures as well as a review of the current policy which was followed by a 15-minute question and answer period.

MOTION

Mr. Mistovich motioned, Dr. Miladore seconded to approve the Mahoning County Public Health Rabies Policies and Procedures as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

X. Personnel Actions

A. Appoint – Full-Time Environmental Health Specialist-in-Training

MOTION

Mr. Mistovich motioned, Dr. Miladore seconded to appoint Sharlene Shebeck as a full-time Environmental Health Specialist-in-Training as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

XI. Adjournment

MOTION

Mr. Mistovich motioned, Dr. Miladore seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

MAHONING COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING

JULY 18, 2022

4:00 P.M.

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

MINUTES

Board members present: Mr. Len Perry
 Mr. Joe Mistovich

Staff present: Ryan Tekac
 Ed Janik

Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m.

At 4:01 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 Mr. Mistovich.

Mr. Perry made a motion to leave executive session at 4:14 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mistovich.

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 July 20, 2022.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Mistovich at 4:15 p.m.

MAHONING COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

July 19, 2022

8:00 A.M.

Mahoning County Public Health

50 Westchester Drive

Youngstown, Ohio 44515

MINUTES

Board members present: Dr. Michael Miladore

Staff present: Ryan Tekac
Ed Janik

Meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m.

The Finance Committee reviewed the budget changes for Board approval, the Nursing Division immunization fee adjustments and the monthly financial reports as presented.

The Finance Committee will recommend approval of the following contracts at the next regularly scheduled MCPH meeting July 20, 2022:

Contracts:

- The African American Male Wellness Agency, More 1st Birthdays Program, \$50,000.00
- Alta Care Group, Inc., More 1st Birthdays Program, \$355,411.00
- Community Legal Aid Services, Inc., More 1st Birthdays Program, \$63,340.00
- Educational Service Center of Eastern Ohio, More 1st Birthdays Program, \$137,115.00
- Engagement for Health, More 1st Birthdays Program, \$63,550.00
- Mercy Health Youngstown, LLC, More 1st Birthdays Program, \$331,446.00
- Susan Horne, More 1st Birthdays Program, \$10,000.00
- Help Hotline Crisis Center, Inc., More 1st Birthdays Program, \$10,000.00
- Price Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church, More 1st Birthdays Program, \$264,272.00
- Just In Time Employment Agency, LLC, More 1st Birthdays Program, \$180,000.00
- YWCA Mahoning Valley, More 1st Birthdays Program, \$35,000.00
- Classic Tent & Party Rentals, Overdose Awareness Day Event, \$5,000.00
- Southern Park Mall, LLC, Overdose Awareness Day Event, \$1,000.00
- Welko, LKA Inc., Baby & Me Tobacco Free Grant Consultation, \$1,920.00
- Signs By Tomorrow, Signage for 98 & 100 Westchester, \$2,007.50

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.