

**Minutes of the  
Mahoning County Public Health  
Board Meeting  
July 21, 2021  
8:00 a.m.**

The Mahoning County Public Health Board held its regular meeting on July 21, 2021 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 (arrived late)  
Dr. Nancy Mosca  
Dr. Michael Miladore  
Mr. Joe Mistovich

Absent

Mrs. Bev Fisher

Staff Present:

Michelle Edison, Loretta Floyd-Pleas, Scott Bolam, Colton Masters,  
Erica Horner, Jason Spencer, Cory Powell, Ed Janik, Dr. Kravec, Julie  
Thompson, Ryan Tekac

Public Audience:

Dave Mannion

**III. Minutes**

**MOTIONS**

Dr. Mosca motioned, Dr. Miladore seconded to approve the minutes of the 6/16/21 and 6/25/21 Board meetings as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Mosca motioned, Dr. Miladore seconded to approve the minutes of the 6/14/21 Personnel Committee meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Miladore motioned, Dr. Mosca seconded to approve the minutes of the 6/15/21 Finance Committee meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

**IV. Special Requests/Subdivision Requests/Board Orders**

**A. Board Order #EH-BO-2021-04 – Phillips (New Middletown Village)**

Mr. Powell explained that this is a detached garage at a vacant property in the located in the village of New Middletown. The garage is packed full of trash containing food waste. There is evidence of animals using the food waste as a source of food. The owner failed to comply with the abatement notices sent on June

11<sup>th</sup> and July 6<sup>th</sup>. They also failed to appear at the Health Commissioner's Hearing on July 13<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION**

Dr. Miladore motioned, Dr. Mosca seconded to approve the sanitarian's recommendation for Board Order #EH-BO-2021-04 which states:

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

- placarded;
- abated within five (5) 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.

**B. Board Order #EH-BO-2021-05 – White/Hickman (Smith Twp.)**

Mr. Spencer explained that this is a vacant property located in Smith Township causing a public health nuisance and safety hazard because the owner has failed to secure, maintain and preserve the house from attracting disease vectors. The owner has failed to comply with abatement notices and did not appear at the Health Commissioner's Hearing.

**MOTION**

Dr. Miladore motioned, Dr. Mosca seconded to approve the sanitarian's recommendation for Board Order #EH-BO-2021-05 which states:

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

- condemned as dangerous to life or health;
- placarded;
- abated within five (5) 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. 2021 Budget Changes for Board Approval**

Mr. Janik explained that these changes are grant related budget changes for the Cribs for Kids grant and the Moms Quit for Two grant. Both are deliverable based grants.

**MOTION**

Dr. Miladore motioned, Dr. Mosca seconded to approve 2021 Budget Changes for Board Approval as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

## VI. Reports

### A. Committee

Dr. Miladore reported that the Finance Committee met yesterday and reviewed the financial reports. There are quite a few grants in relation to COVID activities and we are in a good position with the monies presently available. We're spending down the grants that we've yet to exhaust for 2020 before we tap into the 2021 money. At this point in time our budget is holding quite well, and our grant activities are well funded.

Dr. Mosca reported that the Personnel Committee met Monday and reviewed the positions of Environmental Health Specialist-in-Training, WIC Health Professional RD/LD, HUB Operations Coordinator and HUB Referral and Training Coordinator and the people to be appointed to them.

### B. Division/Program

At this point Mr. Perry joined the meeting.

#### Ed Janik

Currently working with the managers on the 2022 revenue budget which I will have for Board approval next month. The Treasurer has approved the application for our building to be tax exempt which means we will not have to pay property tax. The field work for our 2020 Audit has been completed and their report should be available for the August Board meeting.

#### Michelle Edison

We have submitted a grant proposal to the Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health for a Family-Centered Approaches to Improving Type 2 Diabetes Control and Prevention grant in the amount of \$329,855.61.

The Diabetes Education for Families in Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley (**DEFY MVP**) program will address the complex issues around the impact of Type 2 diabetes on racial and ethnic minority communities by examining impact on and interventions for Black residents in Mahoning and Trumbull Counties in central northeast Ohio's Rust Belt. Data and research show that the issue of Type 2 diabetes within the Black community in Trumbull and Mahoning Counties has three prongs - (1) Type 2 diabetes is disproportionately prevalent among this region's Black population - compared with not just the region's general population but also the nation's Black population; (2) Broad health-related disparities exist within this region's Black community, correlating with increased rates of Type 2 diabetes, other chronic disease, and other poor health outcomes; and (3) The Black community needs access to family-centered interventions that are culturally and linguistically appropriate interventions to combat these challenges. The DEFY MVP intervention is designed to use Mahoning County Public Health's Mahoning Valley Pathways Community HUB division to provide home-visiting, family-centered, culturally and linguistically-appropriate interventions for low-income, underserved Black families with at least one family member age 12+ living with Type 2 diabetes in Mahoning and Trumbull Counties, Ohio. Through the implementation of the Pathways Community HUB Model in tandem with the "Diabetes and the Family" Curriculum, the project intends to achieve the following goals: 1) To improve clinical measures for participants with diabetes; 2) To improve healthy lifestyle behaviors for

participants with diabetes; and 3) To reduce the impact of Type 2 diabetes on overall health for those with the disease.

There are 5 distinct components of this project. The **Pathways Community HUB Model - DEFY MVP** is rooted in the traditional evidence-based, outcome-focused Pathways Community HUB Model. At the root of the Pathways HUB model and DEFY MVP is the evidence-based care coordination model. **Care coordination** aids in the remediation of risks by supporting community-clinical linkages that address the whole person. Through the HUB model, care coordination takes place via culturally connected **Community Health Workers**. Under this project, CHWs will specialize their approach to assist participants and families impacted by diabetes with self-management and risk reduction through a family-centered approach. The "Diabetes and the Family" Program - One of the keyways this project specializes its intervention for individuals and families impacted by diabetes is by infusing the evidence-informed "**Diabetes and the Family**" curriculum into many aspects - including home visiting sessions and family group support sessions. The primary objectives of "Diabetes and the Family" include to (a) provide family members with basic information about diabetes; (b) teach health behaviors that might reduce all family members' risk of diabetes or secondary complications; (c) suggest ways that families might unite to support healthy behaviors and the special needs of a family member with diabetes; and (d) have fun learning and experiencing. Through **group-based family peer support**, family units (participants and supporting family members) can share experiences and ideas, encourage one another, and model positive behaviors as they support the participant and develop healthful behaviors for home environments. This intervention was selected for this project for a number of reasons that convene to meet community need and project vision.

Special thanks needs to go to Kali Kerstetter for grant coordination, Tracy Styka for providing supporting data and program development, Kathy Affagato for budget input, development and narrative and Megan Stacy for support including research.

The HUB has requested a Chronic Disease Program Continuation grant from the Western Reserve Health Foundation in the amount of \$174,962.00. In alignment with Mahoning County CHIP Priority #2-Chronic Disease, we propose to continue to address the needs of community members who require support in managing their chronic conditions and other social determinants that impact health by using the evidence-based Pathways Community HUB Model through the Mahoning Valley Pathways HUB division. The HUB will contract with community-based organizations to employ CHWs who will find individuals who have been diagnosed with chronic conditions like diabetes/prediabetes, heart disease, hypertension, mental health issues. The CHWs will then enroll participants into the HUB program and will use the Pathways strategy to treat their risk factors through education, support, and connection to resources and services through regular engagement via face-to-face or virtual visits. During the monthly visits, the CHWs will provide their client with culturally and linguistically appropriate education specific to their chronic condition and their social determinants of health. "Pathways" are used to identify and address modifiable risk factors using a standardized approach. Identified risk factors are assigned to a corresponding Pathways and are followed up on until completed. The CHWs track, monitor, and measure participant progress and outcomes in order to facilitate success mitigation of risk factors that impede positive health and disease management.

Cora Lewis and I participated in the first session of the yearlong Queens Village National Learning Cohort.

A link to the project can be found by clicking here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BBAtyWBrpoc>

#### Colton Masters

We are continuing to collect mosquitoes from around the county and send them to ODH for testing and identification. To date we have collected around 2,000 mosquitoes and had them tested for West Nile Virus, through ODH. ODH sends us weekly updates on the testing results and fortunately, we have not had any positive mosquitoes identified.

We had several temporary events around the county in relation to the Fourth of July. I would like to thank Tony Nigro and Amy Holinbaugh who performed the food inspections over the holiday weekend at these events, ensuring attendees were practicing safe food handling.

We held the Rabies Advisory Committee meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was attended by several members of the committee, including YCHD officials. I would like to express my gratitude to Jeffery Rains from USDA, who attended the meeting and gave us an update regarding the rabies control measures taking place in our region.

Our second round of mosquito spraying targeted both the park system and several campgrounds around the area. It was completed at the end of June and went off without any issue. Our final round of spraying is scheduled for July 26<sup>th</sup> and we will be targeting both the park system and campgrounds again.

We are currently working with our legal counsel to develop and update various policies and escalated enforcement procedures for various programs.

We would also like to welcome Kaitlin McNally back from maternity leave.

#### Loretta Floyd-Pleas

##### *Update – Extension of Federal WIC Waivers through Mid-November 2021*

The Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) has notified the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) that the national public health emergency declaration for COVID-19 has been extended to mid- November 2021.

##### *Pop-Up Farmers Market held at WIC Clinic Sites*

Mahoning County WIC continues its partnership with ACTION and GROW Urban Farm to offer WIC families fresh vegetables and fruits that are purchased with WIC Farmers Market Coupons. The Farmers Markets are also open for the general public to purchase veggies and fruits. The market recently held at the Boardman WIC office was a huge success---all products were sold out and all WIC Farmers Market coupons were spent—a scenario for healthier eating in the community. The COVID-19 vaccine was also available on site.

##### *BAM-Breastfeeding Awareness Month Event*

The annual Breastfeeding Awareness Event is scheduled for August 20, 2021, in Mill Creek Park at the Fellowship Riverside Gardens. This years' theme is "Protect Breastfeeding: A Shared Responsibility". Alta-Head Start will provide a presentation at this event. Tables will be available for information sharing by local agencies.

#### Erica Horner

We continue to offer COVID-19 vaccine clinics every Thursday by either appointment or walk-in.

Moms Quit for Two Grant Fiscal Year 21 grant year ended 06/30/2021. Baby & Me-Tobacco Free is the program implemented under this grant. Women are ideally enrolled during their 1<sup>st</sup> trimester, will complete 4 prenatal sessions and 12 postpartum sessions: staying smoke free and graduating at 1 year. Our goal was to enroll 20 pregnant women. Since pregnancies and grant years do not align, we will always have individuals that continue on the program across fiscal years. During the grant year we enrolled 7 new women and had 9 women successfully complete the program. The new grant year started 07/01/2021.

#### Scott Bolam

The lab is currently doing corrosion control study samples for the Mahoning Valley Sanitary District. We have been doing them since 2018. The District samples three locations in Niles, three in McDonald, and six in Youngstown. They sample these points 4 times over a few months to assess the District's corrosion control methods.

Finished 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter testing for Ohio EPA public water system clients and are now into 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. We are now moving into the timeframe to do lead and copper testing for our Public Water System clients.

Landfill groundwater monitoring activity: we have sampled Central Waste and will be sampling the CLD landfill out by Salem the week of 7/26/21.

#### Dr. Kravec

There continue to be a lot of questions surrounding adult vaccinations and whether a COVID booster shot will be required. We just don't know the answer at this point. We think it will, but we don't know when. Regarding the Delta variant, local hospitalizations are not on the rise yet but we continue to push the importance of getting vaccinated.

#### Ryan Tekac

During our last meeting we discussed The CHA Planning team met for our next upcoming Community Health Assessment. Two organizations responded to the RFP and presented to our team. The Center for Community Solutions and the North Carolina School of Public Health. The CHA Planning team which includes Mercy Health, TCHD, YCHD, Warren City Health District, Healthy Community Partnership, Mercy Health Foundation and both Mahoning and Trumbull County Health and recovery Boards used rating forms to score both proposals in which there was an 8-point difference between CCS and UNC. The numbers initially reflected that CCS would be the consultant to work with the group. However, CCS stated they lack strength in the academic side of the evaluation piece of the data and suggested they would be willing to partner with another organization to provide a strong evaluation piece. Before this decision is made our team here has requested to reconvene the entire CHNA/CHA team as it warrants a discussion to rethink are selection will be. We prefer to work with one entity who will fulfill the entire request and commitment based on their proposal and currently that would be UNC.

- UNC clearly demonstrated and articulated the qualifications needed to perform the work according to PHAB standards and aligning our CHA/CHIIPs to the standards.
- They would bring impressive academic research resources to the project.

- They included a 4-hour training of Results Based Accountability (RBA)

I am bringing this up now because of the financial investment that we will have to contribute to the CHA. The previous total for our last CHA was \$128,000 in which we contributed. \$23,200. The CCS proposal was \$148,500 and the UNC proposal was 186,000. I am going to approach the County Commissioners if they would be willing to invest American Recuse Plan Act funds for this upcoming CHA as we will have to consider investing anywhere from \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00.

The MCPH Strategic Plan which is a 5-year plan will end in the year 2022. Our last Strategic Plan was conducted through a contract with Kent State Universities College of Public Health where they conducted a comprehensive planning process with a team that contained leadership staff, MCPH program staff and Board members. I have reached back out to Kent State to see if there is an initial interest in assisting with our next Strategic Plan. I am bringing this up because this upcoming year will bring another investment in our staff time along with a contract to assist our organization with our vision and how we fit with the anticipated environment.

I would like to thank the leadership team and PIO team for providing me two weeks off for paternity time with Rachel and our son Jacob. Having this uninterrupted family time while also keeping me in the loop via emails meant a lot to me and my family. I am grateful to work alongside a caring team of professionals.

## **VII. Approval of Monthly Expenses**

### **A. Monthly Expenses**

#### **MOTION**

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

Motion carried unanimously.

### **B. Contracts**

- 1) Welco, LKA Inc, Moms Quit for Two Grant Consultant, \$1,920.00

#### **MOTION**

Dr. Miladore motioned, Dr. Mosca seconded to approve the contract with Welco, LKA Inc. as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 2) York Mahoning Mechanical Contractors, Inc, Air Conditioner Repairs, \$3,420.00

#### **MOTION**

Dr. Miladore motioned, Dr. Mosca seconded to approve the contract with York Mahoning Mechanical Contractors, Inc. as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 3) TrustedSec, IT System External Penetration Testing, \$3,250.00

#### **MOTION**

Dr. Miladore motioned, Dr. Mosca seconded to approve the contract with TrustedSec as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 4) Vehicle Purchase, Two for the Environmental Division, Not to Exceed \$15,000.00 each

**MOTION (amended)**

Dr. Miladore motioned, Dr. Mosca seconded to approve the purchase of two vehicles for the Environmental Division in an amount not to exceed \$18,000.00 each as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

**VIII. Travel**

- A. Official Travel

**MOTION**

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**IX. Personnel Actions**

- A. Appoint – Environmental Health Specialist-In-Training  
B. Appoint – WIC Health Professional RD/LD  
C. Appoint – HUB Operations Coordinator  
D. Appoint – HUB Referral and Training Coordinator

**MOTION**

Dr. Mosca motioned, Dr. Miladore seconded to appoint the following as presented:

- Kaitlin McNally, Environmental Health Specialist-In-Training
- Melinda Mondok, Full-Time WIC Health Professional RD/LD
- Kali Kerstetter, HUB Operations Coordinator
- Megan Stacy, HUB Referral and Training Coordinator (year one rate)

Motion carried unanimously.

- E. Post/Advertise and Appoint – Part-Time WIC Health Professional RD/LD  
F. Post/Advertise and Appoint – Full-Time Account Clerk II

**MOTION**

Dr. Mosca motioned, Dr. Miladore seconded to post/advertise for a part-time WIC Health Professional RD/LD and a full-time Account Clerk II and give authority to the Health Commissioner to appoint candidates should the opportunity present itself.

Motion carried unanimously.

**X. Adjournment**

**MOTION**

Dr. Mosca motioned, Dr. Miladore seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

**MAHONING COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH**

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING**

**July 19, 2021**

**10:00 A.M.**

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

**MINUTES**

Board members present:     Dr. Nancy Mosca  
                                      Mr. Len Perry  
                                      Mr. Joe Mistovich

Staff present:                 Ryan Tekac  
                                      Ed Janik

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.

At 10:05 a.m. Mr. Mistovich 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. Perry.

Dr. Mosca made a motion to leave executive session at 10:40 a.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 21, 2021.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Perry, seconded by Dr. Mosca at 10:45 a.m.

**MAHONING COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**July 20, 2021**

**8:00 A.M.**

**Canfield Fairgrounds Administration Building  
7265 Columbiana-Canfield Road  
Canfield, Ohio 44406**

**MINUTES**

Board members present: Mrs. Bev Fisher  
Dr. Michael Miladore

Staff present: Ryan Tekac  
Ed Janik

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

The Finance Committee reviewed the proposed budget changes 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 21, 2021:

Contracts:

- Welco, LKA, Inc, Moms Quit for Two Grant Consultant, \$1,920.00
- York Mahoning Mechanical Contractors, Inc, Air Conditioner Repairs, \$3,420.00
- TrustedSec, IT System External Penetration Testing, \$3,250.00
- Vehicle Purchase, Two for the Environmental Division, Not to Exceed \$15,000.00 each

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.