

**Minutes of the
Mahoning County Public Health
Board Meeting
May 19, 2021
8:00 a.m.**

The Mahoning County Public Health Board held its regular meeting on May 19, 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- via GoToMeeting

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

Absent

Mrs. Bev Fisher

Staff Present: Scott Bolam, Kylie Knight, Colton Masters, Ed Janik, Julie Thompson,
Ryan Tekac

Staff Present via GoToMeeting: Dr. Kravec

Public Audience via GoToMeeting: Joann Sulenski

III. Minutes

MOTIONS

Dr. Mosca motioned, Dr. Miladore seconded to approve the minutes of the 4/21/21 Board meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Mosca motioned, Mr. Perry seconded to approve the minutes of the 4/19/21 Personnel Committee meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Miladore motioned, Mr. Perry seconded to approve the minutes of the 4/20/21 Finance Committee meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Special Recognition – MRC Volunteers

Mr. Mistovich recognized all five volunteers from the Medical Reserve Corps: Patricia Durina, Julie Hoskins, Joanne Sulenski, Dr. Dianna Tolen-Perrico and Linda Warino.

Mr. Mistovich conveyed sincere appreciation from the Board members for all of our volunteer's assistance through our vaccination clinics during this pandemic. Mr.

Tekac added thanks from the Board of Health staff and confirmed that our success with these vaccination clinics truly would not have been possible without their help.

V. Special Requests/Subdivision Requests/Board Orders

A. Board Order #EH-BO-2021-03 – Lane (Struthers City)

Mr. Masters explained that this is a vacant property in the city of Struthers creating a public nuisance and safety hazard because the structure is not reasonably weather-tight or rodent-proof and solid waste and other items attracting disease vectors are present in the garage and yard. The owner of the property is deceased and the property has not been probated.

MOTION

Mr. Perry motioned, Dr. Mosca seconded to approve the sanitarians recommendation for Board Order #EH-BO-2021-03 which states:

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

- placarded;
- abated within 10 days;
- to remain vacant until the nuisance is abated.

Motion carried unanimously.

VI. New Business

A. 2021 Budget Changes for Board Approval

Mr. Janik explained that these changes are additions to revenue for grant activities that were unknown at the beginning of the year.

MOTION

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

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Nursing Immunization Fee Adjustments

Mr. Janik explained that these are proposed fee increases for vaccines due to an increase in our cost of the vaccine plus insurance companies are reimbursing more than what we are charging. Our clients will not pay the difference from what insurance pays, and we charge for a vaccine.

A lengthy discussion ensued, and it was requested that Mr. Janik and Ms. Horner find out if MCPH can allow a fee reduction on vaccines to individuals who have insurance with high deductibles.

Mr. Janik indicated that he would find the answer to that question and report back to the Board.

MOTION

The Board opted to table any motion on these fee adjustments until next month.

VII. Reports

A. Committee

Mr. Mistovich reported that the Personnel Committee met and discussed the HUB Operations Coordinator position. Also discussed was the resignation of Sophia Iqbal and the Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention Coordinator and the MY Baby's 1st Coalition Coordinator open positions.

Dr. Miladore reported that the Finance Committee met and discussed the seven contracts and new business items in addition to potential construction and capital building improvements with bond projects. WIC will be adding two more rooms to their space in Youngstown. Cash balances are good and the Fiscal staff is doing a wonderful job making sure they stay that way.

B. Division/Program

Michelle Edison

It is with much sadness that I inform you about the sudden passing of Dr. Mark Redding, cofounder of the Pathways Community HUB Model. Dr. Mark was not only a mentor, but a friend and advocate for HUBs throughout the country, and especially in his home state of Ohio. He and his wife, Dr. Sarah Redding, were trailblazers in the area of improving health outcomes through a comprehensive care coordination model which utilizes community health workers, and by acknowledging the existence of systemic barriers that cultivate health inequities. Because of their vision, we, the Mahoning Valley Pathways HUB, have served more the 1,200 clients and have helped infants and families achieve outcomes that support positive health. Dr. Mark is, and will always be, dearly missed.

The HUB submitted a proposal for TANF funding through the Governor's Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives. This project aims to support positive choices for postpartum and parenting individuals in order to delay subsequent pregnancies in alignment with TANF Purpose 3 "...prevent and reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies and establish annual numerical goals for preventing and reducing the incidence of these pregnancies". We requested \$250,000.00 and the funding period is from July 1, 2021 through July 30, 2022.

The Certified Pathways Community HUBs became an official network. We are in the process of identifying the leadership board. The mission of the Network, as a 501(c)(6) membership association, is to support, grow and sustain the HUB Model in Ohio. The Network of Ohio Certified Pathways HUBs met with ODH representatives regarding HUB inclusion as a referral source in the state home visiting network.

I provided oral testimony, along with other Ohio Certified HUB representatives, to the Senate Health Committee on May 6, 2021. The testimony was in support of increased funding to the Ohio Commission on Minority Health <http://ohiochannel.org/video/ohio-senate-health-committee-5-6-2021> (HUB testimony begins at 1'50")

In collaboration with the Ohio Department of Health, the Network of Ohio HUBs has submitted a proposal in response to the CDC Community Health Workers for COVID Response and Resilient Communities RFA. If awarded, the HUBs and the state will receive close to \$5 million to deploy CHWs to address the short and long term impacts of the pandemic, especially as they relate to health disparities.

Cathy Hergenrother has been gathering input from current partner agencies regarding the scope for the next grant cycle of the More 1st Birthdays grant. ODM will be releasing the RFP this summer. Due to staff changes at the Youngstown City Health District, Health Commissioner Erin Bishop respectfully declined to continue to participate as a funded partner under the ODM grant.

We continue to work on assembling the Core Leadership Team to guide the mission, vision and goals and objectives of the comprehensive, countywide health equity plan.

Colton Masters

We will be starting our mosquito surveillance program this month, with the help of our newest intern, Sarah. We are making plans to use the 2021 Mosquito Control Grant money for advertising mosquito safety to the general public and fund adulticide spraying for mosquitoes in several nearby parks starting next week.

Tony Nigro and Cory Powell assisted with the inspection of food trailers at the Canfield fairgrounds this past weekend as they held a "Food Walkthrough" event. We met with vendors prior to the event and ensured that they followed the states Covid guidelines and helped to answer any questions that they had.

Dave Fetchko hosted a tattoo training virtually, from our health department on May 6th. 21 people were in attendance, seven of whom received RS credits for the state of Ohio. This training covered updates to the tattoo regulations as well as an overview of the program.

We are preparing to hold a Rabies Vaccination Clinic at Angels for Animals on June 5th, in conjunction with the Covid Vaccination Clinic. I would like to thank Angels for Animals for all their assistance in ordering the supplies we will need for the vaccine. The clinic hours are expected to be from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

With the uptick in warmer weather, we are entering the busy season for septic inspections. Our sewage team is doing a great job and staying very busy, keeping up with the booming housing market in Mahoning County. In addition to this, we have recently started accepting applications for the WPCLF grant and we intend to use as much of that money as possible to assist low-income families in the area with their failing septic systems.

Loretta Floyd-Pleas

The Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) will notify ODH if the WIC waivers are extended past August 2021 in the month of July. ODH will have some of their staff members returning to their offices beginning in July.

The WIC FY 2022 funding has been cut by \$42,248.00 and the caseload assignment is now 3,727. The funding for the breastfeeding peer program is increased by \$2,593.00. In FY20 two full-time staff members retired and were not replaced and the cost for leased office space has decreased. ODH has begun a WIC/SNAP/TANF Medicaid Cross Enrollment Initiative to leverage enrollment data from these programs as an effort to increase caseload of the potentially eligible population. The list comes to the local WIC counties and must be reviewed within the WIC Certification System to verify that the potentially eligible participants are not currently on WIC. The families are contacted by mail, text messages, and phone calls – this listing has been helpful in getting terminated

participants back into the program. WIC also receives referrals from Alta Health Start and Help Me Grow.

Mahoning County WIC staff participated in the "Unity in the Community" sponsored by the NAACP and Youngstown City Schools and "Alta Head Start/Early Head Start Farmers Market". Mahoning County WIC distributed informational brochures on the WIC programs; toddlers back packs, children's nutritional coloring books and crayons, informational handout on storing vegetables and fruits and how to make one's plate half filled with vegetables and fruits – focusing on healthier eating behaviors. These events were enjoyed by all in attendance – great opportunity for networking with other social service agencies. Over 100 families attended the "Alta Head Start/Early Head Start Farmers Market" and over 80 families were in attendance at the "Unity in the Community".

Erica Horner

We are moving from a mass vaccination site to place based clinics. We reviewed our jurisdictions vaccination data and have scheduled and held clinics in areas identified with the lowest rates such as Sebring and Campbell. We also have several businesses that we have scheduled on-site clinics for in June. Collaboration with Mercy Health to vaccinate 16-18 year old students during school-based clinics is wrapping up next week. Thank you to our Data Entry Team staff for assisting in this coordination!

We have resumed all immunization clinics at our main office and plan to go out to our regular off-site locations, Struthers and Boardman, next quarter.

We have offered our school on-site Tdap/Menactra clinics to school districts within our jurisdiction for students going into 7th grade in the fall of 2021. We have four school districts that have scheduled during the last couple weeks of May. This is something that we offer annually.

During April, Rachel Jackson and Sharon Woodall completed vaccination educational sessions to school nurses for 35 schools in our county. They also completed the six ODH assigned school validation assessments which require staff to review all immunization records for students in various grade levels (Kindergarten, 7th and 12th grade). Our Vaccination Disparity Education Plan was updated and submitted as well.

Scott Bolam

The new Perkin Elmer Atomic Absorption Spectrometer has a tentative installation date of June 1st. We had a pre-installation site visit from Perkin Elmer on May 6th. Because the instrument is a replacement, it makes for an easier installation. There were no issues noted.

We will be starting landfill sampling the week of June 7th for the Groundwater Monitoring Program. This year we will start with the residences around Central Waste landfill.

Dr. Kravec

As we continue to work through changes, we find that it was actually much easier to shut down than it is to re-open. Mahoning County continues to remain above average in vaccination rates which is great. The CDC is starting to slow down Ebola concerns for travelers coming from the Congo region.

Ryan Tekac

This month we passed the 2 million mark for vaccinations administered by local health departments in Ohio. Mahoning County Public Health is nearing the 25,000 mark for vaccinations provided. Erica has described the clinics in two target areas with low vaccine uptake such as Sebring and the Campbell Memorial area. I would like to thank both Mayor Harp of Sebring and Mayor Phillips of Campbell for working with us to bring vaccinations to their communities. As Colton mentioned, we are also in the planning phase with Angels from Animals for a clinic that will be held at their facility where pet owners can receive their COVID vaccinations while their furry partner receives a rabies vaccination. Mahoning County currently stands with about 41.8 % of our populations being vaccinated with a first dose and 36.6 % being fully vaccinated.

We continue to work with our K-12 schools and meet with them weekly to assist them as they finish out the school year. Although the orders are lifted on June 2, Governor DeWine and ODH encourages schools to finish out the school year wearing masks and we concur with our state partners on this matter. After June 2nd it will be up to each individual school to decide on whether they will require masks to be worn in their buildings.

There was a news report that was shared through AOHC that addresses the chronic underfunding of the public health system and how it was a key contributing factor in the nation's flatfooted response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The report also highlights the need for the public health system to be ready to prevent and respond to a spectrum of risks, from weather-related emergencies to the rising number of drug overdoses, to increasing rates of obesity and resulting chronic diseases.

This past week all of public health should have been pleased to hear that the current presidential administration announced plans to invest 7.4 billion dollars into the public health workforce to respond to COVID-19 and future public health challenges.

VIII. 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) Aey Electric, Electrical Work for Nursing Refrigerators, \$1,281.00

MOTION

Mr. Perry motioned, Dr. Miladore seconded to approve the contract with Aey Electric as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 2) International Asbestos Testing Laboratories (IATL), Metals Testing, Increase of \$6,000.00 to \$12,000.00

MOTION

Dr. Miladore motioned, Mr. Perry seconded to approve the contract increase with International Asbestos Testing Laboratories as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 3) Mahoning County Commissioners, Rent for WIC at Oak Hill, \$30,618.00

MOTION

Dr. Miladore motioned, Mr. Perry seconded to approve the contract with the Mahoning County Commissioners as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 4) Generator Specialist, Inc, Maintenance Agreement, \$2,285.00

MOTION

Dr. Miladore motioned, Dr. Mosca seconded to approve the contract with Generator Specialist, Inc. as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 5) Meridian Health Care, Employee Assistance Program, \$1,260.00

MOTION

Dr. Mosca motioned, Dr. Miladore seconded to approve the contract with Meridian Health Care as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 6) ECMSI, Six – 2.4 TB Hard Drives for Servers, \$2,145.30

MOTION

Dr. Mosca motioned, Mr. Perry seconded to approve the contract with ECMSI as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 7) Alexander's Pest Control, Mosquito Spraying, \$6,500.00

MOTION

Dr. Miladore motioned, Dr. Mosca seconded to approve the contract with Alexander's Pest Control for mosquito spraying as presented.

The spraying will be conducted on May 24th, June 21st and July 19th at the following locations:

Austintown Township Park
Boardman Township Park
Canfield Fairgrounds
Canfield Township Park
Coy Park
Mill Creek Park
Poland Township Park
Poland Village Park

There will also be spraying done on June 21st and July 19th at the following campgrounds:

Chaparral Campgrounds
Lakeside Campground
Lake Milton KOA Campground
Western Reserve Campgrounds

IX. Personnel Actions

- A. Executive Session

MOTION

Mr. Perry motioned, Dr. Mosca seconded to enter into Executive Session at 9:05 a.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Exit Executive Session

MOTION

Dr. Miladore motioned, Dr. Mosca motioned to exit Executive Session at 9:34 a.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Resignation – S. Iqbal

MOTION

Dr. Mosca motioned, Dr. Miladore seconded to accept the resignation of Sophia Iqbal as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Post/Advertise and Appoint – HUB Referral and Training Coordinator

MOTION

Dr. Mosca motioned, Mr. Perry seconded to post/advertise for a HUB Referral and Training Coordinator and give authority to the Health Commissioner to appoint a candidate should the opportunity present itself.

Motion carried unanimously.

E. New Bargaining Unit Position – HUB Operations Coordinator

MOTION

Dr. Mosca motioned, Mr. Perry seconded to approve the HUB Operations Coordinator as a new bargaining unit position.

Motion carried unanimously.

F. Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention Coordinator and Infant Mortality Coalition Coordinator – Appoint

MOTION

Dr. Mosca motioned, Dr. Miladore seconded to give authority to the Health Commissioner to appoint candidates to these positions should there be candidates found qualified to fill the positions.

Motion carried unanimously.

X. **Adjournment**

MOTION

Dr. Mosca motioned, Mr. Perry seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes of the
Mahoning County Public Health
Board Meeting
June 1, 2021
8:30 a.m.**

The Mahoning County Public Health Board held a special meeting on June 1, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. at the offices of Mahoning County Public Health, 50 Westchester Drive, Youngstown, Ohio 44515.

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call

Present- via GoToMeeting

Absent

Mr. Joe Mistovich
Mr. Len Perry
Mrs. Bev Fisher
Dr. Nancy Mosca
Dr. Michael Miladore

Staff Present: Ed Janik, Julie Thompson, Ryan Tekac, Maria LeBron-Ortiz

Public Audience via GoToMeeting:

III. Approval of Contract Addendums

A. Contracts

- 1) Just In Time Employment Agency, Transportation Contract Addendum, Increase of \$62,000.00

MOTION

Mrs. Fisher motioned, Dr. Mosca seconded to approve the transportation contract addendum with Just In Time Employment Agency as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Adjournment

MOTION

Mrs. Fisher motioned, Mr. Perry seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 a.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

MAHONING COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

May 18, 2021

8:30 A.M.

Mahoning County Public Health

50 Westchester Drive

Youngstown, Ohio 44515

MINUTES

Board members present: Mrs. Bev Fisher (via GoToMeeting)
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 proposed budget changes, the Nursing 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 May 19, 2021:

Contracts:

- Aey Electric, Electrical Work for Nursing Refrigerators, \$1,281.00
- International Asbestos Testing Laboratories (IATL), Metals Testing, Increase of \$6,000.00 to \$12,000.00
- Mahoning County Commissioners, Rent for WIC at Oak Hill, \$30,618.00
- Generator Specialist, Inc., Maintenance Agreement, \$2,285.00
- Meridian Health Care, Employee Assistance Program, \$1,260.00
- ECMSI, Six – 2.4 TB Hard Drives for Servers, \$2,145.30
- Alexander's Pest Control, Mosquito Spraying, \$6,500.00

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

MAHONING COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING

May 18, 2021

4:30 P.M.

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

MINUTES

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

Staff present: Ryan Tekac
 Ed Janik

Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m.

At 4:31 p.m. Dr. Mosca 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.

Mr. Mistovich made a motion to leave executive session at 4:45 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 May 19, 2021.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Mosca, seconded by Mr. Perry at 4:46 p.m.