



Fairfield County
**Health
Department**

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Health Commissioner

BOARD OF HEALTH RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Fairfield County Health Department
Minutes of the Board of Health
June 12, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

MEETING LOCATION: Fairfield County Health Department, 1550 Sheridan Dr., Ste. 100, Lancaster

The meeting was called to order by Brian Oliver at 4:00 p.m.

Board Members Present

Brian Oliver
Dr. Teresa Wood
Tina Childers
Dr. Allen Shaw

Board Members Absent

Dr. Michele Morrone

STAFF PRESENT

Joe Ebel, Health Commissioner; Gale Neville, Nursing Director; Mary Smith, WIC Director; Baylie Blevins, Planning and Promotion Director; Jamie Ehorn, Administrative Services Director; Rachel Moresea, Environmental Health Director; Shannon Mentzer, Public Health Nurse; Matt Rice, Intern;

OTHERS PRESENT

N/A

A quorum was established. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting minutes from the board meeting on May 8, 2024, were presented for approval. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF: Shannon Mentzer, Public Health Nurse and Matt Rice, Administrative Intern

FEATURED PROGRAM: Joe Ebel, Health Commissioner presented Facts and Figures on “What’s driving the trend on early death?”. The presentation included information on the annual number of deaths among working-age Ohioans, 10 leading causes of death in 2022, changes in leading causes of death, unintentional drug overdose deaths, liquor sales in Ohio, percent of adults who reported binge drinking, smoking and adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), smoking and income, trends in suicide methods in Ohio, trends in homicide in Ohio and the U.S. and policies to drive improvement in Ohio.

HEARINGS & VARIANCES

Rachel Moresea, Environmental Director, presented a variance request for 13022 Hawthorne Rd., Thornville for distance requirements for a well. The well was installed before the house was built. It is 7’6” from the house instead of 10’ as required. The house sits on a small lot.

Tina Childers made a motion to approve the variance request for 13022 Hawthorne Rd., Thornville from OAC 3701-28-07 for the distance requirement for the well. Dr. Shaw seconded the motion. Dr. Shaw – Aye, Tina Childers – Aye, Brian Oliver – Aye, Dr. Wood, Nay. Motion passed.

Mrs. Moresea will speak with Walnut Township zoning inspector regarding this distance requirement issue coming up frequently.

The housing nuisance was removed from the agenda.

DIVISION REPORTS

Environmental Health Report

Rachel Moresea, Environmental Health Director provided a written report to the Board. Texas Roadhouse has made improvements and inspections will continue at once per month. Internal food audits were conducted on food sanitarians and went well. A complaint was received on Luxe Rehabilitation, food was being prepared in an area where there was sewage backup. Nuisance updates will be provided next month.

Nursing Report

Gale Neville, Nursing Director provided a written report to the Board. Two nurses have been hired. One has started, the other will start soon. Shannon Mentzer has been here two weeks and has already been on a newborn home visit.

WIC Report

Mary Smith, WIC Director, provided a written report to the Board. The WIC FY25 grant was submitted. An intern from OU will start this Friday and be with us for two weeks.

Planning and Promotion Report

Baylie Blevins, Health Promotion Director, provided a written report to the Board. Mrs. Blevins met with fire chiefs to get overdose data for Project Dawn. The fire chiefs agreed to send us data quarterly. Compyle survey is being used to track employee training. We received the PHEP grant renewal and the AARP Community Challenge grant. Dr. Wood thanked Mrs. Blevins for the informative social media posts.

Health Commissioner's Report

Joe Ebel, Health Commissioner, provided a written report to the Board. The Tobacco grant funding increased by \$30K and starts on July 1st. The county commissioners increased our Healthy Aging grant by \$10K. We hired an immunization nurse that starts on June 24th. Clinics have been slow but should pick up in August for back-to-school clinics. The EO grant extension and reallocation was approved for \$1.7M. Funding will be used to replace the current generator, to purchase water bottle filling stations for county, city, township and village offices, to purchase environmental software, staffing and other items.

Mr. Ebel requested approval to add another Health Educator. The health educator will work on Tobacco grant and be paid out of the additional grant funding of \$30K and other potential grants in the pipeline.

Mr. Ebel and Mrs. Neville met with representatives from Health Impact Ohio, who manage the Central Ohio Pathways HUB and Care Coordination Network, to discuss FCHD joining the network. Other county health departments are using this program. FCHD would hire a Community Health Worker (CHW) that would work with clients that have Medicaid or Managed Care Plans, to make referrals, identify needs and open pathways, (ex. referral to a medical home, housing, mental health, etc.). There is a potential for \$50K in earnings per CHW per year.

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND BILLS

Jamie Ehorn, Administrative Services Director provided financial reports and a bill list to the Board for approval.

Dr. Teresa Wood made a motion to approve the financial report and bill list. Dr. Allan Shaw seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Ebel requested approval to hire an additional Health Educator.

Dr. Teresa Wood made a motion to hire an additional health educator. Tina Childers seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: July 10, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Fairfield County Health Department, 1550 Sheridan Drive, Ste. 100, Lancaster

ADJOURN The Board of Health Meeting adjourned on a motion by Dr. Allen Shaw. Tina Childers seconded the motion at 4:41 p.m. Motion passed.

Approved:

Signature and date on file _____ Date: _____ Brian Oliver, Board President

Signature and date on file _____ Date: _____ R. Joseph Ebel, Health Commissioner