

COLUMBUS BOARD OF HEALTH  
Meeting Minutes  
District Administration Conference Room / MS Teams Hybrid Meeting

**Date:** February 22, 2023

<p><b>Presiding:</b> James Lopez, DDS</p> <p><b>Attending Board Members:</b> Sylvester McRae, MD; Devica Alappan, MD, Joy Adegbile, MD; Danielle Frazier (City Mgr. office) Rebecca Covington (Mayor’s Office)</p> <p><b>Not Present:</b> Yasmin Cathright, MD</p> <p><b>Others Present:</b> Beverley Townsend, MD; Tori Endres; Joanne Strickland; Steve Gunby; Pam Kirkland; Michelle Crawford; Kristi Ludy; Berta Cox; Dottie Hall, Annette Butts</p>			
Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
<b>Call to order</b>	<p>Dr. Lopez:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.</li> <li>• Acknowledged a quorum was present.</li> </ul>	Roll call was done by Berta Cox. A quorum was present.	None
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	<p>Dr. Lopez:</p> <p>Referred to the February meeting agenda as delivered to all board members. With no questions or discussion from the members, asked for a motion for approval of the agenda.</p>	Motioned by Dr. Adegbile to accept Agenda as written; seconded by Rebecca Covington; approved by all members present.	None
<b>Discussion and Approval of Minutes</b>	<p>Dr. Lopez:</p> <p>Referred to minutes from January 25, 2023, meeting as delivered to all board members. Dr. Lopez asked for one correction to the minutes. Dr. Reznik is not a local dentist but is the DDS/Chief of Dental Medicine at Grady Health System in Atlanta. With no other questions or discussion from the members, asked for a motion for approval of the minutes.</p>	Motioned by Dr. Alappan to accept minutes with noted changes; seconded by Dr. Adegbile approved by all members present.	Berta Cox will correct minutes as requested.
<b>Commissioner of Health Report</b>	<p>Dr. Lopez:</p> <p>Called for the Director’s report.</p>	None	None

	<p>Dr. Townsend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Announced that she has a District Directors meeting today and will share any updates from that meeting with the Board at the next meeting.</li> <li>• Stated that the legislature is in session and we won't have any news until they have finished.</li> <li>• Announced that we have hired a new HR Director for our district, and I will introduce him at the next meeting.</li> <li>• Stated we still have vacancies to fill in our agency, but I think it is the same in all Health Care industry. Our Environmental department is very short staffed currently.</li> <li>• Announced that Covid funding will be discontinuing soon, and we are waiting on more information.</li> <li>• Reminded everyone that Covid is still here so please act accordingly.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Financial Report</b></p>	<p>Dr. Lopez: Called for financial report.</p> <p>Joanne Strickland, District Administrator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presented the FY23 financial overview as of January 31, 2023, emailed to all members and provided in notebooks for in-person members.</li> <li>• Our FY23 current budget is \$10,771,776. There have been three budget revisions during this period. Line 3 shows total expenses through the end of January are \$6,491,912.30 which is above target for 7 months of operations and is 60% of our budget. Line 4 shows the comparison of expenses to last year with an increased variance of \$2,828,624.78. This is due to the COLA mentioned previously, the cost-of-living adjustment that all employees received, and we are also now centralized for payroll and accounting. Line 5 shows total fee income is \$635,571.27 and lines 6 through 17 shows the breakdown of fund sources and their comparison to the same time last year. Line 18 shows variance at a decrease of \$38,009.63 due mostly to less COVID19 vaccines being administered. Line 19 shows the prior year admin claiming income, which we received an increase of \$61,074.13.</li> </ul> <p>As always, we provide the backup excel by line item for expenses and</p>	<p>The Financial Report is attached and made a part of these minutes.</p>	<p>None</p>

	revenue sources. Page 4 shows the total grants governed by the Columbus Board of Health (all are on target for 7 months of operation). No further comments/questions.		
<b>Excused Absences</b>	Yasmin Cathright	None	None
<b>Old Business</b>	Dr. Lopez: Status of sink hole in parking lot at Columbus Health Department Building on Veterans Parkway.  Dr. Townsend: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We currently do not have any updates. We are waiting on the city to get back with us.</li> </ul>	None	None
<b>New Business</b>	Joanne Strickland, District Administrator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presented the FY22 Audit Summary; total expenditures \$22,691,650.00; total revenue \$23,016,514.00; leave liability \$962,458.00; fund balance \$11,308,772.00; total assets \$15,220,315.00 and total liabilities \$8,777,898.00.</li> <li>Presented the Columbus Consolidated Government Agency Request for Appropriation. Total budget of \$12,193,234.00 with city budget request of \$502,012.00.</li> </ul>	Motioned by Dr. Adegbile to accept Audit as written; seconded by Dr. Alappan; approved by all members present.  Motioned by Dr. Adegbile to accept Budget proposal as presented; seconded by Dr. Alappan; approved by all members present	Joanne Strickland  Joanne Strickland
<b>Program Reports</b>	<b>Epidemiology COVID 19 Update</b> – Dr. Beverley Townsend Monkey Pox <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As of February 2023, new data shows that some people can spread Mpox to others from one to four days before symptoms.</li> <li>As of February 15, 2023, there have been 30,000 confirmed Monkeypox/Orth poxvirus in the United States; 2,000 in Georgia. There has been estimate of 60 female cases, but the majority being</li> </ul>	Program reports are attached and made a part of these minutes.	None

	<p>male and 97% being African American men; 32 in our district with 97% males and 3% females.; age groups 0-17 there is one case; 18-25 there are six cases; 26-35 there are seventeen cases; 36-45 there is six cases; 45+ age group there is two cases.</p> <p>COVID 19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirmed cases 37,696 to date.</li> <li>• 14 days Confirmed cases per 100K is 154 cases.</li> <li>• COVID-19 probable antigen cases to date:8,019</li> <li>• 14-day probable Ag cases per 100K:33</li> <li>• 14-day PCR% Positivity rate: 13.2%</li> <li>• 7-day PCR% Positivity rate: 13.4%</li> <li>• Total hospitalizations:3,343</li> <li>• Total confirmed deaths:806</li> <li>• “Fully vaccinated” “47%</li> </ul> <p>No further comments/questions.</p>		
<p><b>Program Reports Continued</b></p>	<p><b>Public Information</b> Pam Kirkland, Public Information Officer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two press releases for February about Covid Health Equity Program and starting Georgia Severe Weather Preparedness Week.</li> <li>• We did 3 interviews about Covid numbers/flu: Covid/flu prevention and vaccines. Narcan/OTC availability.</li> <li>• Social Media Posts contained Public Health on Wheels locations through out our district; severe weather preparedness; Heart month; Healthy heart tips; Move it Monday; Benefits of dog walking/PAWS adoption event; Fatherhood program; Preconception Project; Parenting Workshops/Basics- Chattahoochee Valley; Enrolling in child health programs.</li> <li>• WIC campaign</li> <li>• Cure Violence Campaign</li> <li>• You Tube Channel – “This is Public Health”</li> </ul> <p>No further questions / comments.</p> <p><b>Environmental Health</b> – Kristi Ludy, Environmental Health Director  Referred members to the Environmental Health report of activities covering the month January 2023.</p>		

- The Food and Service program has 681 permitted establishments, and 65 permitted schools. For the period January 1<sup>st</sup> – January 31<sup>st</sup> we have conducted 0 temporary food service inspections, 70 routine inspections, 0 follow up inspections, 5 initial inspections and 7 plan reviews. There were 9 informal inspections and invested 8 complaints and 12 complaint investigations.
- Public Swimming Pools, Spas, & Recreational Water Parks Program has 41 permitted public pools, conducted 7 permitting/opening inspection, 0-re-inspection for permitting and investigated no complaints.
- Tourist accommodations has 56 permitted establishments. We conducted 7 routine inspections, 1 informal inspection, 2 plan reviews, investigated 1 complaint.
- Body Art Studios – 19 studios and 74 permitted body artists, no routine inspections at this time and conducted 0 permitting/opening studio inspection.
- Rabies Control - there were 36 humans only exposure investigations, 1 animal-only exposure investigations and 3 human/animal exposure investigations, 22 animals were confined, 0 animals tested for rabies and 22 lost animals.
- Vector Control Program investigated 5 complaints.
- On-Site Sewage Management Program issued 2 new system permits, 2 repair permits, conducted 3 repair inspections, 2 sites were evaluated, 2 currently permitted sewage removal contractors, 1 septic pumper vehicle inspection and no complaints or investigations.
- Pages 3 – 7 are the scores for all establishments that were inspected during the period.
- No further questions / comments.

**Nursing** – Michelle Crawford, County Nurse Manager

Referred to the FY23 Nursing report, emailed to all members and provided in notebooks for in-person members, representing services provided to patients for the time of July 1, 2022, through January 31, 2023.

- Total patients receiving services during the reporting period is 12,110 in comparison to 27,494 same time last year.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community awareness activities continue: Muscogee County Attendance Panel (MCAP), via Zoom Monthly. Children in Needs of Service Panel (CHINS), via Zoom Monthly. Child Fatality Review (CFR) , via Zoom Monthly, Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) meeting monthly (face to face and via Zoom)</li> <li>• Community collaborations continue with providing community education on COVID-19 as needed/requested.</li> <li>• Activities for this time frame include continued COVID-19 drive through testing with LTS Monday – Friday from 9am – 2pm, COVID-19 vaccines Monday – Friday no appointment required, Monkey Pox Vaccination Clinic, Monday-Friday, Fast track clinic for STD testing and awareness, Covid-19 conference call with district staff and Nurse Managers each month, School based flu clinics and school immunization Audits, MOU’s and MOA’s with several community partners for various services, such as PPD’s and immunizations, Child Abuse Protocol Review Committee(DND).</li> <li>• Strike Team Events for this time frame include St. Francis Flu Clinic, Columbus Dream Team, E Canty Homes, Columbus Gardens, St Mary’s Woods Estate, Farley Homes, Wilson Homes.</li> <li>• Upcoming Activities include continue COVID-19 drive through testing with LTS Monday – Friday from 9am – 2pm, continue administering COVID-19 vaccines Monday – Friday no appointment required. Annual Scoliosis screenings for 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders starting soon, Public Health Week</li> <li>• Public Health on Wheels activities for February will be EJ Knight Senior Center and Claflin School Apartments.</li> <li>• Stats for Covid-19 vaccines administered through 1/31/2023=35,507.</li> </ul> <p>No other questions / comments.</p>		
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<b>Adjourned</b>	Dr. Lopez adjourned the meeting at 1:34 p.m.		
<b>Respectfully submitted by:</b> Berta Cox, District Admin Operations Liaison			
<b>NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING</b>			
<b>Date/Time:</b> March 22, 2023, at 1:00 PM		<b>Place:</b> In-person: Administration Conference Room, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, 2100 Comer Ave and via Teams Virtual Meeting (or phone)	

