

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

Date: April 26, 2023

Presiding: James Lopez, DDS
Attending Board Members: Sylvester McRae, MD; Danielle Frazier (City Mgr. office),
Not Present: Devica Alappan, MD, Joy Adegbile, MD; Rebecca Covington (Mayor’s Office), Yasmin Cathright
Others Present: Beverley Townsend, MD; Tori Endres; Joanne Strickland; Steve Gunby; Michelle Crawford; Kristi Ludy; Berta Cox; Jeananne Polhamus (MCSD), Jacqueline Knight

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
Call to order	Dr. Lopez: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledged that a quorum is not present and this will be an informal meeting. 	Roll call was done by Berta Cox. A quorum was not present.	None
Approval of Agenda	Lack of Quorum		
Discussion and Approval of Minutes	Lack of Quorum		
Commissioner of Health Report	Dr. Beverley Townsend: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wished administrative staff a Happy Administrative Professionals Day. • Announced that we are finishing fiscal year 2023 in the next few weeks. • Discussed that we hope to begin interviewing for the District Program Manager soon. • Announced that the President would terminate on May 11 both the public health and national emergencies declared in response to Covid. 	None	None

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed that we would fold in Covid services into one of our regular services. We are back to our full services and focused on getting our patients in so that we can sustain our Health Departments. Announced that she and other staff will be attending the Annual GPHA Meeting and Conference at Jekyll Island May 3rd-5th. Discussed that we hopefully can get back to some in person meetings soon. We will most likely be conducting hybrid meetings since we have the technology. Thanked Board of Health members and asked them to advocate to their legislative representatives for things that are good and positive for public health. 		
Financial Report	<p>Joanne Strickland:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented the Fiscal Year 2023 report as of March 31, 2023. The current budget is \$11,018,276.00; expenses are \$5,068,117.26 and total fees collected are \$813,758.26. 	The Financial Report is attached and made a part of these minutes.	None
Excused Absences	Dr. Devica Alappan, Dr. Adegbile, Yasmin Cathright	None	None
Old Business	<p>Dr. Lopez: Status of sink hole in parking lot at Columbus Health Department Building on Veterans Parkway.</p> <p>Joanne Strickland:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stated that we haven't received any additional information since they informed us that they are working with their Risk Management Division and the City Attorney's office on the matter and are trying to get it resolved. <p>Dr. Lopez:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asked Danielle Frazier from the city if there was any additional information from the city. <p>Danielle Frazier:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explained that she didn't have any but she would talk to Pam Hodge, Deputy City Manager and ask for an update. 	None	None
New Business	None		

Program Reports	Epidemiology COVID 19 Update – Brandi Nelson, Epidemiologist Supervisor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No updates 	None	None
Program Reports Continued	Public Information Dr. Beverley Townsend: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented Public Information report for April 2023. Environmental Health – Kristi Ludy, Environmental Health Director <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented the environmental health report for January 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023. Dr. McRae: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asked if we could get a percentage of how many Food Service complaints were legitimate. Nursing – Michelle Crawford, County Nurse Manager <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented the cumulative nursing report for July 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023 including activities and events. 	Complaint information will be provided at our next meeting.	Kristi Ludy
Adjourned	Dr. Lopez adjourned the meeting at 1:30		
Respectfully submitted by: Berta Cox, District Admin Operations Liaison			
NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING			
Date/Time: May 24, 2023, at 1:00 PM (BUDGET MEETING)		Place: In-person: Administration Conference Room, 2 nd Floor, 2100 Comer Ave and via Teams Virtual Meeting (or phone)	