

COLUMBUS BOARD OF HEALTH
Meeting Minutes
Columbus Health Department Board Room

Date: August 23, 2023

<p>Presiding: Dr. Beverley Townsend</p> <p>Attending Board Members: Joy Adegbile, MD; Devica Alappan, MD; Yasmin Cathright, Marci Norris (City Mgr. office)</p> <p>Not Present: Mayor Skip Henderson; James Lopez, DDS; Sylvester McRae, MD</p> <p>Others Present: Kimberly Carr, Tori Endres, Joanne Strickland; Steve Gunby; Pam Kirkland; Michelle Crawford; Kristi Ludy; Brandi Nelson; Latrice Johnson; Berta Cox; Jacqueline Knight</p>			
Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
Call to order	<p>Dr. Townsend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Called the meeting to order at 1:06 pm. • Acknowledged a quorum was present. 		None
Approval of Agenda	<p>Dr. Townsend:</p> <p>Referred to the August 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 Yasmine Cathright to accept Agenda as written; seconded by Dr. Alappan; approved by all members present.	None
Discussion and Approval of Minutes	<p>Dr. Townsend:</p> <p>Referred to minutes from June 28, 2023 meeting as delivered to all board members. With no questions or discussion from the members, asked for a motion for approval of the minutes.</p>	Motioned by Dr. Alappan to accept minutes as written; seconded by Dr. Adegbile; approved by all members present.	Berta Cox
Commissioner of Health Report	<p>Dr. Townsend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomed back everyone to in person meetings. • Announced and introduced our new District Program Manager, Kimberly Carr, Ph.D., MPH. • Stated that staff received a \$2000 increase in salaries from the state. However, we were only funded 85% of those increases and the rest will come out of the Health Department budget. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reminded members that board of health members must meet in person by state law. Asked the Board members to advocate for public health with their representative and be aware of the bills concerning public health. Announced that we will be having a staff appreciation day coming up on September 29, 2023. Announced that the pandemic officially ended on May 11th. Covid is not gone, it is still around. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Alappan asked if there would still be some Covid Clinics. Dr. Townsend explained that Covid funding ended on June 30th. We are in the process of setting up mobile units to go out to provide services. At home Covid tests are still available and are on the mobile unit also. Thanked the board for their continued support. 		
Financial Report	<p>Joanne Strickland, District Administrator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented the FY23 financial overview as of June 30, 2023. The final budget was \$11,572,019.00 with seven budget revisions. Total expenses were \$11,572,018.67. Total fee income was \$1,182,880.98 and lines 6 through 17 show the breakdown of fund sources and their comparison to the same time last year. Page 10 shows the total grants governed by the Columbus Board of Health (all were on target for 12 months of operation). Presented the FY24 overview as of July 31, 2023. The current budget is \$12,229,393.00. Expenses are \$883,222.42 which is below target for 1 month of operation and is 7.22% of our budget. Total fee income is \$138,858.98 and lines 6 through 17 show the breakdown of fund sources and their comparison to the same time last year. Page 14 shows the total grants governed by the Columbus Board of Health (all are on target for 1 month of operation). <p>No further comments/questions.</p>	The Financial Report is attached and made a part of these minutes.	None
Excused Absences	Dr. McRae and Dr. Lopez	None	None

Old Business	<p>Dr. Townsend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stated that they are getting ready to patch the holes in the parking lot and that it should be completed soon. 	None	None
New Business	None	None	None
Program Reports	<p>Epidemiology – Brandi Nelson, Epidemiologist Supervisor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shared a news release showing “Georgia Sees Uptick in COVID Cases”. There is a new variant EG.5 which has been nicknamed “Eris” and is the dominant COVID Variant spreading in the US. Stated DPH is aware of a resurgence of mpox cases in the summer months surrounding large events and is monitoring closely cases in Georgia. <p>No further comments/questions</p> <p>Public Information - Pam Kirkland, Public Information Officer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported on July and August press releases, media interviews, social media posts, and tv, radio and billboard campaigns. <p>No further questions / comments.</p> <p>Environmental Health – Kristi Ludy, EH District Director:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented the report on Environmental Health activities for July 2023 including Vector Control complaints. Stated pages 18 – 27 are the scores for all establishments that were inspected during the period. <p>No further questions / comments.</p> <p>Nursing – Michelle Crawford, County Nurse Manager:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented 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 June 30, 2023 including activities and events. Presented the FY24 Nursing report representing services provided to patients for the time of July 1, 2023, through July 31, 2023 including activities and events. <p>No further other questions / comments.</p>	Program reports are attached and made part of these minutes.	None

	<p>WIC – LaTrice Johnson, Nutrition Services Director:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented WIC overview for July 2023 including participant numbers and events. <p>No other questions / comments.</p>		
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Adjourned	Dr. Townsend adjourned the meeting at 1:49 p.m.		
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Respectfully submitted by: Berta Cox, District Admin Operations Liaison

NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Date/Time: September 27, 2023, at 1:00 PM	Place: In-person: Columbus Health Department Board Room
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