

COLUMBUS BOARD OF HEALTH

Meeting Minutes

District Administration Conference Room B / MS Teams Hybrid

Meeting

Date: September 28, 2022

<p>Presiding: James Lopez, DDS</p> <p>Attending Board Members: Sylvester McRae, MD, Joy Adegbile, MD, Crystal Farley (City Mgr office), Ms. Yasmin Cathright; Devica Alappan, MD</p> <p>Not Present: Mayor- Elect Berry “Skip” Henderson</p> <p>Others Present: Beverley Townsend, MD; Joanne Strickland; Asante’ Hilts’; Pam Kirkland; Kristy Ludy; Kristi Ludy; LaKondria Curry; Tori Endres, Michelle Crawford; Brandi Nelson; Steve Gunby, Esq. Jeananne Polhamus (MCSD)</p>			
Agenda Topic	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
Call to order	<p>Dr. Lopez:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Called the meeting to order at 1:18pm. Acknowledged a quorum was present. 	Roll Call was done by LaKondria Curry.	None
Approval of Agenda	<p>Dr. Lopez:</p> <p>Referred to the September 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. McRae; seconded by Dr. Adegbile; approved by all members present	None
Discussion and Approval of Minutes	<p>Dr. Lopez:</p> <p>Referred to minutes from August 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. Adegbile; seconded by Dr. McRae; approved by all members present	None
Commissioner of Health Report	<p>Dr. Lopez:</p> <p>Called for the Director’s report.</p> <p>Dr. Townsend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greeted those present attending in the District Administration Conference Room B and those attending via MS Teams. 	None	None

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excited to see DPH well represented at the Valley Healthcare Event on Saturday. WCHD was there to encourage the public to get vaccinated. 61 vaccines were given at the event. • September 30 we will be having our Wellness Day at St. Mark's activity center. The Health Departments will be closed for wellness day. • We have a centralized call center for District 7. We are still working out the kinks. • We have new staff that is coming on board, but we still need to hire more staff for DPH. There is a higher demand for salaries since Covid. • There was a main water break at Columbus Health Department a couple of weeks ago. There are sink holes in the parking lot. We have lost 56 parking spots due to water break. • The building will be shut down for 2-3 weeks for repair after Thanksgiving. All the staff will have to be relocated. • Emergency Preparedness does not anticipate setting up any shelter right now for Hurricane Ian. Governor has declared a state of emergency until October 28 or 29. <p>No further comments or questions.</p>		
Financial Report	<p>Dr. Lopez: Called for financial report.</p> <p>by Joanne Strickland, District Administrator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented the FY23 financial overview, through the end of August 2022, provided to board members in their notebooks or email packets. • We began FY23 with an original budget of \$10,240.776. Line 3 shows total expenses through the end of August are \$1,394,508.77 which is below target for 2 months of operations and is 13.62% of our budget. Line 4 shows the comparison of expenses to last year with an increased variance of \$502,337.00. Line 5 shows total fee income is \$227,416.90 and lines 6 through 17 shows the breakdown of fund sources and their comparison to the same time last year. 	The Financial Report is attached and made a part of these minutes.	None

	<p>Line 18 shows variance at a decrease of \$25,072.97. Line 19 shows the prior year admin claiming income, which we received an increase of \$3,723.84</p> <p>As always, we provide the backup Excel by line item for expenses and revenue sources. Page 4 shows the total grants governed by the Columbus Board of Health (all are on target for the end of August).</p> <p>There were no questions.</p>		
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Excused Absences	None	None	None
Old Business	None	None	None
New Business	None	None	None
Program Reports	<p>Epidemiology COVID 19 Update by Brandi Nelson, Epidemiologist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monkeypox cases is slowly decreasing in the state of Georgia, United States, and our district. • 25,341 confirmed cases of Monkeypox in the United States. • There are approximately 1,000-2,000 confirmed cases in Georgia. The female cases have increased. There are 40 confirmed cases in the state and majority is still African American men. • There have not been any deaths reported in Georgia. • Our district has 24 cases and majority is African American males. • For Covid-19 confirmed cases are 36,186. • 14-day confirmed cases per 100k is at 81. • Covid-19 probable antigen cases to date is 7,177. • 14-day probable Ag cases per 100k is 61. • 14-day PCR positivity rate is 11.8%. • Level of transmission is high. • Total hospitalization is at 2,991. • Total confirmed deaths is at 769. 	Program reports are attached and made a part of these minutes	None

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fully vaccinated is at 47%. • Primary series breakthrough cases are at 18%. <p>No further comments/questions.</p>		
<p>Program Reports Continued</p>	<p>Public Information by Pam Kirkland, Public Information Officer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two press releases went out. Count the kicks app for pregnant women to monitor the baby movement through pregnancy. WIC is switching from Voucher to the E-WIC card. • Interviews all this week. • On 26th interview was about the temporary move from the Health Department. • On the 27th we had an interview about Public Health on Wheels Opioid Overdose Prevention Event. • Another Opioid Overdose Prevention on October 4, 2022. • Today a live interview with Channel 9 with Jerome Dingle (Fatherhood Engagement Specialist) on dad’s baby bootcamp. It will be on October 8. • Social Media Post about Monkeypox availability, Move it Monday, closing at the Health Department, and HIV and Testing Day • Billboard campaigns, and TV commercials, and video interviews. <p>Dr. Adegible asked about Flu vaccines. Pamela Kirkland confirmed that Flu vaccines are on schedule for next week.</p> <p>Environmental Health by Kristy Ludy, Deputy District Environmental Health Director: Referred members to the Environmental Health report of activities covering the month of August which was emailed to all members and provided in notebooks for in-person members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Service Program there are 682 Permitted food establishments and 65 permitted school cafeterias. 2 plans reviewed 63 Routine Inspections 9 Initial inspections 	None	None

	<p>7 Informal Inspections 8 Complaints 7 Investigated complaints</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Swimming 45 Permitted Pools, Spas and Recreation Water Park 1 Permitted / Opening Inspections 2 Re- Inspection for Permitting 10 Routine Inspection 1 Re-Inspection • Tourist Accommodations Program 55 Permitted Establishments 1 Plans Reviewed 9 Routine Inspections 1 Re-Inspection 3 Informal Inspections 3 Complaints • Body Art Studios / Body Artist Program 19 Permitted Body Art Studios 64 Permitted Body Artists (Annual) 1 Planned Reviewed. • Rabies Control Program (Today is World Rabies Day) 22 Human Only Exposure 1 Human and Animal Exposure Investigation 36 Animals Confined. 9 Lost Animals (Victim Notified) • Vector Control Program 41 Rodents, Mosquitoes, Roaches etc. 41 Complaint Investigations • Onsite Sewage Management 4 New System Septic Permits 2 Repair Septic Permits 3 Repair Inspections 7 Currently permitted (annually) Sewage Removal Contractor Companies (Septic Tank/ Portable Sanitation Pumpers. <p>No further questions / comments.</p> <p>Nursing Michelle Crawford, Nurse Manager:</p>		
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	<p>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 period of July 1, 2022, through August 31, 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total visits for this cycle have been 5,693 • Total visits 8,394 • Flu vaccine for staff has started this week and will be going out to the Muscogee County schools district to give flu shots. MOA and MOU are in process to go out and give flu shots to different companies. • Fast tract STD screening doing well. • Covid drive as far as testing. Giving Covid vaccine up until 4:00 p.m. <p>No other questions / comments.</p>		
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Adjourned	Dr. Lopez adjourned the meeting at 1:53 p.m.		
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Respectfully submitted by: LaKondria Curry, Administrative Assistant 2

NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Date/Time: October 26, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.	Place: In-person: Conference Room B, 2nd Floor, 2100 Comer Ave and via Teams Virtual Meeting (or phone)
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