



Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name: Board of Health		Location: Massillon City Health Department via Teleconference Dial-In (330) 362-8327	
Date: October 20, 2020		Start Time: 3:30pm	Stop Time: 4:02pm
Recorded by: Terri Argent, RS, REHS		Opened by: Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry, President of the Board	
Attendees: Jeff Thornberry Ann Pulaski Cathy Heitger		Staff Present: Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry Terri Argent Dr. S. Lata Wiggins	
MINUTES			
<p>1. On a motion by Jeff Thornberry, and seconded by Ann Palaski, approval was given to approve the September 2020 meeting minutes as mailed and amended with the following correction: Cathy Heitger asked about the Amherst hospital property. The Mayor discussed the VA and auctioning the property. Motion carried.</p> <p>2. On a motion by Cathy Heitger, and seconded by Jeff Thornberry, approval was given to pay the September bills for the Health department in the amount of \$25,001.21 and for the WIC department in the amount of \$13,676.39 for a total amount of \$38,677.60 for September 2020. Motion carried.</p> <p>3. The monthly Vital Statistics, Environmental, and Nursing Division reports for September were accepted and approved without comment.</p>			
ACTION ITEMS			
<p><u>Old Business</u></p> <p>1. COVID-19 Update</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increasing positives and contact are followed daily 2. Decreases of people wearing masks, causing complaints called in and emailed 3. Continued communications with city ICS, schools, LTC facilities, and manufacturing facilities 4. Monitoring of weekly alert levels and mass gathering concerns 5. Maintaining grant accounts 6. Mayor commended the Massillon City Health Department for all their hard work. <p>2. Church Property Landscaping</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The church has hired a contractor to do a new design on the landscaping 			



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New Business

1. Discussion of the Governor’s Minority Health Strike Force Blueprint
 - a. See handout

New Discussion Topic


1. Hospital Update
 - a. Auction November 18th of the hospital and professional building
 - b. Nursing Association going through today for mementos
 - c. Massillon City Health Department is still renting space on a month to month basis
 - d. Questions about lease – it does cost extra
 - e. Terri Argent will look into permanent lease with administration
 - f. The Amherst building is not an option anymore – costs are prohibitive


APPROVAL

These minutes represent a true and accurate record of this meeting to be the best of my knowledge.

Meeting minutes submitted by:	Cathy Heitger	10/20/2020
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Meeting minutes submitted by:	Ann Pulaski	10/20/2020
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 Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry
 President of the Board


 Terri D. Argent, Health Commissioner
 Secretary of the Board



Massillon City Health Department Study of the COVID-19

Minority Health Strike Force Blueprint

Of the numbers and statistics in the Blueprint one especially shows the disparities in conditions for underserved populations, the percent of African/Americans living in Ohio is 13%, yet African/Americans account for 26% of positive COVID cases!

The Blueprint found several outstanding reasons for this disparity, racism and racial profiling, as well as non-support of healthy behaviors like;

- Physical activity
- Good nutrition
- Smoking
- Access and quality to primary care

Here are some things that the Health Department, in partnership with the community can do;

- Increase workforce diversity
- Increase access to COVID testing, treatment, PPE, and vaccines
- Increase access to transportation
- Increased accessibility to nutritious foods within easy distances

There are some ways that the Health Department is working on and can improve for equity;

- Educating Health Department employees about racism, disparities, and health equity. (Our staff attends all of StarkMHAR diversity trainings, each features the struggles of different cultures within our community)
- Acknowledge racism as a public health crisis (We have our recent resolution of the Board of Health)
- Review all policies for equity (This is also required for accreditation).
- Develop community partnerships for health literacy and trust. (Our Health Care Equity Committee is a good start)
- Require cross-cultural, linguistic, and bias training (Also offer by StarkMHAR)
- Develop a plan for emergency response (This is part of our County Emergency response plans, drilled and updated yearly).

We want to improve our equity response and learn ways to better serve our currently underserved citizens for better health and longer life. Please help us with suggestions for greater understanding of racism and inequality and how we can be better.

10/13/2020