

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name: Board of Health		Location: Massillon City Health Department	
Date: May 16, 2023		Start Time: 3:30pm	Stop Time: 3:54pm
Note Taker: Terri Argent, REHS		Facilitator: Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry	
Attendees: Ann Palaski Cathy Heitger Jeff Thornberry			
Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry Dr. Lata Wiggins Terri Argent			
MONTHLY ITEMS			
1. On a motion by Jeff Thornberry, seconded by Cathy Heitger. Approval was given to approve April 2023 meeting minutes as emailed. Motion carried.			
2. On a motion by Cathy Heitger, seconded by Ann Palaski. Approval was given to pay the April bills for the Health Department in the amount of \$23,554.53, and for the WIC Department for \$11,943.59. For a total amount of \$35,498.12 for April 2023 bills. Motion carried.			
3. The monthly Vital Statistics, Environmental, and Nursing Division reports for April 2023 were accepted and approved without comment.			
MINUTES			
THIS MEETING IS BEING RECORDED			
<u>Old Business</u>			
1. Building update			
a) Conference room is almost finished. Some trim work and new doors need attached			
b) Back gate is being put in on Thursday May 18 th , 2023			
c) Garage door openers will be given to employees			
d) Secure place for City and private vehicles			
e) New cameras installed inside and outside of the building			

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New Business

1. Archives showing the Health Department beginnings
 - a) Per our Workforce development grant, we needed to prove when we became a Health department. With help from the Massillon Museum we were able to discover, the Board of Health was officially established in 1893. We are unsure when the actual Health Department started but believe it began with a Health officer in 1863.
2. Introduction of Massillon opioid crisis committee
 - a) We had a good turnout for our Community Conversations (35 people)
 - b) With the opioid "One Ohio" money coming in we are contemplating starting a subcommittee that will determine how to utilize the funds. The city funnels the money through the Health Department, then we decide where it goes from there, whether that be to community things or is used for opioid education.
3. Approval to accept money from Ohio Recovery Foundation
 - a) So far we have received \$15,000 and we partially used that for our Community Conversations forum that we had last week. We will buy more Narcan when we don't have enough supplied by the state, as well as Narcan/ opioid education. We need approval for the \$15,000 and there will be more to come.

Motion to approve the grant money from Ohio Recovery Foundation by Ann Palaski, seconded by Cathy Heitger.

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4. Results of the Community Conversations focus group

- a) Terri read a statement from Audrey “We had a great turnout with 35 community members come and had good discussions. They talked for the full two hours. There were people from recovery services and also community members that were involved with overdoses. One Ohio Foundation representative for our region presented mainly priority abatement strategies for spending the settlement money. An open forum followed the presentation about the opioid epidemic, recovery, community services and how the community could utilize the money to better combat this issue. Forming a board with community input was mentioned by multiple community members to include someone from recovery community including a medical personnel, someone with lived experience, health department employee, government representative for the city. The community feels this board is necessary to allow a variety of input and expertise on how to utilize the dollars to help further current initiatives and develop programming based on abatement strategies. We got a lot of good ideas and family support. We were very happy with how it turned out.”

5. Activities/ Announcements

- a) **Community Garden**- Beds are in and planting has started at Rivertree church
- b) **Diaper Banks** – Diaper bank is in full swing. Word of mouth is slowly getting out. We have currently served 17 infants and children so far with diapers and pull-ups.
- c) **Senior Care Access Fair**- Will be held on July 20th from 10a-2p at the Senior center. Terri did a survey to see what their needs were and it was very eye opening. For instance, some have vision issues. SARTA is difficult when you cannot see well. Nutrition is also a need, such as getting fresh fruits and vegetables. We have Aultman coming into to do screenings as well as one of the adult care places is doing blood pressures etc. Pre-planning funeral arrangements are an issue as well as suicide rates. There were 9 suicides in Stark County this year and half of them were over 60.

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- d) **Radiological Event Training-** Terri attended training on radiological incidents such as dirty bombs or a nuclear accident. The class covered what to do in the event and what to look out for.
- e) **DEI Training-** DEI stands for diversity, equity and inclusion. This will start for the whole staff at the end of this month.

6. Approval to accept donation

- a) We have received a donation from the Massillon Lions club for \$160.00 for the community gardens.

Motion to approve donation money by Cathy Heitger, seconded by Jeff Thornberry.

7. Open house announcement

- a) We have nailed down the date for open house. It will be June 14th from 3-6pm and a ribbon cutting at 4:00pm. It will also be Flag Day, so we may want to fly some flags that day.

8. Terri handed out a research article on xylazine

- a) It is a horse tranquilizer that they are adding in with fentanyl. The xylazine cannot be reversed by Narcan. We found it very interesting.

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9. Approval to permanently change the dates of the Board meetings to the 4th Tuesday of the month

Motion by Jeff Thornberry to move the Board of Health meetings to the 4th Tuesday of the month. Seconded by Ann Palaski. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 3:54

Ann Palaski made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Cathy Heitger. Motion carried.

APPROVAL

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

Meeting minutes submitted by:

5/17/2023

Mayor Kathy Catazaro- Perry
President of the Board

Terri D. Argent, Health Commissioner
Secretary of the Board