



Miami County Public Health

Board of Health Meeting – January 27, 2022

Miami County Public Health Office – In person with some participants via Zoom
510 West Water Street
Troy, Ohio

January 27, 2022

Meeting Minutes

1. **Introductions:** See attached sign in sheet. Aliya Stine and Tonja Catron attended virtually.
2. **Next meeting:** February 24, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. A motion was made by Dr. Nims and seconded by Mrs. Pittenger to accept the meeting date as presented. All voted in favor.
3. **Additions to and adoption of agenda:** Mrs. Pittenger made a motion to approve the agenda with the date correction of January 27, 2022. Dr. Nims seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
4. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - » December 16, 2021, Regular Session: A motion was made by Mrs. Quillen to approve the minutes as presented. Mrs. Sutherly seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
5. **Old Business:**
 - » **COVID -19 Update (Propes):** Mr. Propes provided an update and reported case numbers are going down. Contact tracing processes are shifting to focus more on clusters. The vaccination rate in Miami County is at 49%. Discussion session followed.
6. **New Business:**
 - » **Resolution 2022-01-27-01 – Resolution authorizing the Health Commissioner to apply for, accept and enter into a water pollution control fund agreement on behalf of the Health District for repair and replacement of home sewage systems (Propes):** A motion was made by Mrs. Pittenger and seconded by Mrs. Quillen to approve the resolution. A roll call was taken, and the resolution passed.
Mrs. Pittenger: Yes Mr. Ristoff : no vote Mrs. Quillen: Yes Mrs. Welker: Yes
Mrs. Sutherly: Yes Mrs. Baird: Absent Mr. Sarver: Absent Dr. Nims: Yes
 - » **Update on Quality Improvement Plan (Zaciewski):** Through a PowerPoint presentation, Hannah Zaciewski provided an update on MCPH's Quality Improvement Plan and discussed revisions. An update on the agency's accreditation efforts was also provided. The first section of the Public Health Accreditation



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Board's Annual Report has been submitted and the second section will be completed by February 24, 2022.

- » **Syringe Exchange Program Update (Bednar):** Aliya Stine, MCPH's Injury Prevention Coordinator, is working with a graduate student to implement the program in Miami County. Staff have met with other counties that offer similar programs to find out best practices. A Syringe Service Grant through the Ohio Department of Health was applied for in the amount of \$40,000. To ensure the program is rolled out properly, staff are working through legal issues and working closely with the prosecutor's office. Goals for the program have been established and policies and procedures are being developed. Discussion session followed with Tonja Catron, Harm Reduction Ohio, providing information on the services they provide.

- » **Resolution 2022-01-27-02, Resolution for syringe exchange program approval (Propes):** Resolution authorizing the ability to establish a syringe exchange program to operate in Miami County. A motion was made by Mrs. Pittenger and seconded by Dr. Nims to approve the resolution. A roll call was taken, and the resolution passed.

Mrs. Pittenger: Yes Mr. Ristoff: no vote Mrs. Quillen: Yes Mrs. Welker: Yes
Mrs. Sutherly: Yes Mrs. Baird: Absent Mr. Sarver: Absent Dr. Nims: Yes

7. Financial Reports:

- » **Budget Report – December 2021** – Mr. Propes reviewed the report with the Board. After discussion, Mrs. Pittenger made the motion to accept the Budget Report as presented. Mrs. Quillen seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- » **Expenditure Report – December 2021** – Mr. Propes reviewed the report with the Board. After discussion, Mrs. Pittenger made the motion to accept the Expenditure Report as presented. Mrs. Welker seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

8. Health Commissioner's supplemental report (Propes):

- » Environmental Health staff received their first call regarding a Piqua City facility at 6:00 a.m. on January 1st, 2022, only hours after the merge of MCPH with Piqua City Health Department.



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- » Workforce: Kevin Ploutz, Plumbing Inspector, has resigned. The position is currently posted; however, if there is difficulty filling the position, MCPH may need to evaluate whether plumbing inspection services to other counties can be provided.

9. Additional Business: None

10. Public Comment: Tonja Catron asked if MCPH could provide fentanyl test strips with the syringe exchange program. Mr. Bednar reported this is currently being looked into.

11. Executive Session (Personnel Appointment) (Propes): Mrs. Pittenger made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Mrs. Welker seconded the motion. A roll call was taken.

Mrs. Pittenger: Yes Mr. Ristoff : no vote Mrs. Quillen: Yes Mrs. Welker: Yes

Mrs. Sutherly: Yes Mrs. Baird: Absent Mr. Sarver: Absent Dr. Nims: Yes

Mrs. Pittenger made the motion to enter back into regular session of the Board of Health. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Welker. A roll call was taken.

Mrs. Pittenger: Yes Mr. Ristoff : no vote Mrs. Quillen: Yes Mrs. Welker: Yes

Mrs. Sutherly: Yes Mrs. Baird: Absent Mr. Sarver: Absent Dr. Nims: Yes

Mrs. Pittenger made a motion to hire Rebecca Huffman, Help Me Grow Home Visitor; Ashley Miller, Breastfeeding Peer Helper; and Amy Cain, Licensed Social Worker. Mrs. Welker seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

12. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Nims and seconded by Mrs. Quillen. All voted in favor.

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Board of Health President

Dennis R Propes

Date

Health Commissioner