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## **HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**

Held at The Henry County Health Department  
on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, @ 1:00 p.m.

### **Board Members Present**

Ryan Zachrich, President Pro-Tempore  
Scott Buddelmeyer  
Dr. Melinda Fritz  
Joel Stier  
Char Weber

### **Board Members Absent**

Joel Miller

### **Staff Present**

Joy Ermie, Health Commissioner  
Jon Lindsay, Director of Environmental Health  
Allyson Smith, Director of Nursing  
Sharon Meece, Director of Community Health Services  
Cathy Zwyer, Director Help Me Grow  
Bethany Wachter, Innovation and Communication Manager  
Jessica Ames, Community Health Worker  
Jala Hazelton, Human Resource Specialist  
Jill Keller, Executive Assistant

### **Call to Order, Roll Call**

Ryan Zachrich, President Pro-Tempore, called the Board of Health meeting to order at 12:59 p.m. The meeting was called by Roll Call vote: J. Miller (Absent), C. Weber (Yes), Dr. M. Fritz (Yes), R. Zachrich (Yes), S. Buddelmeyer (Yes) and J. Stier (Yes). The meeting was held at 1843 Oakwood Ave. Napoleon, Ohio at the Henry County Health Department. A quorum was present.

### **Division Updates**

#### **Human Resources**

Jala Hazelton, Human Resource Specialist, reported the following:

Ms. Hazelton stated that the Health Department is currently hiring for several positions. In Help Me Grow a Part-Time Home Visitor and a Full-Time Visitor/Intake Specialist. In Public Health Nursing a Public Health Nurse 1. Additionally, in Community Health Services a Part-Time Health Educator 1. In June two employees resigned. The positions they held were a Part-Time Home Visitor and a Full-time Home Visitor/Intake Specialist.

Hazelton is currently prepping for the third quarter employee forum that will be held in late August.

## **Finance**

Julie McHugh, Director of Finance, was not in attendance today, no report given.

## **Public Health Nursing**

Allyson Smith, Director of PHN, reported the following:

- Nicole Shank was invited by the MAN Unit to conduct community outreach for National Deflection Week which is July 14-20<sup>th</sup>. Thursday Shank and two officers from the MAN Unit will be going out to conduct “Knock and Talks” at two locations in Henry County that are known for overdose and substance misuse. This initiative is a component of BRIDGE, which was developed by the Ohio Department of Public Safety and Law Enforcement Initiatives and focuses on outreach teams going into the community to assist people who are suffering from substance use disorders. This is similar to what our Quick Response Team does, however our law enforcement officers do not go to the houses.
- The CMH reimbursement fee increased from \$10 to \$12 per unit beginning July 1, 2024. Units are billed in increments of 15 minutes. This is the first fee increase in 20 years.
- The first back to school (BTS) immunization clinic is Tuesday, August 6 (1:30-6:30pm). The dates for the other BTS clinics are Thursday September 12 (3-7pm), Tuesday September 24 (3-7pm), and Tuesday October 1 (3-6pm)
- In response to Rite Aid closing, PHN is proactively planning ways to bridge the gap in vaccination coverage. The Napoleon location provided 4,743 vaccines between July 1, 2023, and June 25, 2024, with the majority being flu (1,915), COVID (1,385), RSV (644), Shingles (350), Pneumococcal (205), and Tdap (166). We have reached out to the businesses and organizations that Rite Aid provided annual flu vaccines to let them know that we are interested in partnering to provide vaccinations.
- PHN is in the process of planning dates for off-site and mobile flu and COVID clinics at the Senior Center, Filling Home and Genacross (staff), and public and parochial schools in the county (staff).
- HCHD in-house flu and COVID clinic dates are set for:
  - Tuesday October 8 (2-5pm)
  - Thursday October 10 (9am-12pm and 1:30-4pm)
  - Tuesday October 15 (9am-12pm and 3-7pm)
  - Tuesday October 22 (7:30am-12pm)
  - Friday October 25 (1:30-4pm)
- The updated 2024-2025 COVID vaccine formulation was approved in June. Moderna has been prebooked but have not been given information for when to expect it to ship other than “late August”
- The 2024-2025 flu vaccine will be trivalent instead of quadrivalent.
- The RSV vaccine guidance for adults was updated last month. Instead of being recommended for ages 60 years and older based on shared-clinical decision making, it is now recommended for ages 75 years and older, as well as for adults ages 60 to 74 years who are at increased risk of severe RSV disease (certain chronic medical conditions; nursing home residents).

## **Community Health Services**

Sharon Meece, Director of Community Health Services, reported the following:  
Ms. Meece shared the Henry County Health Department's booth at the Henry County Fair.

The theme is "Unleash the Superhero in You!"

The superhero theme will be used to attract fairgoers to the interactive booth that will educate children and adults alike on how they can use their superhero powers to protect, improve, and manage their health. There will be superhero cut-outs that children can put their faces in. Children will receive superhero masks and have the opportunity to make their own superhero shields out of paper plates. There will be giveaways like superhero slap bracelets, stickers for children and ink pens, notepads, and band-aids for adults.

Various HCHD programs will have tables to educate about HCHD services and inspiring fairgoers to make healthy choices by empowering them with positive health messaging.

For example - Be a superhero:

- Wash your hands and getting vaccines for Public Health Nursing
- Click it or Ticket, Pay attention, Drive Sober get Pulled over for Safe Communities
- Take Care, Connect and Relax for Mental Health
- Handle food safely, Leash your dog, and Don't pee in the pool for Environmental
- Safe Sleep, Booster Seat until 4'9", and Park, Look, Lock

Safe Communities will hold a Press Conference to promote safe driving on Tuesday August 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. Local resident, Amy Naveau will share how a seatbelt saved her life in a vehicle crash in Henry County. HOWIE will also be at the fair, located on the road in front of the merchant building.

## **Environmental Health Services**

Jon Lindsay, Director of Environmental Health Services, reported the following:

- **Ohio Department of Agriculture Food Survey**
  - Survey report was received on May 7, 2024
  - HCHD Submitted action plan to ODA on June 21, 2024
  - ODA will respond within 45 days
- **Sewage Treatment System Operation and Maintenance Program**
  - Approximately 93% have paid.
  - Sent out 1017 applications and 950 have paid. Only 67 properties have not paid.
  - Payment deadline is July 31<sup>st</sup>
- **Mosquito Trapping This Summer**
  - Started the week of June 24th
  - Four locations have had traps set and collected mosquitos.
  - Results so far:
    - 440 mosquitos submitted from Deshler and Liberty Township
    - All negative for West Nile Virus

## **Help Me Grow**

Cathy Zwyer, Director of Help Me Grow, reported the following:

As of July 1, 2024, Home Visiting is officially a part of the Ohio Department of Children and Youth (DCY) and no longer under ODH. This has been a year-long transition as programs migrate to the new department. DCY is broken up into 3 main subdivisions:

### **Identification**

Child Protective Services  
Home Visiting  
Ohio Children's Trust Fund  
Maternal and Infant Vitality Programming

### **Early Education**

Early Intervention  
Publicly Funded Child Care  
Early Childhood Education  
Preschool Special Education  
Licensing  
Dolly Parton Imagination Library of Ohio  
\*\*Head Start services oversight continues to by Department of Education\*\*

### **Support**

Ohio Commission on Fatherhood  
Ohio Family Children First Council  
Healthy Beginnings at Home  
Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation  
Strong Families, Safe Communities

We have not seen any major changes during the transition time but now that the programs have officially combined, we could start to see some. At the last regional home visiting meeting in June, we were informed “Help Me Grow” will be phased out from our title, along with the trademarked flower. We will be called DCY / Home Visiting. In the long term, this change may prove to be helpful in distinguishing Home Visiting from Early Intervention... both being called HMG has been very confusing to referral sources and families. In the short term, the loss of the title and logo may decrease our enrollment. Another concern is that with Home Visiting and CPS being in the same department and with the same logo, families will view us as the same service.

## **Henry County Cares**

Jessica Ames, Community Health Worker, reported the following in Susan Davis, Henry County Cares Manager, absence:

### **Referrals**

June 2024- 15 referrals, 3 from Henry Co Hospital, 2 from the HUB, 10 from ‘other’ (variety of sources together we can make a difference, CPS, Help Me Grow, etc.) 53% of the referrals were eligible and, on a Medicaid managed care plan.

## Pathways

The CHWs open and close pathways for each enrolled participant; A pathway is a tool that is used to identify a risk factor and the steps taken to eliminate/reduce the risk. Examples are food security, housing, mental health, and medical home to name a few. In June, the CHWs closed/ complete 12 medical referral pathways. 2 were oral health pathways (connection to a dentist). 5 Medical Home pathways were closed/completed- which means 5 participants scheduled and attended their initial visit with a medical doctor to establish a primary care physician.

## Health Commissioner

Joy Ermie, Health Commissioner, reported the following:

Ms. Ermie updated the Board on a recent all member AOHC meeting. All health commissioners met on June 28<sup>th</sup> at Union County Health Department to review the price of public health. Each year all Ohio health departments complete an annual financial report and upon review of those reports, it was determined by the team that \$10.52 per capita is needed to position local health departments to continue the work they need to do. Currently, our state subsidy is less than \$1 per capita. By gathering information and informing our legislatures of the need, it is our goal to see increased public health funding on the 2025 biennial state budget. Ermie will continue to keep the Board informed as your advocacy for local public health will be crucial over the next 6 months to ensure proper funding.

The interior wall painting project is coming along. As part of the strategic plan, small groups of volunteers within the health department have the opportunity to come together as a Think Tank and their first project was what to do in the back hallway. The group suggested a new wall paint color and some other ideas, but we started with the paint.

All health department staff are finishing up their social determinants of health and health equity training. This was an 8 module training series from Knox Public Health. Looking ahead, we intend to continue our education by sharing the nearly completed social determinants of health report with all staff.

## Approval of June 25, 2024, Board of Health Minutes R34.24

The Board of Health reviewed the Board of Health Minutes from the June 25, 2024, meeting. Char Weber moved to approve the June 25, 2024, Board of Health Minutes as presented. Scott Buddelmeyer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, resulting in its adoption.

## Approval of Consent Agenda R35.24

Scott Buddelmeyer moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Dr. Melinda Fritz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, resulting in its adoption.

- a. Approve Payment of June Bills - \$221,636.41
- b. Approve of June 2024 Fiscal Report
- c. Approve transfers, Intra-fund transfers, cash transfer and donations report.
  - 1) Cash Advance Paybacks – None
  - 2) Cash Advances – None
  - 3) Cash Transfers – None
  - 4) Intrafund Transfers –
    - (a) \$500 from 5115-5200-50020 (Cribs for Kids Salaries) to 5115-5200-50110 (Cribs for Kids Travel)

- (b) \$500 from 5080-5200-51115 (Get Vaccinated Advance Out) to 5080-5200-50120 (Get Vaccinated Other)
  - (c) \$3,000 from 5030-5200-51115 (Integrated Harm Reduction Advance Out) to 5030-5200-50100 (Integrated Harm Reduction Advertising)
  - (d) \$100,000 from 5075-5200-50050 (Enhanced Operations Equipment) to 5075-5200-50020 (Enhanced Operations Salaries)
  - (e) \$10,000 from 5000-5200-50020 (Health Department Salaries) to 5000-5200-50100 (Health Department Advertising)
- 5) Revenue Budgetary Increases – None
  - 6) Appropriation Budgetary Increases – None
  - 7) Accounts Receivable Write-Offs - None
  - 8) Donations – \$60.00 for Help Me Grow Diaper Program
- d. Approve MIP FA by Community Brands Contract in the amount of \$8,140.14 for 12-month period.
  - e. Approve Get Vaccinated Ohio Agreement Between Fulton County General Health District and Henry County Health Department, Effective July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025.
  - f. Approve Spyker Kitchenette Proposal on the Amount of \$3,498.00.
  - g. Approve Snyder Buick GMC 2024 Buick Encore GX Lease, \$454.73 month for 36 months.
  - h. Approve Personal Contract with Adriana Lopez – Interpreter Services
  - i. Approve Bilingual Home Visitor Position Description
  - j. Approve Employee Assignment List
  - k. Personnel
    - (1) Approve Resignation of Breanna McKenzie, Help Me Grow Intake Specialist/Home Visitor Effective July 31, 2024.
    - (2) Approve Resignation of Allison Boles, Help Me Grow Home Visitor, Effective June 21, 2024.
    - (3) Approve Hiring of Iliana Herrera-Soto from Part-Time to Full-Time Bilingual Home Visitor, Effective August 8, 2024.
    - (4) Approve Change in Working Hours for Tamara Segrist from 28 Hours to 21 Hours.

**New Business:**

**Approve Proposed Immunization Fee Changes R36.24**

Allyson Smith, Director of Public Health Nursing, presented the proposed Immunization Fee Changes. After a brief discussion, Dr. Melinda Fritz moved to approve the proposed Immunization Fee Changes as presented. Joel Stier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, resulting in its adoption.

**Executive Session:**

President Pro-Tempore, Ryan Zachrich, stated that the Board of Health did not need to go into Executive Session.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Ryan Zachrich adjourned the meeting at 1:33 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday August 20, 2024, 1:00 p.m., at Henry County Health Department, Conference Room A, 1843 Oakwood Avenue, Napoleon, OH.

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Joel Miller, President

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Joy-Ann Ernie, Health Commissioner