



Washtenaw County Board of Health

Minutes

April 28, 2023, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Learning Resource Center LRC

4135 Washtenaw Ave, Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Superior Room

Present: James Carty, Guadalupe Cervantes, Chris Frank, Justin Hodge, Carla Pretto, Katie Scott, Kathleen Stroud, Morghan Williams Boydston, Dan Yordanich

Absent: Gina Dahlem, Elisabeth Vanderpool

Staff: Jimena Loveluck, Dayna Brimley, Kristen Schweighoefer, Susan Ringler-Cerniglia, Russell O'Brien

Guests: Charles Peterson

1. Call to Order

Morghan Williams Boydston called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

2. Public Comment

Gail Summerhill spoke about the difficulty finding information about the Board of Health (BOH) Meeting and how to access the meeting link. She also talked about a website where information is provided to people in Ypsilanti, specifically 48198 and 48197, who they feel are purposely excluded from information. www.ypsicanishare.com Gail said they are working together with many of the outreach workers in the community and would like to continue doing that.

Shawanna Vaughn spoke about legislation in Michigan called Post Traumatic Prison Disorder which is a mass incarceration mental health bill. She would like to know how to connect with the Health Department (HD) to provide services to people coming out of incarceration that deal with mental health issues.

3. Board Member Response to Public Comment

James Carty responded to Shawanna's comment. He said his office has a program called One Detroit that helps improve the outcomes of people re-entering society from prison and they are in the process of expanding statewide. There could be an opportunity to get involved with the program and get more funding and partners once it expands outside of Detroit. Will work with Jimena Loveluck to get Shawanna information about the program. Kathleen Stroud put in a word of support for anyone working on these issues.

Justin Hodge responded to Gail's comment. He said we will continue to work to make the meetings more accessible and look into having the same link for every BOH meeting. The best way to find the information is to Google Washtenaw County Board of Health for the most updated information.

4. Approval of Agenda (Action)

Motion by J. Carty, seconded by C. Pretto, to approve the agenda.

Motion approved unanimously.

5. Approval of March 24, 2023 Meeting Minutes (Action)

Motion by C. Pretto, seconded by G. Cervantes, to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2023 meeting.

Motion approved unanimously.





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6. Executive Committee Minutes from March 16, 2023

Board members received the Executive Committee minutes.

Morghan Williams Boydston said they received information about COVID-19 vaccines and trends, Health Equity Council, American Rescue Plan Act funding, and Board of Commissioner (BOC) updates. They are marked draft because they were not able to approve them at the last Executive Committee Meeting.

7. Community Voices Report

Charles Peterson gave an update on Community Voices (CV). He shared some changes in the group and thanked members for their support over the years. They also shared a lot of community program opportunities coming up including the new Packard Health Clinic opening in West Willow and a learn and earn program being held at West Willow Community Resource Center. They also discussed feedback from the HD leadership about ways CV information can be shared with staff. CV members are also considering creating a video that can be shared broadly to highlight the work that they are doing. Charles shared some feedback on the Racial Justice Impact Assessment. The CV team was highlighted on the radio recently on Stateside Michigan Radio.

8. Environmental Health Overview and Emerging Issues – Kristen Schweighoefer, Environmental Health Director

Kristen Schweighoefer gave an overview of Environmental Health (EH) and discussed some emerging issues in Washtenaw County. She described EH as the regulatory branch of the Health Department that enforces local, state, and federal laws including food, drinking water wells, and septic systems. In addition to their core work, they provide support for environmental emergencies. The staffing levels were discussed which include 31 staff, 1 CDC associate, and 3 seasonal interns. Kristen went over the core programs that staff are involved in as well as some additional programs which involve monitoring, inspections of temporary sites, and education. The partnership with University of Michigan's Environment, Health, and Safety Department (EHS) was mentioned. The agreement has been in place for decades and most recently updated in 2019. Kristen said they were outstanding partners during the COVID epidemic.

Hot topics for 2023 were presented including ongoing work to utilize & optimize EnerGov software, Pollution Prevention Regulation pause & update, 1,4-Dioxane, statewide sewage code bills, new food code, PFAS, and vapor intrusion. EnerGov software was selected to replace two aging software systems and went live in April 2021. Online payments began in April 2023 and online application submittal is up next. The local Pollution Prevention Regulation will be discussed further at the May BOH meeting. Kristen gave a quick history of the 1,4-Dioxane contamination plume and said there is no update on the EPA superfund process. Statewide sewage code bills, SB 29 & 30 and HB 4479 & 4480 were introduced on April 27, 2023. The Michigan Association for Local Public Health (MALPH) and Michigan Association of Local Environmental Health Administrators (MALEHA) core principles for a statewide code were shared. These include funding, preemption, evaluations, local control, alternative technology, septic system design, advisory boards/commissioners, and training & education. There was further discussion on what it would mean locally if a statewide code was adopted. Michigan is looking to update to the 2017 FDA food code which is currently under the 2009 FDA code. Kristen gave a quick update on PFAS and vapor intrusion sites in Washtenaw County. Food Team, Rural Team, and Customer Service Team hot topics were briefly discussed.

9. Community Health Assessment Update

Dayna Brimley presented on the Community Health Assessment (CHA) including an overview of the process, status of current activities, preliminary results, and next steps. Every five years the HD works through the cycle of planning, CHA, prioritization, Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), and action. Most health departments



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across the country do this work and there are a variety of different ways the work is approached. Washtenaw County HD uses the national framework Mobilization for Action Through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) because there is community engagement at every step of the process and the process is driven by those most affected by inequities. Dayna mentioned the partnership with Conduent, a 3rd party vendor that provides additional capacity. They help with technical assistance, data analysis, report development, and integration. Some preliminary community survey results, qualitative data results, and partner assessment results were discussed. Next steps include the final CHA being available by late June, the prioritization process during the summer or early fall, and to begin developing the CHIP in the fall. The BOH can support this work by sharing the final CHA once available and participating in an in-person prioritization event in the fall.

*Motion by J. Hodge, seconded by K. Stroud, to the Tobacco Resolution Action Item to the next item on the agenda.
Motion approved unanimously.*

10. BOC Liaison Report

Not discussed. Will be carried over to the next meeting agenda.

11. Old Business

- **Gun Violence Data and Resolution Next Steps**

Not discussed. Will be carried over to a future meeting agenda.

12. New Business

- **Tobacco Resolution (Action)**

Justin Hodge asked that the resolution be produced for this meeting. Carla Pretto said that the prohibition approach didn't work in the past and a comprehensive approach is needed and should be acknowledged in the resolution. Something to the effect that we do find there is an important step in providing community supports for current nicotine users. Guadalupe Cervantes said she believes there should be something added about more education on this issue. Justin Hodge and Kathleen Stroud accepted these additions as friendly amendments. There was discussion about a local ban versus a statewide ban on flavored tobacco products.

*Motion by J. Hodge, seconded by K. Stroud, to approve the Tobacco Resolution as presented.
Motion approved. 1 no vote by Carla Pretto.*

- **Labor Relations**

Not discussed. Will be carried over to a future meeting agenda.

Chris Frank would like to discuss the opioid settlement money and what the plans are at the County/HD level at a future meeting.

13. Adjournment

*Motion by J. Hodge, seconded by K. Scott, to adjourn the meeting.
Motion approved unanimously.*

Meeting adjourned at 11:08 AM.

Minutes taken by Russell O'Brien