

**LUCAS COUNTY REGIONAL HEALTH DISTRICT**  
**Board of Health Meeting**  
**Zoom Virtual Meeting**  
**February 25, 2021 – 8:30 AM.**

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Dr. Johnathon Ross, President, called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM.

A roll call was taken of Board Members for attendance:

*Present:* Amr Elaskary, Richard Fernandez, DPT, Ted Kaczorowski, Richard Munk, MD, , Susan Postal, Johnathon Ross, MD, Barbara Sarantou, Michelle Schultz, Donna Woodson, MD

*Excused:* Fritz Byers, Matthew Heyrman and Donald Murray

**II. Introduction of Guests**

Union Representative: Denise Presley (ONA), Nate Fries (AFSCME) and Legal Counsel – Kevin Pituch

Staff and others: Eric Zgodzinski, DrPH, Daniel Cadigan, MD, Dave Welch, Tina Stokes, Josie Smith, Gwendolynn Gregory, Brandon Palinski, Alice Dargartz, Jessica Poupard

**III. Additions/Deletions to Agenda**

Dr. Fernandez asked if we could add conversation concerning future board of health members. There was discussion about speaking with the entities which appoint .

New Board Member discussion.

CHIP and CHA under Prior Business

**IV. Approval of Board Minutes from January 28, 2021**

There was discussion on how the minutes are to be printed in the future.

Don Murray requested to add to Section IV, Paragraph 2, add the last sentence: “We will have to see what they bylaws has to say and that might mean a revision to the bylaws.”

**(Resolution 2021.02.027)** A motion was made by Dr. Munk and seconded Sue Postal to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2021 Board Meeting with the corrections made. Motion carried, 12 Yeas, 0 Nays.

**V. Legal Update**

Kevin Pituch reported they way board members are selected is by Orc and the Merger Agreement This needs to be looked at.

The appeal of the injunctive order that barded the HD to plaintiff filed ours due next week. State of Ohio files an amecius brief to side with the perocial schools..

**VI. Executive Session**

There was no Executive Session required.

**VII. Medical Director Report – Dr. Daniel Cadigan**

Dr. Cadigan reported COVID has been the main focus

- Addressed staff questions regarding COVID on an individual basis in incidents where they might be a contraindication
- Took part in both clinics at UT with the school staff vaccination. Kudos to the staff.
- Took part in an ARP forum regarding COVID. There are other forums schedule for this month.
- Currently updating Lab Manuals for the upcoming inspection. The plan is to have them completed prior to the lab supervisor's inspection occurs.
- An email will be forwarded to the board members to of the list from the Advisory Council from Dr. Cadigan by Alice Dargartz.

## VIII. Committee Reports

### A) Audit/Finance Report

The Audit/Finance Committee met virtually on Monday, February 22, 2021.

Our liability insurance for the agency is currently due. Due to the time frame we will be looking into other providers in the future.

Tina Stokes presented an overview of how purchase are made. Each meeting will have a different topic involving the finances for the agency to help the Board Members better understand how the finance of the health department work.

#### 1. Board Resolution – CDBG Agreement through the City of Toledo

Board of Health Resolution is required to authorize the Health Commissioner of the Lucas County Regional Health District to apply for, accept and enter into an agreement for CDBG through the City of Toledo in the amount of \$62,800.

**(Resolution 2021.02.028)** A motion was made by Don Murray and seconded by Dr. Munk to authorize the Health Commissioner to apply for the CDBG through the City of Toledo in the amount of \$62,800. Motion carried, 12 Yeas, 0 Nays.

#### 2. Board Resolution - Minority Health Agreement through the Ohio Commission of Minority Health

Board of Health Resolution is required to authorize the Health Commissioner of the Lucas County Regional Health District to apply for, accept and enter into an agreement for the local office of Minority Health through the Ohio Commission of Minority Health in the amount of \$52,500

**(Resolution 2021.02.029)** A motion was made by Dr. Fernandez and seconded by Dr. Munk to authorize the Health Commissioner to apply for, accept and enter into an agreement for the local office of Minority Health through the Ohio Commission of Minority Health in the amount of \$52,500. Motion carried, 12 Yeas, 0 Nays.

#### 3. Payment of the January 2021 Vouchers

**(Resolution 2021.02.030)** A motion was made by Barbara Sarantou and seconded by Dr. Fernandez to approve the payment of the January 2021 vouchers. Motion carried, 12 Yeas, 0 Nays.

#### 4. Transfer of Appropriations:

A transfer reallocates funds from one cost object to another. Board of Health Resolution is required to approve Transfers of Appropriations performed in the month of January 2021 in the ordinary course of business. Total transfer is \$143,560 consisting of changes in various expense categories.

**(Resolution 2021.02.031)** A motion was made by Dr. Munk and seconded by Dr. Woodson to approve the Transfer of Appropriations for January 2021 in the amount of \$143,560.00. Motion carried, 12 Yeas, 0 Nays.

**5. Revenue Estimates and Expense Appropriations:**

Board of Health Resolution is required to approve changes in Revenue Estimates and Expense Appropriations for the month of January 2021 in the amount of \$715,286 for Revenue Estimates and \$823,286.00 for Expense Appropriations.

**(Resolution 2021.02.032)** A motion was made by Dr. Fernandez and seconded by Matthew Heyrman to approve the Revenue Estimates and Expense Appropriations of \$823,286.00 for the month of January 2021. Motion carried, 12 Yeas, 0 Nays.

**6. Resolution – 2022 Proposed Budget and Estimated Resources**

Board of Health Resolution is required to approve the 2022 Proposed Budget and Estimated Resources. The Proposed Budget gives an estimate of money to be spent and received.

**(Resolution 2021.02.033)** A motion was made by Amr Elaskary and seconded by Susan Postal to approve the 2022 Proposed Budget and Estimated Resources. Motion carried, 12 Yeas, 0 Nays.

**(Resolution 2021.02.034)** A motion was made by Dr. Munk and seconded by Michelle Schultz to approve the Audit/Finance Committee report as presented. Motion carried, 12 Yeas, 0 Nays.

**B) Personnel Report – Susan Postal**

The Personnel Committee met on Monday, February 22, 2021, and provided a report to the Board of Health. The following require Board action:

1. The Personnel Committee discussed and recommends the appointment of Duane Herron to the classified full-time permanent position of Maternal & Child Health Supervisor in the non-bargaining unit, at the rate of pay of \$32.64 per hour.

**(Resolution 2021.02.035)** A motion was made by Dr. Fernandez and seconded by Dr. Munk to approve the hiring of Duane Herron to the classified, full-time permanent position of Maternal & Child Health Supervisor in the non-bargaining unit at the rate of pay of \$32.64 per hour. Motion carried. 12 Yeas, 0 Nays.

2. The Personnel Committee discussed and recommends the appointment of the following individuals to the unclassified part-time intermittent/ temporary position of POD Worker as part of the COVID-19 Emergency Response, at the rate of pay of \$11.82 per hour: Erotida White, Leslie Queenan, Sheena Barnes, Karen Dick, Shontae Carter

**(Resolution 2021.02.036)** A motion was made by Donald Murray and seconded by Dr. Fernandez to approve hiring of the temporary COVID-19 POD Workers as described above. Motion carried, 12 Yeas, 0 Nays.

**(Resolution 2021.02.037)** A motion was made by Susan Postal and seconded by Dr. Munk to approve the Personnel Committee Report. Motion carried, 12 Yeas, 0 Nays.

**C) Environmental Health Committee – Donald Murray**

The Committee met on Wednesday, February 17, 2021

1. The Environmental Health Committee recommends to support the City of Toledo Healthy Kids Meals Beverages Ordinance.

**(Resolution 2021.02.038)** A motion was made by Dr. Woodson and seconded by Dr. Munk to approve the variance for the septic system as described above. Motion carried. 12 Yeas, 0 Nays

**(Resolution 2021.02.039)** A motion was made by Dr. Munk and seconded by Dr. Woodson to approve the Environmental Health Report. Motion carried. 12 Yeas, 0 Nays

**IX. New Business/Points for Consideration**

Community Health Assessment. Eric Zgodzinski suggested that we table this until next month so that Brandon Palinski can prepare a report.

**X. Prior Business – Eric Zgodzinski**

**COVID Update**

- Have seen a low rate of seasonal flu. The reason could be the use of masks, social distancing, and hand hygiene. There were only 2 hospitalized flu cases as of last week.
- Current COVID numbers: hovering between 30 & 60 per week (averaging about 50).
- Vaccinations: 61,000+ have been vaccinated in Lucas County which is about 15%. This is a community effort with TLCHD and the hospitals and other community partners.
- PODs: we have seen 2000 – 4000 people coming through our PODs. We have gotten great compliments about our process.
- The amount of vaccine we are getting into our black and brown population with only 5.5% vaccinated, whereas the white population is at 13%. Currently we are working with partners and leaders in our community to get vaccine into the underserved population efficiently and effectively. Twenty percent 20% of our allocation each week will be going into the underserved community to address the inequity of receiving vaccine to this community. Using GIS to pin down where the deficiencies are and how to get into the areas of need.
- Johnson and Johnson will have their vaccine approved very soon with 20 million doses ready.
- As we get additional vaccines we will be able to add more providers; doctor's offices and additional pharmacies. There are 145,000 in the 1B Phase so we are nowhere near having that group vaccinated.
- K-12 staff were vaccinated (9000 people) over two days. Schools are going back to in-person classes.
- Discussion on the various vaccination opportunities we will have in the future with the availability of additional vaccine to include the underserved population.


- We were approached by the city of Toledo to help craft an ordinance to provide healthy beverage options for restaurants. This would be working with the Heart association. This would include 1% milk and 100% fruit juice.

**XI. Public Health in the News – Dr. Johnathon Ross**

- Kudos to the POD process which is running very smoothly. Use of 211 system is helping those who don't have computer skills for signing up for a vaccine.
- Reading about bring a person (high risk or elderly) you bring in and get your shot too.
- Biggest bottleneck is amount of vaccine available. There is talk of getting more vaccine into the bottles.
- Variants: The UK variant has been found to be more infectious. The current vaccines are doing a good job to prevent serious disease, hospitalization or death. This is also true with J&J tests. Other variants are the African and Brazilian ones. The UK variant has shown up in Michigan which caused the closure of the U of M athletics department.
- A public health issue being focused on in the CHA is Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES). This looks at the issues of health, behavior, substance abuse and mental health in children who grow up with Adverse Childhood Experiences.
- CDC: Dr. Walensky, the new director of the CDC says traveling is not advised especially with the upcoming Spring Break.
- One Dose issues: Moderna and Pfizer vaccines become effective fairly rapidly, within the second two weeks of having the vaccine. We don't know the durability and effectiveness of just having one dose.

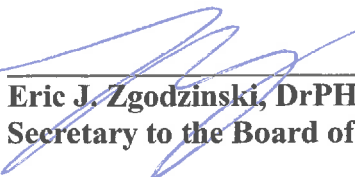
**(Resolution 2021.02.040)** A motion was made by Don Murray and seconded by Dr. Woodson to adjourn at 11:04 AM. Motion carried, 12 Yeas, 0 Nays

**Signed By:**

  
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**Johnathon Ross, MD, President**  
**Lucas County Regional Health District Board**

3-31-21  
**Date**

**Attested By:**

  
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**Eric J. Zgodzinski, DrPH, MPH, RS, CPH**  
**Secretary to the Board of Health**

3-31-21  
**Date**