

LUCAS COUNTY REGIONAL HEALTH DISTRICT
Board of Health Meeting
Toledo Lucas County Main Library
March 28, 2024
Meeting Minutes

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

Dr. Johnathon Ross, President, called the meeting to order at 8:46 a.m. A Roll Call was taken of Board Members for attendance:

Present: Amr Elaskary, Sonia Flunder-McNair, Ted Kaczorowski, David Karmol, Paul Komisarek, Dr. Richard Munk, Susan Postal, Dr. Johnathon Ross, Barbara Sarantou, Dr. Donna Woodson

Exused: Cheryl Crowder, Matthew Sapara

II. **Introduction of Guests**

Staff and Others: Karim Baroudi, Shannon M. Jones, David Welch, Dr. Megan Lutz, Dr. April Hille, Angie Bauman, Brandon Palinski, Tina Stokes, Wendy Davis, Scott Francis, Jennifer Gottschalk, Heather Burnette, Ashley DuShane, Vaughn Jackson, Gloria Smith, Kevin A. Pituch (LC Prosecutor), William Dailey (LC Prosecutor), Thomas Gleba (ONA), Mary Apodaca (ONA), Michael Judin (AFSCME), David Mann (Lucas County Land Bank)

III. **Additions/Deletions to Agenda**

Executive Session will be moved to follow Board of Health Continuing Education.

IV. **Approval of Board of Health Meeting Minutes**

(Resolution 067-24) A motion was made by David Karmol and seconded by Sonia Flunder-McNair to Approve the Minutes of the February 22, 2024 Regular Board of Health Meeting as presented. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

V. **Legal Update – Kevin Pituch**

In 2021, plaintiffs sued the State of Ohio and a host of others (including the then Health Commissioner Eric Zgodzinski) over the 2020 COVID shutdown orders issued by the State of Ohio. The complaint was frivolous, especially since Eric had nothing to do with the issuance of the ODH shutdown orders, and the shutdown orders were not unconstitutional. Because the plaintiffs' attorneys refused to dismiss the case and continued litigating it all the way to the United States Supreme Court (losing every step of the way), we filed a motion for sanctions. With a motion for sanctions, the federal court can penalize attorneys who refuse to dismiss lawsuits that have no merit by making them pay the costs and attorney fees of the other side. The court granted the motion for sanctions, and Mr. Pituch will file an affidavit informing the court how much is to be paid (roughly \$10K) to the County Commissioners.

William Dailey was introduced as the newest member of the civil division at the prosecutor's office. Mr. Dailey will be assisting Kevin Pituch in representing the BOH and may stand in his place when needed.

VI. Medical Director's Report – Megan Lutz, MD

Dr. Lutz recently had an opportunity with ProMedica to speak about syphilis. They created a calculated, well-marketed PSA presentation while exhibiting appropriateness to the sensitive topic. It will be aired in waiting rooms, cafeterias, and online to enhance health literacy.

VII. Board of Health Continuing Education

Vaughn Jackson, TLCHD Environmental Health Supervisor, and Gloria Smith, TLCHD Public Health Nurse for the Lead Program, presented on Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention. This included the impact lead poisoning has on children. A handout was distributed to the board on lead poisoning harms and its prevention, including environmental lead eradication and dietary changes that are beneficial among other efforts.

VIII. Executive Session

(Resolution 068-24) A motion was made by Dr. Munk and seconded by Dr. Woodson to enter into an executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official ... pursuant to (G)(1) of section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code at 9:36 a.m. Roll Call vote taken. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 069-24) A motion was made by Dr. Munk and seconded by Dr. Woodson to return to the Regular Session of the Board of Health Meeting at 10:19 a.m. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

IX. Committee Reports

A. Succession Planning – Dr. Richard Munk

Committee did not meet in March.

B. Personnel Committee – Barbara Sarantou

The Personnel Committee met on Tuesday, March 19, 2024. The following items require Board of Health action:

- New Hire

(Resolution 070-24) A motion was made by Dr. Munk and seconded by David Karmol to Approve the Hire of the Hire of Christina Sorlien to the full-time classified position of Office Specialist (Clerk II), AFSCME, pay rate \$16.56 per hour. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 071-24) A motion was made by Dr. Munk and seconded by Sonia Flunder-McNair to Approve the Personnel Committee Report. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

C. Audit and Finance Committee – Amr Elaskary

The Audit/Finance Committee met on Tuesday, March 19, 2024. The following items require Board of Health action:

(Resolution 072-24) A motion was made by Susan Postal and seconded by Sonia Flunder-McNair to Approve the payment of the February 2024 Vouchers. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 073-24) A motion was made by Dr. Woodson and seconded by Dr. Munk to Approve the Changes in Revenue Estimates of \$698,837.50 and Expense Appropriations of \$718,837.50 for February 2024. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

- Grants

(Resolution 074-24) A motion was made by Dr. Munk and seconded by Sonia Flunder-McNair to Apply for and Accept, if awarded \$62,424, continuation grant for NOSS Support Services. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 075-24) A motion was made by Dr. Munk and seconded by Susan Postal to Accept the additional funding of \$70,000, for SOS 3.2 for operational costs. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

SOS (State Opioid and Stimulant Response)

(Resolution 076-24) A motion was made Dr. Woodson and seconded by Dr. Munk to Accept the one month extension, for Healthy Start FY24 + Doula Supplement. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

- Contracts

(Resolution 077-24) A motion was made by Susan Postal and seconded by David Karmol to Enter into Agreement with The University of Toledo for \$50,000 to provide a forum for clinicians to clinician consultation to improve the health outcomes in congenital syphilis. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Monies received from ODH (Ohio Department of Health) distributed to the Ryan White Foundation for congenital syphilis education in the community.

(Resolution 078-24) A motion was made by David Karmol and seconded by Dr. Munk to Enter into a MOU with Lucas County Land Bank Reutilization Corporation at no cost to lease the XRF lead paint analyzer, upon expiration of grant the Land Bank will donate all rights, title, and interest in the XRF to TLCHD. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 079-24) A motion was made by Susan Postal and seconded by David Karmol to Enter into Contract with PlaceBased for \$25,200 to build awareness for overdose prevention resources, the dangers of fentanyl, primarily in pressed pills, and how to get naloxone by mail. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 080-24) A motion was made by Dr. Munk and seconded by Barbara Sarantou to Approve the Write-Off of uncollectable amounts for dates of services at least 180 days or older. Total amount is \$1,343.18 for the month of February. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

(Resolution 081-24) A motion was made by Dr. Woodson and seconded by Dr. Munk to Approve the Audit/Finance Committee Report. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

D. Environmental Health Committee – David Karmol
Committee did not meet in March.

E. Strategic Planning Committee – Dr. Donna Woodson

The Strategic Planning Committee met on Tuesday, March 19, 2024. The following items require Board of Health action:

(Resolution 082-24) A motion was made by Amr Elaskary and seconded by Sonia Flunder-McNair to Approve the Strategic Planning Committee Report. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

F. Bylaws and Governance Committee – David Karmol

Committee did not meet in March.

G. Health Services Committee – Cheryl Crowder

The Health Services Committee met on Tuesday, March 19, 2024. The following items require Board of Health action:

Dr. Ross thanked Angie Bauman for researching other labs to reduce expenses. In conclusion, PathLabs provides a great amount of supervision and advice for the cost of services.

(Resolution 083-24) A motion was made by Dr. Munk and seconded by Paul Komisarek to Approve the Health Services Committee Report. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

H. Facilities and Fleet Committee – Paul Komisarek

Committee did not meet in March.

X. Prior Business

The 2023 TLCHD Annual Report was unveiled at the Annual District Advisory Council (D.A.C.) Meeting on March 7, 2024. The report summarized a breakdown of public health services provided in each community. Amr Elaskary informed everyone there was a population increase in many of the jurisdictions and revenues are based on total populations. Therefore, revenue from each jurisdiction will be adjusted to reflect this for 2025. In our favor, the DAC unanimously passed a 6% operational increase.

XI. New Business/Points for Consideration

Doni Miller, WTGE Public Media Host, conducted an interview with Donna Fox, TLCHD Program Coordinator for HIV Prevention, discussing syphilis, STI awareness, testing, etc. It will be televised on PBS on Friday, March 29, 2024 at 8:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 31, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. and will be posted on <https://lucascountyhealth.com>.

XII. Interim Health Commissioner Comments – Shannon M. Jones


Shannon M. Jones has been attending bi-weekly meetings with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the City of Toledo (CoT), and the offices of Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur and Senator Sherrod Brown, etc. on how they can work together to improve the living conditions for local residents in multiunit housing properties.

Karim Baroudi thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve at TLCHD and is looking forward to starting April 1, 2024.


XIII. Public Health in the News – Dr. Johnathon Ross
Influenza cases dropped from its peak but increased slightly in March.

(Resolution 084-24) A motion was made by Dr. Munk and seconded by Dr. Woodson to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 a.m. Motion carried; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Signed By:



Dr. Johnathon Ross, President
Lucas County Regional Board of Health



Karim Baroudi, MPH, REHS
Secretary to the Board of Health

Date: 4/25/2024

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