

**LUCAS COUNTY REGIONAL HEALTH DISTRICT**  
**Board of Health Meeting on May 22, 2025**  
**Main Library, Toledo Lucas County Public Library, 325 N. Michigan Street,**  
**Toledo, OH 43604**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call – Barbara Sarantou**

Barbara Sarantou, President, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. A Roll Call was taken of Board Members for attendance:

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

*Excused:* Matthew Sapara

**II. Introduction of Guests – Karim Baroudi**

Staff and Visitors: Karim Baroudi, Jennifer Gottschalk, Scott Francis, Dr. Lawrence Monger, David Welch, Angie Bauman, Wendy Davis, Kevin A. Pituch (LC Prosecutor), Brandon Palinski, Kendra Kec, Tina Stokes, Heather Burnette, Barb Jordan, Robyn Torof, MD, Jessica Steinman, Adrienne Briner, Peggy Daly-Masternack.

**III. Additions/Deletions to Agenda**

No additions or deletions.

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

Dr. Ross requested that a correction be made on the first page, under Roman numeral V, correcting the spelling of Dr. Monger's first name.

**(Resolution 106-25)** A motion was made by Dr. Woodson and seconded by David Karmol to Approve the Minutes of April 24, 2025, Regular Board of Health Meeting as amended. Motion carried; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays.

**V. Legal Update – Kevin Pituch**

Legal update to be discussed during executive session.

**VI. Executive Session – Kevin Pituch**

**(Resolution 107-25)** A motion was made by Dr. Ross and seconded by Susan Postal to enter into Executive Session to consider the purchase of property (both real and personal, tangible or intangible), or to consider the sale of property (either real or personal) by competitive bid if disclosure of the information would give a competitive advantage to the other side by division (G)(2) of section [121.22](#) of the Revised Code at 9:35 a.m.. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays.

**(Resolution 108-25)** A motion was made by Dr. Munk and seconded by Susan Postal to return to Regular Session of the Board of Health Meeting at 10:21 a.m. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays.

No action was taken during executive session.

**(Resolution 109-25)** A motion was made by Dr. Woodson and seconded by Amr Elaskary to approve a resolution authorizing the Health Commissioner to enter into an agreement to purchase property located at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604. Motion carried; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays.

**(Resolution 110-25)** A motion was made by Amr Elaskary and seconded by Dr. Munk to approve a resolution authorizing the Health Commissioner to enter into all necessary agreements to complete the purchase of real property located at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604, including the deposit of earnest money, engagement of design professionals, and consultation with financial institutions. Motion carried; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays.

## VII. Medical Director's Report – Lawrence Monger, MD

Dr. Monger provided a brief update on the growing public health concern in measles cases. As of May 15th, the CDC has confirmed 1,024 cases in 2025, compared to approximately 200 cases in all of 2024.

A recent guideline change from the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, recommends offering pain control options for procedures like IUD insertions which may impact care in the reproductive health clinic. . Planning is underway to implement this change.

HIV case numbers are currently lower in 2025 compared to 2024. However, a potential increase is expected later in the summer due to increased testing at several promotional events.

## VIII. Committee Reports

### A. Personnel Committee – Barbara Sarantou

The Personnel Committee met on Tuesday, May 13, 2025. The following items require Board of Health action:

**(Resolution 111-25)** A motion was made by Dr. Munk and seconded by Paul Komisarek to Approve the Personnel Committee Report. Motion carried; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays.

## B. Audit and Finance Committee – Amr Elaskary

The Audit and Finance Committee met on Tuesday, May 13, 2025. The following items require Board of Health action:

**(Resolution 112-25)** A motion was made by Dr. Munk and seconded by Dr. Woodson to Approve the payment of the April 2025 vouchers. Motion carried; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays.

**(Resolution 113-25)** A motion was made by Dr. Munk and seconded by Paul Komisarek to approve the changes in revenue estimates and expense appropriations of \$615,801.71 for April 2025. Motion carried; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays.

### Grants

- \$93,500, continuation grant for Traffic Safety.
- \$2,627,778.00, continuation grant for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).
- \$173,027.00, continuation grant for Syringe Access Program.
- \$12,440.00, continuation grant for TechCred 3<sup>rd</sup> May round.

**(Resolution 114-25)** A motion was made by Dr. Munk and seconded by Paul Komisarek to apply and accept all grants listed above. Motion carried; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays.

### Contracts, Agreements, and/or MOU's

- Enter into an agreement with Matrix Entertainment for \$3,500.00 for the interactive Save a Life Tour assembly for students and Jones Leadership Academy of Business and Toledo Pre Med.
- Enter into an agreement with Huey-Shys Chen, RN PhD, MSN, MCHES, FAAN for \$7,000.00 to provide REEP Evaluation services for Minority Health Grant.
- Enter into an agreement with CBOSS, Inc. at no cost to serve as the online payment solution for Accela, the new application the Environmental Health Department will use to deliver services to the public.
- Enter into an agreement with University of Toledo DBA University of Toledo Medical Center to receive \$173,027.00 to fund salary and fringe of a full-time nurse and full-time health educator for the Syringe Access Program.
- Enter into an agreement with PlaceBased for \$40,000.00 to implement a region wide campaign in Lucas, Williams, Paulding, Putnam, and Allen County that will focus on naloxone awareness.
- Enter into an agreement with Toledo Police Department at no cost to coordinate efforts for a leave it behind naloxone initiative between TLCHD and TPD.
- Enter into an agreement with Equitas Health Toledo for \$35,000.00 to help prevent HIV through HIV testing, outreach, and leadership of the Mpowerment program.

- Enter into an agreement with the University of Toledo Medical Center for \$37,000.00 to help prevent HIV through HIV testing, outreach, and social media ad placements.
- Enter into an agreement with Lamar Advertising for \$20,000.00 for region wide naloxone awareness campaign between Lucas, Williams, Allen, Paulding, and Putman County.
- Enter into an agreement with Cintas for \$13,291.20 over 5 years to provide monthly floor mat replacement within the agency.
- Enter into an agreement with Lucas County Sheriff's DART for \$6,000.00 to partner on creating an implementation plan that will design a program where peer recovery support is embedded into DART post overdose response visits.
- Enter into an agreement with Pathways, Inc. for \$90,811.43 to provide CHW services, Parenting Classes and Community Consortium leadership and participation as required by the Healthy Start Grant.
- Enter into an agreement with the Healing Place of Supportive Partnership for \$67,500.00 to provide integrated behavioral health services to the Healthy Start Home Visitation Program by addressing maternal mental health concerns among perinatal and postnatal mothers.
- Enter into an agreement with Forward Consultants for \$23,750.00 to provide ongoing quantitative evaluation and data analysis as required by the Healthy Start Grant.

**(Resolution 115-25)** A motion was made by Dr. Munk and seconded by Paul Komisarek to enter into all Contracts, Agreements, and/or MOUs listed above in May 2025 Audit Finance committee report. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays.

**(Resolution 116-25)** A motion was made by Dr. Munk and seconded by Sonia Flunder-McNair to approve the write off of uncollectable amounts that are for dates of service at least 180 days or older. Total amount \$1,822.46 for the month of April 2025. Motion carried; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays.

**(Resolution 117-25)** A motion was made by Dr. Munk and seconded by Paul Komisarek to Approve the Audit and Finance Committee Report. Motion carried; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays.

### C. Health Services – Cheryl Crowder

The Health Services Committee met on Tuesday, May 13, 2025. The following items require Board of Health action:

Planned Parenthood lost funding, prompting a search for alternative funding sources. Activities include a lab site visit for CLIA, document scanning, and streamlining processes for Dr. Monger. Nurses Week has concluded. Feedback on customer satisfaction was provided by Cathy Nearhood. Events and initiatives include the Breastfeeding Life Symposium, OPHA participation, and collaboration with Stephanie Baltes and Amy Apadeely on food access in Ohio. The farmers market is set to begin in July.

**(Resolution 118-25)** A motion was made by Dr. Woodson and seconded by Dr. Munk to approve the Health Services Committee report. Motion carried; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays.

#### **D. Environmental Health Committee – David Karmol**

The Environmental Health Committee met on Wednesday, May 14, 2025. The following items require Board of Health action:

**(Resolution 119-25)** A motion was made by Dr. Ross and seconded by Paul Komisarek to approve the septic variance for residential property located at 4660 Richfield Center Road, Berkey, Ohio 43504. Roll Call vote taken. Motion carried; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays.

**(Resolution 120-25)** A motion was made by Dr. Ross and seconded by Paul Komisarek to approve the Environmental Health Committee report. Motion carried; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays.

#### **E. Facilities and Fleet Committee – Paul Komisarek**

The Facilities and Fleet Committee met on Wednesday, May 14, 2025.

Scott Francis stated that we're transitioning to a new fleet of copiers and printers that come with updated functionalities. One key feature is "follow-me printing," which will require staff to use their ID cards to access print jobs. This system will also be implemented in the new building.

**(Resolution 121-25)** A motion was made by Dr. Munk and seconded by Dr. Ross to approve the Facilities and Fleet Committee report. Motion carried; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays.

#### **F. Violence Reduction Ad Hoc Committee – Sonia Flunder-McNair**

The Violence Reduction Ad Hoc Committee met on Wednesday, May 14, 2025.

TLCHD staff presented to the committee on Gun Safety Awareness Month (June), highlighting safe storage practices and the alarming fact that gun violence is the leading cause of death among children, teens, and suicides. The Be SMART campaign noted that 54% of gun owners don't lock their firearms. The awareness campaign includes social media education and encourages wearing orange on June 6. A pledge was signed by partners, and a sign was placed in the lobby. The Health Department requested 125-gun locks for distribution. It's noted that most local gun violence isn't caused by responsible gun owners. Future plans may include outreach to gun ranges. There was also discussion about funding for the MONSEviolence prevention group and ongoing threats in local schools.

**(Resolution 122-25)** A motion was made by Amr Elaskary and seconded by Dr. Munk to approve the Violence Reduction Ad Hoc Committee report. Motion carried; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays.

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

Commissioner Baroudi took a moment during the meeting to recognize the academic achievements of two outstanding team members.

First, a big congratulations to Wendy Davis, who successfully defended her doctoral thesis- an incredible milestone and well-deserved recognition of all her hard work and dedication to public service.

Second, a heartfelt applause for Heather Burnette, who completed her master's degree- another fantastic accomplishment that reflects her commitment to both personal and professional growth.

The Board expressed their sincere appreciation and offered congratulations to both Wendy and Heather. Their achievements are a source of pride for the agency and a reminder of the amazing talent and drive within our team.

## X. Prior Business

## XI. Public Health in the News

Public Comment: Peggy Daly-Masternack shared that residents are concerned about increased truck traffic near densely populated areas due to an ODOT expansion plan that will widen the road to six lanes, and eight lanes from Secor to Talmadge. The decision appears subjective and based on opinion, with ODOT stating they cannot predict health impacts. Of the nine toxins mentioned, some are carcinogens. ODOT frequently cites funding as coming from Ohio highway sources. The issue is currently under review by several UPMC physicians, and local residents remain deeply concerned about the potential health effects.

## XII. Next Meetings


June 26, 2025 (Strawberry Acres Lodge, 950 S. McCord Road, Holland, Ohio 43528)


July 24, 2025 (Toledo Catholic Diocese, 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604)

August 28, 2025 (TBD)

**(Resolution 123-25)** A motion was made by Dr. Ross and seconded by Amr Elaskary to adjourn the meeting at 11:21 p.m. Motion carried; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays.

Signed By:

  
Barbara Sarantou, President  
Lucas County Regional Board of Health

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

Date: 6/26/25

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