



Washtenaw County Board of Health

Minutes

October 28, 2022, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Learning Resource Center LRC
4135 Washtenaw Ave, Ann Arbor, MI 48108
Superior Room

Present: Gina Dahlem, Leon Golson, Justin Hodge, Katie Scott, Kathleen Stroud, Elisabeth Vanderpool, Morghan Williams Boydston

Absent: James Carty, Carla Pretto-Kernahan, Carrie Rheingans

Staff: Jimena Loveluck, Ruth Kraut, Charlyn VanDeventer, Russell O'Brien

Guests: Charles Peterson

1. Call to Order

Gina Dahlem called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

2. Public Comment

None

3. Board Member Response to Public Comment

None

4. Approval of Agenda (Action)

Motion by L. Golson, seconded by K. Stroud, to approve the agenda.

Motion approved unanimously.

5. Approval of September 23, 2022, Meeting Minutes (Action)

Motion by L. Golson, seconded by M. Williams Boydston, to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2022 meeting.

Motion approved unanimously.

6. Draft Executive Committee Report from September 15, 2022

Board members received the Draft Executive Committee minutes.

Gina Dahlem shared they talked about the Covid-19 response, boosters, Maria Militzer resigning so Gina will be taking her place on the Community Health Assessment Committee, the Health Department (HD) will be having a mini retreat with support from the National Public Health Institutes (NPHI) to help process lessons learned from Covid-19 and set priorities for the future, and vacancies on the Board of Health (BOH) that will be filled in December.

7. Community Voices Report

Charles Peterson discussed his background and the PAC (Parole Awareness Committee) that he started out of concern for people being released from prison and then returning in a short time. The program has since been taken over by the State of Michigan. Charles now works with youth in the community and recently joined Community Voices. He talked about the work he has been doing with youth in the community and the process of working with the whole family. He advocates for mental health services and suggests more people would seek out services if they knew what resources the HD and Community Mental Health (CMH) offered. Kathy Stroud suggested



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Charles put in an application to become a member of the BOH. Charles discussed the process of how he shares the avenue for the people he works with to get mental health services and gave some real-life examples.

8. American Rescue Plan Initiative – Ruth Kraut and Charlyn VanDeventer

Ruth Kraut gave a broad overview of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. Some of the funding is going to leading with data for equity which includes community health assessment and community engagement. Funding is also going to Building Healthy Places to support structural changes to the built environment and pedestrian access. Healthy Neighborhoods is also being funded which includes 3 programs and 7 staff members. All of this is short-term funding through December 2024.

Charlyn VanDeventer gave more details on the Healthy Neighborhoods Team. She discussed the team goals of establishing a network of community health workers (CHWs) to address the Social Determinants of Health and promote health equity. Charlyn went over the areas of the county where the work is concentrated and talked about the team of trusted public health workers. CHWs want to move to an upstream prevention focus care by removing barriers to addressing health care. Health educators' work is centered on chronic disease prevention and lead prevention. They provide accurate health information through direct services and not just providing referrals. Charlyn also shared some anecdotes about the day-to-day work for Healthy Neighborhoods.

9. PH WINS Survey Results – Lily Guzman

Lily Guzman shared results from the Public Health Workforce Interests and Needs Survey (PH WINS). The survey has been in existence for many years, but the most recent survey was intended to get at the impact of Covid-19 on the public health workforce. Washtenaw County Health Department (WCHD) was able to look at specific data related to their HD and how that compares nationally.

PH WINS supports the governmental public health workforce in understanding their strengths and gaps and informs future investments in workforce development efforts. The PH WINS 2021 instrument had five domains: workplace environment, Covid-19 response, training needs, addressing public health issues, and demographics. Lily shared response rates nationally. Results were shared for the WCHD and how they compared nationally/regionally for demographics, educational attainment, workforce characteristics, job role, program area, tenure at agency, intent to leave or stay at agency, reasons for leaving or staying, training needs, engagement, satisfaction, perceptions about organization, and well-being. Five specific take-aways for WCHD were discussed as well as the next steps. The results were just shared with managers/supervisors and the HD is at the beginning of how to use the data to support staff.

10. BOC Liaison Report

Justin Hodge shared some funding information about trying to get money to Washtenaw Health Plan (WHP) and then leverage some matching funds from the bigger health systems. Katie Scott shared the Board of Commissioners (BOC) are looking at different places to tweak the budget to add services if needed. She also shared they are revisiting the county minimum payment because it has been at \$15 for a long time.

11. Old Business

- **Community Health Assessment**

Jimena Loveluck gave an update on the Community Health Assessment (CHA) process. A subcommittee was formed to work on the process as well as staff working with Community Voices to gauge their interest on being



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involved as well. New videos have been added to the Health for All website to communicate what a Community Health Assessment is in a new/different way. Working on having them translated in Spanish.

- **Gelman Update**

Jimena shared there was an MLive article in September about the Gelman cleanup. The court of appeals issued a ruling that vacated the previous opinion from the Washtenaw County judge, reinstates the previous consent judgement, and remands the case to trial court. Kristen Schweighoefer share the BOC made a motion to file a complaint as recommended.

- **Board of Health Vacancies**

Today is the deadline to apply to the BOH and other county boards and commissions. Some current members are eligible to apply for another term. The appointments will be made at the BOC meeting in December. People can apply at anytime to be considered when there are future vacancies.

12. New Business

- **Opioid Settlement Funding Presentation – Working Session 11/2/22**

Jimena will be presenting at the next BOC working session related to the opioid settlement funding. They will be looking at the areas that are eligible for funding and looking at a survey done around where providers and community members feel are the greatest needs.

- **State Accreditation**

Jimena reminded board members that every local health department goes through accreditation with the State every 3 years. Many things having to do with accreditation were put on hold due to Covid-19. WCHD is included with the next cycle. Typically, every program gets reviewed to make sure minimum program standards are being met. The next cycle will be focused on assessing needs, trainings, and technical assistance.

13. Adjournment

Motion by K. Scott, seconded by L. Golson, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:49 AM.

Minutes taken by Russell O'Brien