



Washtenaw County Board of Health

Minutes

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

Present: James Carty, Gina Dahlem, Leon Golson, Justin Hodge, Katie Scott, Morghan Williams Boydston
Absent: Carla Pretto-Kernahan, Kathleen Stroud, Carrie Rheingans, Elisabeth Vanderpool
Staff: Jimena Loveluck, Ruth Kraut, Beth Ann Hamilton, Susan Ringler-Cerniglia, Russell O'Brien
Guests: Charles Peterson

1. Call to Order

Gina Dahlem called the meeting to order at 9:09 AM.

2. Public Comment

None

3. Board Member Response to Public Comment

None

4. Approval of Agenda (Action)

*Motion by L. Golson, seconded by M. Williams Boydston, to approve the agenda.
Motion approved unanimously.*

5. Approval of October 28, 2022, Meeting Minutes (Action)

*Motion by L. Golson, seconded by J. Hodge, to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2022 meeting.
Motion approved unanimously.*

6. Community Voices Report

Charles Peterson gave an update on Community Voices. He covered the most recent meeting including new members and what was discussed. The Washtenaw County Health Department (WCHD) Healthy Neighborhoods Team was mentioned as well as Anti-Racist Cities and County (ARCC) project. Charles shared the next meeting will be Monday January 9th.

7. Substance Use Disorder Services and Opioid Settlement Funding – Nicole Adelman, Community Mental Health Partnership of Southeast Michigan (CMHPSM)

Nicole Adelman, Substance Use Services Director at CMHPSM, shared opioid related initiatives in Washtenaw County. Washtenaw county is in region 6 of the Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHP) spread out over Michigan. Medicaid funds go through CMHPSM for behavioral health services. Nicole discussed some of the prevention programs in Washtenaw County including Prime for Life through Engage@EMU, CAGE Screening and Get Connected through Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw, Project SUCCESS through Saint Joseph Mercy Chelsea, Train the Trainer through UofM, and Community Outreach, Education, and Distribution through Unified HIV Health and Beyond. Treatment and recovery programs were also discussed including Dawn Farm, Eisenhower Center, Home of New Vision, Marie's House of Serenity, Ozone House, Supreme Felons, Therapeutics, Unified HIV Health and Beyond,



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Workit Health, Avalon Housing, and Packard Health. Screening, assessment, and wait times for services were discussed.

Nicole shared slides about the Opioid Settlement Funding. Washtenaw County will receive \$457,418 per year for the next 18 years. The MDHHS 2021 Opioids Strategy was shared. Results from the Opioid Settlement Prioritization Survey for Region 6 were discussed. The highlights include prevention programming, treatment and recovery support services, harm reduction activities, and co-occurring services & underserved communities. CMHPSM is working with the Health Department, Community Mental Health (CMH), and other municipalities to get the opioid settlement dollars out to the community to help people impacted by opioids.

8. Opioid Data and Surveillance – Shannon Phillips, Epidemiologist

Shannon Phillips presented an update on opioid data and surveillance in Washtenaw County. She discussed the Opioid Report released in September and some of the data work and surveillance around opioids and overdoses. Opioid and non-opioid related overdose deaths in Washtenaw County residents from 2016-2021 were shared, showing a decrease from 2018 to 2019 and an increase nationally since the pandemic. Demographic data was shared showing a disproportionate number of Black/African American deaths due to opioid overdoses. Different types of substances were shown indicating Fentanyl was involved in 82% of opioid overdose deaths.

Shannon discussed data surveillance and next steps. Death data sources include the Washtenaw County Medical Examiner Office and MiCelerity which is updated quarterly. Non-fatal overdose data sources include MiCelerity and Biospatial which have more regular updates of biweekly and monthly. Overall goals with the data are to support action by strengthening overdose surveillance/data reporting and reconnecting with community partners to provide valuable and actionable data. It was suggested to look into getting access to Michigan Crime Lab Data.

9. American Public Health Association (APHA) Conference Highlights – Ruth Kraut, Deputy Health Officer

Ruth Kraut presented on her time at the American Public Health Association (APHA) Conference in early November. She discussed two presentations that included WCHD, one poster from WCHD, and several workshops that allowed for reflection on how WCHD work compares to best practices.

The two presentations that included WCHD were Collaboration for Proactive Prevention and Outbreak Response in the Adult Homeless Shelter Setting and Collaborating for Equitable COVID-19 Response: A Grassroots-Public Health Partnership in Washtenaw County, Michigan. Sessions highlighted by Ruth included Preventing Firearm Violence, Intervening in OB/GYN Settings to Prevent Human (Sex/Economic) Trafficking, and Impacts of Driven Racism and Violence Against Asian American/Pacific Islander Health.

10. BOC Liaison Report

Justin Hodge shared that the Board of Health (BOH) appointments and reappointments have been made. New appointments include Dan Yordanich, Chris Frank, and Guadalupe Cervantes. Reappointments include Elisabeth Vanderpool and Morghan Williams Boydston. He also shared that there will be 3 vacancies on the Board of Commissioners (BOC) that will be filled next year.

11. Old Business

- **Anti-Racist Cities and Counties (ARCC) Project**

Jimena Loveluck gave an update on ARCC. The group that presented to the BOH in the past will be coming back to a future meeting to discuss collected data and next steps.



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- **Board of Health Vacancies/Appointments/Election**

Discussed in the BOC liaison report. BOH elections will take place at the January 2023 meeting.

12. New Business

- **MHA Public Health Task Force**

Jimena shared that Michigan Association for Local Public Health (MALPH) has been focusing on collaboration and partnerships with health systems. The Michigan Health and Hospital Association (MHA) created a public health task force and expanded the membership to add public health representation. Jimena and 2 other health officers are on the task force. Priorities include working together on communication around the importance and impact of public health.

- **Recognitions**

Jimena thanked Leon Golson for his valuable role on the BOH since 2017. Carrie Rheingans was also recognized for her participation on the BOH before being elected as a State Representative.

13. Adjournment

Motion by J. Carty, seconded by K. Scott, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:53 AM.

Minutes taken by Russell O'Brien