



Washtenaw County Board of Health

Minutes

May 26, 2023, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Learning Resource Center LRC

4135 Washtenaw Ave, Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Superior Room

Present: Gina Dahlem, Chris Frank, Justin Hodge, Carla Pretto, Katie Scott, Kathleen Stroud, Elisabeth Vanderpool
Absent: James Carty, Guadalupe Cervantes, Morghan Williams Boydston, Dan Yordanich
Staff: Jimena Loveluck, Ruth Kraut, Kristen Schweighoefer, Charles Wilson, Tedi Milgrom, Peter Slutzker, Russell O'Brien
Guests: Charles Peterson, Shannon Semik, Kendahl Yamarino, Sara Sievers, Mary Czarnecki

1. Call to Order

Gina Dahlem called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Board Member Response to Public Comment

None.

4. Approval of Agenda (Action)

Motion by C. Pretto, seconded by C. Frank, to approve the agenda.

Motion approved unanimously.

5. Approval of April 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes (Action)

Motion by C. Pretto, seconded by E. Vanderpool, to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2023 meeting.

Motion approved unanimously.

6. Executive Committee Minutes from March 16 and April 24, 2023

Board members received the Executive Committee minutes.

7. Community Voices Report

Charles Peterson gave an update on Community Voices (CV). He discussed their recent meeting including a presentation from Michigan Medicine's Housing Bureau for Seniors, an idea for creating short videos to highlight the work of the CV team in neighborhoods, the annual budget that supports meeting compensation and health projects, and the final meeting with the Anti Racist Cities and Counties (ARCC) group coming up June 8th.

Gina Dahlem asked about the annual budget and where it comes from. Charles Peterson said the annual budget is \$15,000 and Charles Wilson added that it comes from the general fund of the Health Department.

8. Pollution Prevention Program Evaluation – Kristen Schweighoefer, Environmental Health Director

Kristen Schweighoefer provided an update on the Pollution Prevention Program including what it is, where it is at for the 2-year pause, and to receive feedback on next steps. Washtenaw County (WC) adopted the Community Right-To-Know Regulation in 1986 which was amended and renamed the Pollution Prevention Regulation in 1992. She



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discussed who the regulation applies to, those that are exempt, reporting, and inspections. Each year, 1,134 active facilities must submit a status sheet and 696 of them receive inspections. Kristen went over the partners that were engaged regarding feedback on the current regulation and thoughts on the future of the regulation.

Progress as of May 2023 was shared. This included different surveys, initial planning, Board of Health (BOH) presentations, Board of Commissioners (BOC) consideration, external partner engagement, internal staff review, and regulated community engagement. Kristen shared in-depth survey results and feedback to date. She also went over potential program updates. Fees would change to an annual program fee instead of a separate reporting and inspection fee. No more paper forms, all reporting would utilize an online secure system. Minimum volume for reporting requirements and program participation would be increased, except for extremely hazardous substances. Inspections would change to an initial inspection of all facilities, facilities in compliance would submit self-inspections each year, and be inspected every 5 years. Require above ground storage tanks for appropriate secondary containment.

Next steps were discussed including finalizing the language of the regulation, legal review, create budget/staff, bring to the BOH for review and approval Fall 2023, bring to BOC for review, public hearing and approval Winter 2023/2024, and implementation March 2024. Jimena Loveluck brought up staffing and budget for the program. Kristen said the program was designed where 100% of the fees were supposed to support the program. She thinks there will be an ask from the general fund to support the program.

9. Health Equity Council – Ruth Kraut, Deputy Health Officer; Tedi Milgrom, Health Promotion Coordinator; and Charles Wilson, Community Health Promotion Supervisor

Ruth Kraut gave a summary of the background on the Health Equity Council (HEC). It is a newer grant received by the Washtenaw County Health Department (WCHD) last summer. COVID19 disproportionately impacted Black and Brown residents especially in 48197/48198 zip codes. WCHD applied for the HEC grant in April 2022, and it was awarded in late spring/early summer 2022. The grant was also awarded for next year as well.

Charles Wilson talked about WCHD as a Backbone Organization (BBO) and described the six essential functions for backbone support. He mentioned the primary staff and other support that make up the BBO staff. The make up of the HEC was discussed which includes 14 members with the majority being from African American and Latinx communities. They receive a participation stipend and meet 1-2 times per month. The HEC has a regular presence and engagement in the community doing outreach work.

Tedi Milgrom discussed mini grants that started in February/March and ran through May 2023. She also mentioned the successes and constraints in the application process and allocating the funds. Mini grant projects were reviewed. They include:

- Educate Youth - Prevent & Prevail Program
- Second Baptist Church of Ypsilanti - Youth Program, Care & Share Food Pantry
- Community Family Life Center - Health & Nutrition, Girls Group Program Trip, Winter Clothing, Mens Mental Health
- Pelvic Floor Workshops for Latina Women
- Parent Cafes

Charles concluded with lessons learned and future opportunities.



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10. BOC Liaison Report

Justin Hodge talked about the recent 4-hour BOC Working Session meeting that was focused on board priorities. It was helpful to voice interest in different kinds of projects and priorities. The administration will collect the information that came out of the meeting and provide it to BOC members soon. Washtenaw Health Plan (WHP) and structural funding for community health workers/health department in general were the public health priorities discussed. They are moving into the summer schedule and will have 1 meeting per month for June, July, and August.

11. Old Business

- **Gun Violence Data and Resolution Next Steps**

Jimena Loveluck shared that Dr. Marquez and Deanna Price presented the same data to the Community Violence Intervention Team (CVIT) and the Washtenaw Health Initiative (WHI) steering committee. There is a meeting set up with the Sheriff's office next week to talk about data they have and how it can be shared. A final version of a summary with data, context, and analysis should be ready in the next few weeks.

- **Tobacco Resolution Next Steps**

Jimena said that Amanda Ng shared the resolution with state legislators and Justin Hodge is working on a similar resolution to go before the BOC. It sounds like legislation will wait until after the summer break.

12. New Business

- **Labor Relations**

Jimena mentioned that the county labor negotiating team will be working on renegotiating contracts with bargaining units. The Health Department (HD) has 3 bargaining units that represent staff, and the current contracts go through the end of 2023.

- **ARPA Initiatives**

Jimena gave a summary of the 1st and 2nd readings for additional American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) investments and initiatives. The Healthy Neighborhoods Team is being expanded by adding a couple community health workers and a case manager. Two health educators are being added to Emergency Preparedness and will be focusing on building the capacity and training of the Medical Reserve Core (MRC).

13. Adjournment

Motion by J. Hodge, seconded by C. Pretto, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:58 AM.

Minutes taken by Russell O'Brien