



Washtenaw County Board of Health

Minutes

December 12, 2025, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Washtenaw County Health Department (WCHD)
555 Towner St, Ypsilanti, MI 48198
Room 2102B

Present: Shadin Atiyeh, Guadalupe Cervantes, Chris Frank, Justin Hodge, Shekinah Singletary
Absent: Gina Dahlem, Joan Kellenberg, Sade Mulkey, Carla Pretto, Katie Scott, Dan Yordanich
Staff: Jimena Loveluck, Nifiah Reid, Russell O'Brien
Guests: Wilson "Sunny" Fritz, Hannah Edwards

1. Call to Order

Chris Frank called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM.

2. Public Comment

Hannah Edwards, resident of Washtenaw County (WC), talked about navigating medical, physical, and systematic barriers every day. She said the care she needs is available in Washtenaw County but needs help to access it. She hopes to increase awareness and seek partnership. Hannah also requested a 15-minute space on the next Board of Health (BOH) meeting agenda.

Sunny Fritz talked about outreach efforts done at farmers markets and other places. Data was collected and shared with board members.

3. Board Member Response to Public Comment

Justin Hodge thanked Hannah for sharing her story and offered to have a discussion after the meeting. Shekinah Singletary thanked Hannah, said she would love to hear more, and was already thinking of people to connect her with. Jimena Loveluck made sure to get Hannah's contact information so resources could be shared.

Justin Hodge said he appreciates the data from Sunny and looks forward to figuring out what can be done with it.

4. Approval of Agenda (Action)

Quorum not met. No vote taken.

5. Approval of October 24, 2025 Meeting Minutes (Action)

Quorum not met. No vote taken.

6. Executive Committee Minutes from October 14, 2025

Board members received the Executive Committee minutes.

7. Community Voices (CV) Report

Jimena Loveluck shared a few updates from Charlyn VanDeventer. CV met in November for a longer visionary meeting looking at the areas of focus for 2026. They will resume meetings in January. CV was invited to keynote at the Michigan Community Scholars Program (MCSP) at the University of Michigan on January 10th. The West Willow Photovoice exhibit is this Saturday, December 13th, at the Learning Resource Center (LRC).



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8. Racial Equity Office Presentation – Derrick Jackson, Racial Equity Officer

Derrick Jackson discussed the Racial Equity Blueprint, highlighted things the Racial Equity Office (REO) is thinking about doing and talked about how things fit in with the Health Department (HD). Board members received the Racial Equity Blueprint. The equity policy is based on 3 major pillars: Individual Growth, Institutional Change, and Structural Transformation. Derrick went over the 13 items listed that will help to get WC to live up to what the equity police is. The shift at the federal government around equity, diversity, etc. was acknowledged but the language within the policy has not changed. The Policy Evaluation & Resolution Review section of the blueprint was emphasized. Some of the work being done by the REO will be made into an exhibit for the Washtenaw County Bicentennial celebration. The Mobile Support Services Initiative (MSSI) is an innovative mobile office that is free to use from any county department or nonprofit in the county to provide services. There was further discussion by board members on the 13 items Derrick went over. There will be an annual report presented to the Board of Commissioners (BOC) in February 2026 and then reports twice per year moving forward. Charlyn VanDeventer is the HD liaison, and the HD meets regularly with the REO to discuss policies.

9. WCHD HIV/STI Program – Hope Delecke, MS, APRN-BC, SANE-A, Nurse Practitioner

Hope Delecke presented on Sexual Health Services (SHS) available at the Washtenaw County Health Department (WCHD). She discussed the services, mission, and outreach efforts. The mission of SHS is to create a space where the community feels safe to get information about their health, support clients and increase awareness around STIs and HIV, and to bring the vibes.

More details were given about the PrEP Program and DoxyPEP initiatives. Any public health nurse can provide counseling for DoxyPEP and dispense if assessment criteria are met. Clients can pick up DoxyPEP on a walk-in basis! Individually packaged doses make trying the prevention tool more approachable. Hope discussed outreach events where DoxyPEP visits occurred. Chris Zilke went over provider outreach events including urgent care outreach and provider micro-conferences. Sexual health student projects and social media endeavors were reviewed.

10. BOC Liaison Report

Justin Hodge said BOC meetings are done until January 2026. The Director on Aging will start in January and the hope is to start issuing RFPs. Justin thanked the HD for always being within budget because that is not the case for every other office or department. There's been a challenging series of communications with the Sheriff's Office because of them going \$4 million over budget. There were significant concerns from staff that led to taking the HR department away. Shekinah Singletery asked about state cutbacks. Justin said there are concerns about money that was allocated to the Eastern Washtenaw Community Recreation Center, Alpha House, and Rx Kids.

11. Old Business

- **Federal/State Budget**

Jimena Loveluck talked about cancelations to funding at the State level. The HD has gotten confirmation that WIC funding is in place through 2026.

- **Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee**

The first meeting occurred in November, and they will be meeting every other month going forward. They are focusing on finalizing the draft bylaws, establishing the leadership, and creating a framework for how the emergency funds will be made accessible.



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12. New Business

- **2026 Board of Health Meeting Calendar (Action)**

It was suggested to cancel the December meeting and add a meeting for the 2nd Friday in November. The calendar will be voted on at the January meeting.

Quorum not met. No vote taken.

- **Board of Health Appointments**

Three current BOH members were reappointed for another term at the December BOC meeting. Shekinah Singletery, Lupe Cervantes, and Joan Kellenberg.

- **Board of Health Officer Elections**

The officer elections will occur at the January BOH meeting. The three officers are willing to continue in their roles, but members were encouraged to let Jimena know if anyone wants to be the Chair, 1st Vice Chair, or 2nd Vice Chair.

- **Other Items**

- Hope Delecke won the Excellence in County Government Award for Washtenaw County. The HD had 21 staff nominated for recognition of awards.
- WCHD apparel order will be available next week. Beth Ann Hamilton will send out the order form to BOH members.
- The Michigan Senate is expected to vote on legislation that would repeal the ineffective penalties in place for kids that purchase tobacco products underage and would require tobacco retailers to obtain a license.
- Thank you to BOH members for providing all the treats at the recent HD all-staff meeting!!
- Jimena will share a link to a podcast about the Academic Health Department partnership with the UofM School of Public Health.

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM.

Minutes taken by Russell O'Brien