



Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 18, 2022

5:30 PM

1) Call to Order

Dr. Meyer called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

2) Roll Call of Members

Board Members in Attendance: Dr. Harlan Meyer, Kathleen Gravelle, Dr. Beth Whitted, Dr. Abby Norris Turner

3) Old Business

A) Approval of July 19, 2022 Minutes

Dr. Harlan Meyer presented the minutes from the July meeting.

Ms. Gravelle moved.

Dr. Norris Turner seconded

Motion passed 4-0.

4) New Business

Mr. Kessler presented a planned 2023 project for social service support for crisis intervention, mental health assessments, short term counseling and other needs. This program will work closely with Bexley Police Department and Code Enforcement departments. The board discussed this program and other overlapping resources. Mayor Kessler will follow up with Lindsay Rodenhauer at Frankling County Public Health

5) Quarterly Reports

A) Environmental Health

Sarah Fink with Franklin County Public Health spoke about the Environmental Health report, discussing some information on a recent incident with bats in a Bexley residence as well as chlorine level management at the Bexley Pool. Mr. Kessler asked a question which Ms. Fink answered.

Ms. Fink also spoke about the mosquito report, though this does not include the information about the mosquito task force pilot program, which will have data presented to City Council in

the next couple of months. Ms. Gravelle asked a question about whether the West Nile virus numbers were elevated, and Ms. Fink confirmed yes, but not unusually so. Mr. Marcellino also noted Council won't be moving forward on any potential action on mosquitos or mosquito spray companies until after the data from the pilot study is included

B) Health Systems and Planning

Theresa Seagraves covered the highlights in this report including data on overdoses and the new Linkage to Care program which addresses addiction and mental and behavioral issues throughout the county along with tobacco and smoking education programs and they are working with many cities on a tobacco licensing program. Mr. Marcellino asked Ms. Seagraves about this initiative.

Ms. Seagraves also provided information on the Stop the Bleed program and Mr. Marcellino and Ms. Gravelle asked about the intended audience for the Stop the Bleed program.

C) Prevention and Wellness

Ms. Seagraves summarized some of the highlights of this report, including program for studies and training on health literacy and work being done to refine the literature for this initiative. Dr. Norris Turner asked about if this literature included non English speaking options, and Ms. Seagraves confirmed that it did.

D) COVID-19: Please visit the link below for COVID-19 updates.

<https://covid-19.myfcph.org/updates/#mrr>

Ms. Seagraves reported Franklin County is currently at green level, but safe behavior is still encouraged. Mr. Marcellino and Board members briefly discussed this, but no action resulted.

6) Date of Next Meeting

A) Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 17 - 5:30 pm

Dr. Meyer will not be available for the next meeting. Dr. Whitted will lead this meeting.

7) Adjourn

Dr. Meyer adjourned the meeting at 6:07 pm.