Franklin County District Board of Health
Minutes of the Board of Health Meeting
Tuesday, December 14, 2021—8:00a.m.
In-Person @ Memorial Hall
280 East Broad Street, First Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215
Zoom Conference Call

Call to Order: Sally Morgan called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:
Tom Rudge, PhD
Sally Morgan, RN
Latisha Chastang, MNML
Roy Barnewall, DVM, PhD
Clint Koenig, MD, MA, MSPH

Joe Mazzola, MPA, Secretary

Board Members Absent:

Staff Present:
Alex Jones, AHC, Director of Prevention and Wellness
Niki Lemin, AHC, Director Environmental Health
Theresa Seagraves, AHC, Director of Health Systems and Planning
Jen Robinson, Director of Human Resources and Customer Service
Mitzi Kline, Director of Comminications and Marketing
John Wolf, Director of Finance and Operations
Debb Smith, Executive Assistant – Health Commissioner
Miller Sullivan, MD, Medical Director
Cassondra Burns, IT System Supervisor

Legal Counsel:
Joseph R. Durham, Esq., Eastman & Smith, Ltd.

Guests & New Staff:
Teresa Dean, Franklin County Prosecutor's Office

Pledge of Allegiance
Sally Morgan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome extended to our new Board Member, Clint Koenig, MD, MA, MSPH, by Sally Morgan, President and members and staff.

Meeting Minutes:
Minutes for November 9th and 18th, 2021 were approved with a motion from Dr. Barnewall, with a second by Dr. Rudge. Ayes: All Nays: None – motion carried.

Old Business:

Resolution 21-172 Resolution to adopt the schedule of fees for retail food establishments and food service operations for the 2022 Licensing Year (Public Hearing and Adoption); was approved upon a motion by Dr. Rudge with a second by Dr. Barnewall. Ayes: Four Members Nays: Dr. Koenig (abstained) – motion carried.

New Business:

Hearing: 21-003 Nuisance Hearing: 1220 Tedco Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43223; Franklin Township; Tax District 140, Parcel ID #003526; Joann Hall (property owner-deceased. The Findings and Orders as drafted were approved approved upon a motion by Dr. Barnewall with a second by Dr. Rudge. Ayes: All Nays: None – motion carried.

Resolutions

Resolution 21-194 Resolution to pay the operating expenses for the Board of Health; was approved upon a motion by Dr. Barnewall with a second by Ms. Chastang. Ayes: All Nays: None – motion carried.

Resolution 21-195 Resolution to authorize the Health Commissioner to issue the Board of Health Orders (1-sewage); was approved upon a motioin by Dr. Rudge with a second by Ms. Chastang. Ayes: Four Members Nays: Dr. Koenig (abstained)– motion carried.

Resolution 21-196; Resolution to authorize the Health Commissioner to enter into an agreement with the Licking County Health Department to provide radon outreach activities, education, training and testing through the Ohio Department of Health Indoor Radon Grant (REVENUE OF $1,000.00); was approved upon a motion by Dr. Rudge with a second by Dr. Koenig. Ayes: All Nays: None – motion carried.

Resolution 21-197 Resolution to approve the issuance of construction and demolition debris landfill operation licenses to JDM Services, LLC and Scott

Wrecking Company, Inc., and the issuance of solid waste licenses to Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio and Waste Management of Ohio Transfer and Recycling Corporation;was approved upon a motion by Ms. Chastang with a second by Dr. Rudge. Ayes: All Nays: None – motion carried.

Resolution 21-198 Resolution to authorize the Health Commissioner to enter into an agreement with the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NAACHO) to participate in the Evaluating Health In All Policies Grant Program (REVENUE OF $20,000.00); was approved upon a motion by Dr. Barnewall with a second by Dr. Koenig. Ayes: All Nays: None – motion carried.

Resolution 21-199 Resolution to authorize the Health Commissioner to accept grant funding from and enter into a contract with the Franklin County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Board (ADAMH) for the State Opioid Response (SOR) 2.0 Grant (REVENUE OF $199,815.85); was approved upon a motion by Dr. Rudge with a second by Ms. Chastang. Ayes: All Nays: None – motion carried.

Resolution 21-200 Resolution to authorize the Health Commissioner to enter into an updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Central Ohio Trauma System Regional Healthcare Emergency Preparedness (RHEP) Coalition; was approved upon a motion by Ms. Chastang with a second by Dr. Koenig. Ayes: All Nays: None – motion carried.

Resolution 21-201 Resolution to authorize the Health Commissioner to modify deliverables and accept additional funding for the Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) for the addition of a new deliverable as supported by increased funding from the CDC PHEP CRI Program (ADDITIONAL REVENUE OF $14,454.18); was approved upon a motion by Dr. Barnewall with a second by Dr. Rudge. Ayes: All Nays: None – motion carried.

Resolution 21-202 Resolution to authorize the Health Commissioner to enter into a contract with the Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security (FCEM&HS) for the completion of a Franklin County COVID-19 After-Action and Improvement Plan Project for Franklin County (EXPENSE OF $25,000.00); was approved upon a motion by Dr. Barnewall with a second by Dr. Rudge. Ayes: All Nays: None – motion carried.

Resolution 21-203 Resolution to authorize the Health Commissioner to enter into an agreement with National Center for Urban Solutions, to serve as fiscal agent for the purpose of providing funding to and paying for activities of Franklin County Public Health's (FCPHs) Community Health Action Teams (CHATs) This

resolution will replace Resolution 21-189 is being rescinded due to CareSource not being able to serve as the fiscal agent (EXPENSE OF $25,000.00); was approved upon a motion by Ms. Chastang with a second by Dr. Koenig. Ayes: All Nays: None – motion carried.

Resolution 21-204 Resolution to authorize the Health Commissioner to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Health for participation in the Medicaid Administrative Claiming Program (ANNUAL REVENUE ESTIMATE OF $250,000.00); was approved upon a motion by Dr. Barnewall with a second by Dr. Rudge. Ayes: All Nays: None – motion carried.

Resolutions 21–205 Resolution to authorize the Health Commissioner to enter into an agreement with the Association of Ohio Health Commissioners for Public Health Emergency Preparedness Consulting (EXPENSE OF $5,278.00); was approved upon a motion by Ms. Chastang with a second by Dr. Barnewall. Ayes: All Nays: None – motion carried.

Resolution 21-206 Resolution to authorize the Health Commissioner to enter into an agreement with Upper Arlington Fire Division to provide Homebound COVID-19 Vaccinations (EXPENSE OF $100,000.00) was approved upon a motion by Dr. Rudge with a second by Dr. Koenig. Ayes: All Nays: None – motion carried.

Resolution 21-207 Resolution to authorize the Health Commissioner to renew a contract with Central Ohio Poison Center for Disease Center After-Hours On Call Services (EXPENSE OF $9,600.00); was approved upon a motion by Dr. Barnewall with a second by Dr. Rudge. Ayes: All Nays: None – motion carried.

Resolution 21-208 Resolution to authorize the Health Commissioner to enter into a contract with multiple agencies for website and graphic design services (EXPENSE OF $90,000.00); was approved upon a motion by Ms. Chastang with a second by Dr. Rudge. Ayes: All Nays: None – motion carried.

Resolution 21-209 Resolution to authorize the Health Commissioner to enter into a contract with AMELIE Company for creative development and media buy for a Holiday Narcan Program Awareness Campaign (EXPENSE OF $10,000.00); was approved upon a motion by Dr. Koenig with a second by Ms. Chastang. Ayes: All Nays: None – motion carried.

Resolution 21-210 Resolution to authorize the Health Commissioner to enter into a contract with Julian & Grube for financial services (EXPENSE OF $7,500.00); was approved upon a motion by Dr. Rudge with a second by Ms. Chastang. Ayes: All Nays: None – motion carried.

Resolution 21-211 Resolution to amend the 2021 operating budget; was tabled.

Resolution 21-212 Resolution to adopt the 2022 operating budget; was approved upon a motion by Ms. Chastang with a second by Dr. Rudge. Ayes: All Nays: None – motion carried.

Resolution 21-213 Resolution to approve purchases for Franklin County Public Health; was approved upon a motion by Ms. Chastang with a second by Dr. Koenig. Ayes: All Nays: None – motion carried.

Resolution 21-214 Resolution to authorize the Finance & Business Operations Director to request tax settlement advances for 2022; was approved upon a motion by Dr. Rudge with a second by Ms. Chastang. Ayes: All Nays: None – motion carried.

Executive Session

Resolution 21-215 Resolution to convene into Executive Session in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) to consider the dismissal or discipline of an employee and/or public official.

The Board entered a motion to enter into Executive Session at 9:46 a.m., upon a motion by Ms. Chastang with a second by Dr. Barnewall and each Board Member answering in the affirmative to a roll call vote:
Ms. Morgan – Affirmative;
Dr. Rudge – Affirmative;
Dr. Barnewall – Affirmative;
Ms. Chastang – Affirmative;
Dr. Koenig – Affirmative.

Other attendees: Joe Duham, Esq., Theresa Dean, Prosecutor's Office; Jennifer Robinson, Director of Human Resources and Customer Service-FCPH; Joe Mazzola, MPA, FCPH Health Commissioner and Robert Sealock, FCPH Staff Member.

Board came out of Executive Session at 10:34 a.m.

Resolution 21-216 Resolution for the Board of Health to dismiss or discipline an employee in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code Section 124.34; was approved upon a motion by Ms. Chastang with a second by Dr. Rudge. Ayes: All Nays: None – motion carried.

Personnel Actions:
Presented by Jen Robinson, Director of HR and Customer Service.
The attached personnel actions were presented for Board approval.
Personnel actions were moved for approval upon a motion by Ms. Chastang with a second by Dr. Rudge. Ayes: All Nays: None – motion carried.

Update: 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019 -nCOV) Outbreak

Joe Mazzola, Health Commissioner gave an update on status of COVID-19, report attached. Highlights were: hospitalizations have increased immensely from north to southern states; quite a number of staff still active in ICS, will remain active in ICS for the foreseeable future; still have clinic @ Mid-Ohio Food Bank on Thursday and Friday of each week; new digital campaign launching this week; will forward an email Friday to all city managers to require a mask advisory to be put in place as a result of the surge in hospital activity; FCPH continues to host our monthly jurisdictional call with an average of 150 participants in group call.

Division & Office Reports

a. Niki Lemin, AHC, Director of Environmental Health (report attached).
b. Theresa Seagraves, AHC, Director of Health Systems and Planning (report attached).
c. Alex Jones, AHC, Director of Prevention and Wellness (report attached).
d. Jennifer Robinson, Director of Human Resources and Customer Service (report attached).
e. Mitzi Kline, Director of Communications and Marketing (report attached)

Health Awareness Calendar—November 2021

a. International Human Rights' Day – December 10th, 2021
b. World AIDS Day – December 1st, 2021
c. National Influenza Awareness Week – December 5th – 11th, 2021
d. National Hand Washing Awareness Week – December 6th – 12th, 2021

Health Commissioner's Report—Joe Mazzola, MPA – Health Commissioner
Mazzola gave highlights from his monthly report to the Board – attached.

Medical Director's Report—Dr. Miller Sullivan, MD – Dr. Sullivan commented that the flu cases are increasing slowly; COVID-19 cases increasing; Nationwide Children's Hospital went from eight(8) COVID-19 cases to twenty-one(21) cases; vaccine recommendations have changed and vacinnations are increasing, notable changes; looking at Omicrom and emerging variants.

Legal Counsel's Report—Joe Durham, Esq. – Attorney Durham – we have six(6) Water Quality cases on Thursday and expect more in 2022; following litigation involving federal vaccine mandates – three(3) cases. Health Care Workers 10.l million - 2.4 million unvaccinated. Litigation does not effect our policy.

Meeting to adjourn at 11:22 a.m., with a motion by Dr. Rudge with a second by Ms. Chastang. Ayes: All Nays: None – motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sally Morgan, President Joe Mazzola, Secretary