

RESOLUTION 22-106

August 9, 2022

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE HEALTH COMMISSIONER TO SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATE IN A GUN BACKBACK EVENT IN CLINTON TOWNSHIP TO PROVIDE OUTREACH AND EDUCATION ON GUN SAFETY AND OTHER FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH RESOURCES.

WHEREAS, firearm related injury and death is a public health epidemic in the United States and primary prevention strategies that interrupt the transmission of violence must be developed; and

WHEREAS, gun injuries to children are preventable, and safe firearm storage can reduce the risk of youth suicide and unintentional firearm injuries. Education for the community must include limited access to weapons; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County Public Health (FCPH) recognizes gun violence as a pressing public health issue; and

WHEREAS, the FCPH Strategic Policy Priority Framework outlines the reduction in gun violence as a key policy objective linked to the social determinants of health; and

WHEREAS, FCPH will partner with Clinton Township leadership, including the Police and Fire Departments to host a gun buyback event, which will decrease the number of guns in circulation in the community. The Township shall be responsible and destroy the guns collected; and

WHEREAS, no FCPH funding will be used to purchase guns, nor will any FCPH personnel handle any gun or be responsible for their disposal; and

WHEREAS, FCPH will provide outreach services, including naloxone distribution, fentanyl test strips, resources bags, and educational materials on FCPH services. Community Health Workers would also be on site to assist with linkage to other essential services from partner agencies.

Now, therefore, upon motion of Board Member _____, second by Board Member _____;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH, BOARD MEMBERS;

1. That Franklin County Public Health will support and participate in a Gun Buyback event in Clinton Township at a date to be determined on the condition that no FCPH funding will be used to purchase guns, nor will any FCPH personnel handle any gun or be responsible for their disposal and FCPH involvement will include providing outreach services, including naloxone distribution, fentanyl test strips, resources bags, and educational materials on FCPH services. Community Health Workers would also be on site to assist with linkage to other essential services from partner agencies
2. That this resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Voting Aye Thereon:

Board Members
Franklin County Board of Health

Voting Nay Thereon:

Board Members
Franklin County Board of Health