



# JEFFERSON COUNTY General Health District

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**BOARD OF HEALTH  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
March 15, 2022  
8:15 a.m.**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Health was held on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 8:15 a.m. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor community room of the Towers Building located at 500 Market Street, Steubenville, Ohio.

**Board Members Present:**

Terry Bell  
Chief Clark J. Crago, Vice-President  
Patrick Macedonia, M.D, President  
Anthony Mougianis  
Jean-Philippe Rigaud

**Staff:**

Andrew Henry, Health Commissioner  
Kelly Wilson, Director of Finance/Administration  
Michele Henry, Administrative Assistant  
Marc Maragos, Director of Environmental  
Stephanie Chester, RN, WIC Director  
Carla Gampolo, Registered Sanitarian  
Rick Stead, PHEP

**Absent:**

**Prosecutor:**

**Guests:**

See sign-in sheet

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m. by Dr. Macedonia, President. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. All board members were in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

<i>Action</i>	<i>Motion to accept the February 15, 2022 Minutes of Regular Meeting with one correction.</i>	<i>Vote Detail (Roll Call)</i>
Motion-2022-16	Chief Crago moved and Mr. Rigaud seconded a motion to accept the February 15, 2022 Minutes of the Regular Meeting with one correction.  Mr. Joey Lamantia is from the Sheriff's Dept. not the Steubenville Police Department. Correction to be made.	1 <sup>st</sup> - Crago 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Rigaud Bell - Aye Crago - Aye Macedonia - Aye Mougianis - Aye Rigaud - Aye



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	Motion passed unanimously.	
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### February 2022 Revenue Report

<i>Action</i>	<i>Approval of February's Revenue Report</i>	<i>Vote Detail (Roll Call)</i>
Motion – 2022-17	Mr. Bell moved and Mr. Mougianis seconded a motion to accept February 2022 revenue report.  Motion passed unanimously.	1 <sup>st</sup> - Bell 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Mougianis Bell - Aye Crago – Aye Macedonia – Aye Mougianis - Aye Rigaud - Aye

### February 2022 Expense Report

<i>Action</i>	<i>Approval of February's Expense Report</i>	<i>Vote Detail (Roll Call)</i>
Motion – 2022-18	Mr. Rigaud moved and Mr. Mougianis seconded a motion to accept February 2022 expense report.  Motion passed unanimously.	1 <sup>st</sup> - Rigaud 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Mougianis Bell - Aye Crago – Aye Macedonia – Aye Mougianis - Aye Rigaud - Aye

Dr. Macedonia thanked Kelly Wilson, Fiscal Director for all her hard work with the financial reports. Dr. Macedonia asked Kelly if she could provide a one sheet account balance for each fund to show, previous balance, receipts, expenses and ending balance. Kelly Wilson will provide.

### Personnel

Britney Reed, RN, resigned her position and has accepted another position that works better for her family. Her last day was Friday, March 11, 2022.

At this point, Health Commissioner Andrew Henry and Hannah Piko the Director of Nursing would like to hold off on filling this position. Dr. Macedonia agrees with this decision.

### Travel Requests – none



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## Contracts

Health Commissioner Henry provided an update on the Solid Waste Authority meeting as it pertains to the contract. An email was sent after the last board meeting about revising the contract cap to not exceed \$100,000.00. A number of the board members were supportive of that. They would like to contact their legal counsel about the language stating if we reached the cap of \$80,000.00 they would re-open the cap up to \$100,000.00. They would like the contract to remain \$80,000.00 with the option to change the cap should we exceed the \$80,000.00.

Dr. Macedonia asked about the expenses for last year and the total was approximately \$88,000.00. Some of their board members questioned the monies we had in the C & D fund that could cover any loss and Health Commissioner Henry explained that the funds in the C & D Fund are very restricted and limited on what they can be used for.

MOU with Job and Family services for their Elder Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation division. They asked the Health Department to sign an MOU with them to alert them of any elder abuse or neglect detected here at the health department or in the community. This will help to build better relationships with other county agencies.

<i>Action</i>	<i>Motion to Approve all MOU's and Contracts for the Month.</i>	<i>Vote Detail (Roll Call)</i>
Motion – 2022-19	Chief Crago moved and Mr. Rigaud seconded a motion to approve all MOUS's and contracts for the month.  Motion passed unanimously.	1 <sup>st</sup> - Crago 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Rigaud Bell - Aye Crago – Aye Macedonia – Aye Mougianis - Aye Rigaud – Aye

**Adoption of Forms/Policies - None**

**Purchase Orders over \$5000 - None**

### Health Commissioner's Report

A copy of the report is attached hereto and made part of the official minutes.

Dr. Macedonia asked that Health Commissioner Henry give an update on masks for Jefferson County. WTOV 9 and the Herald Star were asked to please take note and update the county on the latest update. The State of Ohio has not had a mask mandate since June 2021. Many people have been using the CDC's recommendation on mask wearing. The CDC currently has three levels of mask recommendations as it pertains to community spread, hospitalizations and bed



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usage. They are using algorithm levels of low, medium and high. High recommends masks for everybody indoors. Medium recommends masking if immunocompromised or have other health conditions, and low would be personal preference or someone that is at high risk. High risk factors include, older people, people with medical conditions, and pregnant or recently pregnant individuals. Jefferson County currently stands in the low category. The CDC will update weekly based on the data submitted to them from the states.

A key metric used often throughout the pandemic is the cases per 100,000, Jefferson County has had 65 cases over the past two weeks.

## Medical Director's Report

Dr. Kissinger stated we are starting to see more clients in the clinics but still have a large number of no-shows as well. Individuals make an appointment and then don't show up. The number of actual appointments is still low.

The focus now needs to be on preventative care. It is better to prevent a heart attack than to treat one. Some of the things we can do are free. Change in behaviors that are not healthy such as stopping smoking and sedentary lifestyles. If we could get rid of both of those, that would be good.

Some of the things we can do is eat healthy. The JCGHD website and Facebook page has two new videos that are a good resource for eating healthy. Exercise can be a challenge due to the access to recreational areas. We need to try to influence those with the authority to increase recreational availability to the public and to address the issue of food deserts in the downtown area. People need the access to healthier choices for food rather than just prepared foods.

Another item of focus is immunizations, not just covid but all childhood immunizations. Immunizations do save lives, there are still people dying from diseases that could've been prevented with preventative immunizations.

Continue to encourage children and adult well visits to identify possible health risks that could be detected early. Encourage cancer screenings for early detection and treatment.

March is Women's History Month so Dr. Kissinger would like to remind women to get their breast and pelvic screenings. These screenings do save lives by early detection and early treatment if found. There are a lot more cancer treatments available now that were not available five years ago to help treat cancer if found early. HPV vaccines can actually prevent cervical cancer, make sure to encourage and to utilize it.

The Covid numbers have continued to decrease week after week. The hospitalizations are going down and it looks as if we may be entering an endemic rather than a continuing pandemic.



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Dr. Macedonia indicated that there were incentives given to individuals to receive their covid vaccines and he was wondering if there was a way to incentivize individuals to receive their blood sugar screenings etc. He was wondering if there were any programs that might offer this service.

Dr. Macedonia also wanted to commend Hannah Piko for taking classes to obtain her BLS Instructor Certification to be able to provide our staff with training.

## **Nursing Report**

A copy of the report is attached hereto and made part of the official minutes.

## **WIC Report**

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## **Environmental**

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Dr. Macedonia stated the court hearing on Cross Ridge Landfill has nothing to do with the health issues. There was a mandate issued by Judge Miller two years ago to clean the place up. Take out the leach aid, clean out the tanks etc. all these orders have been ignored. Dr. Macedonia wants to make sure that the public knows that we have not forgotten.

JP Rigaud asked if there was someone we could meet with personally to discuss these concerns. The board would like to stress the fact that this remains a health issue in our community. Health Commissioner Henry feels if we continue to ask questions it could jeopardize their ongoing investigation.

Marc Maragos informed the board that a representative from the EPA has requested to accompany them on their quarterly inspection of Cross Ridge Landfill. Mr. Maragos will inform the board as to when the inspection will take place.

All public health nuisance complaints must be filed with the health department. Anonymous complaints will not be accepted.

## **Accreditation**

Health Commissioner Henry stated the CHA Community Health Assessment surveys closed on March 4<sup>th</sup> and we received more than 1000 surveys. There will be a follow-up meeting with the stakeholders in the next couple weeks to go over that information.



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We are re-engaging our Friday meetings to discuss certain aspects of accreditation. The Strategic Plan will be updated soon.

## PHEP

A copy of the report is attached hereto and made part of the official minutes.

**Correspondence – None**

**Committee Reports- None**

**Old Business**

### DAC Meeting

Reminder: District Advisory Council Meeting will be March 22, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

Dr. Macedonia spoke about the open seat on the board, Anthony Mougianis was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Petrolla. He has applied to be reappointed. Dr. Macedonia supports his re-appointment. He spoke of the letters to the editor in the newspaper and says Mr. Mougianis brings a whole new business perspective to the board that we haven't had before.

### Security Update:

Security has been a topic of discussion in the building. Our staff has gone through the active shooter training. We've engaged in conversation with the county commissioners in regard to a sense of security here at the entrance of the building.

Both JP Rigaud and Health Commissioner Henry have been in contact with the county commissioners. County Commissioner, Tony Morelli said there are some possible tenants looking at space in the building. Should they fill those vacancies in the building, they would like to reinvest some of that money into security for the entire building.

JP Rigaud came to our staff huddle last week and conveyed to the staff the importance of vocalizing any potential threats or domestic situations that might arise. This would allow an extra layer of defense for the entire staff and the staff member affected.



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## New Business

### Overdose Fatality Review Committee:

Health Commissioner Henry was on an ODH call and one of the items discussed was an overdose fatality review committee. Health Commissioner Henry reached out to the contact that gave the presentation and asked if Jefferson County had ever participated in this committee in the past. Jefferson County has not participated and Health Commissioner Henry feels with the amount of overdoses in the county he would like to see us establish an overdose fatality committee.

The committee will not stop the problem, but it will give the key stakeholders an understanding of the overdoses, where they are coming from, and what population it is. There is an in-depth review form that is filled out by the committee for each overdose. The committee falls under the powers of the county commissioners and they would have to appoint Andrew Henry, Health Commissioner to spearhead this overdose fatality review committee. Other members would include, the Chief of Police or Sheriff, a Public Health Official, the Health Commissioner, a physician and the Executive Director of Alcohol, Drug Addiction or Mental Health Service in the county. Once that group meets, they can discuss expanding the group to more members of the community that would have a key role in the overdoses, i.e. EMT's, health care professionals. Health Commissioner Henry would like the board's support to approach the commissioners to discuss this.

Dr. Macedonia stated the timing is perfect as Commissioner Morelli has been very vocal about mental health and drug abuse and feels they would support this easily. This is something this community needs.

<i>Action</i>	<i>Motion to Move Forward with The Overdose Fatality Review Committee.</i>	<i>Vote Detail (Roll Call)</i>
Motion – 2022-20	Chief Crago moved and Mr. Bell seconded a motion to adjourn.  Motion passed unanimously.	1 <sup>st</sup> - Crago 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Bell Bell - Aye Crago – Aye Macedonia – Aye Mougianis - Aye Rigaud – Aye

### Minority Health Month:

Health Commissioner Henry asked Angela Bates Community Health Worker to speak about the upcoming events being held for Minority Health Month. April 2, 2022 is the kickoff walk event with the theme of “Stop the Violence Start the Healing”. WIC will be outside our building on the



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walk/run route with information and giveaways. Also, the WOW will be in front of the city building.

A list of events is attached hereto and made part of the official minutes.

## **Public Participation**

Dr. Macedonia as chairman of the board, recognized Tony Morelli, County Commissioner in the audience and invited him to speak.

Mr. Morelli was reading our website on Sunday and saw all the things we do besides Covid and he doesn't think the public knows all the services the health department provides. He stated the Health Department has a lot to offer. He is very confident that the Board and the people that work here do a fantastic job and there is so much more we can do for the community.

Mr. Morelli stated as far as the overdose rate in this county we are rated highest or close to the highest in the state. The commissioners will give full support for The Overdose Fatality Committee. Health Commissioner Henry has been in contact with Dan Obertance with the Jefferson County Director of Prevention and Recovery.

Mr. Morelli would like to work on communication among departments in the county to get them working together for the county. The 70 bed facility for drug and alcohol treatment will be coming to the county soon. Mr. Morelli is really excited about it and feels the county needs it.

Mr. Morelli feels we need more recreation as well, he has sent out a letter for the recreation grants that the townships and villages can apply for. His plan is to add to that and put significant more money out into recreation for the different communities all through the county. Athletics in the county are increasing in numbers. Kids are out and participating, we need give them things to do to be more active and off their computers.

While trying to help his mom, Mr. Morelli found out that the local office for Social Security is now in East Liverpool. Mr. Morelli called Congressman Johnson and Representative Ferguson numerous times about the residents in Jefferson County needing a Social Security Office. He also reminded them that Jefferson County owns the building where they used to be in the Towers Building. They are coming back to Jefferson County and it looks promising that they may return to the Towers building. More tenants, means more money and a better chance to have security. More information to follow in the next few weeks.





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## Executive Session

<i>Action</i>	<i>Motion to Enter Executive Session</i>	<i>Vote Detail (Roll Call)</i>
Motion – 2022-21	Chief Crago moved and Mr. Bell seconded a motion to enter executive session and asked that Health Commissioner Henry and Dr. Mark Kissinger remain for executive session.  Motion passed unanimously.	1 <sup>st</sup> - Crago 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Bell Bell - Aye Crago – Aye Macedonia – Aye Mougianis - Aye Rigaud – Aye

<i>Action</i>	<i>Motion to Return to Regular Session</i>	<i>Vote Detail (Roll Call)</i>
Motion – 2022-22	Chief Crago moved and Mr. Bell seconded a motion to return to regular session.  Motion passed unanimously.	1 <sup>st</sup> - Crago 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Bell Bell - Aye Crago – Aye Macedonia – Aye Mougianis - Aye Rigaud – Aye

<i>Action</i>	<i>Motion to Accept the Approval of the Process for the Evaluation of Health Commissioner Henry.</i>	<i>Vote Detail (Roll Call)</i>
Motion – 2022-23	Mr. Rigaud moved and Mr. Bell seconded a motion to accept the approval of the process for the evaluation of Health Commissioner Henry.  Motion passed unanimously.	1 <sup>st</sup> - Rigaud 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Bell Bell - Aye Crago – Aye Macedonia – Aye Mougianis - Aye Rigaud – Aye

JP Rigaud got an evaluation form that can be used for the Health Commissioner’s yearly evaluation. JP would like to approve the form which is attached hereto and made part of the official minutes. This will be a three-page rating document, JP will modify the rankings and send out to the board members and the directors of each department to complete. Once they are all completed and returned, JP Rigaud will summarize and forward to Health Commissioner Henry for his review.



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<i>Action</i>	<i>Motion to adjourn</i>	<i>Vote Detail (Roll Call)</i>
Motion – 2022-24	Mr. Bell moved and Chief Crago seconded a motion to adjourn.  Motion passed unanimously.	1 <sup>st</sup> - Bell 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Crago Bell - Aye Crago – Aye Macedonia – Aye Mougianis - Aye Rigaud – Aye

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Health is scheduled for Monday, April 18, 2022 at 8:15 a.m. in the Trumbull Towers Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor. The yearly Re-Organizational Meeting with the election of a new chairman and vice chairman for the upcoming year prior to the regular meeting.

**ATTESTED:**

Patrick H. Macedonia, MD, Board President

Andrew Henry, Health Commissioner