



## **OPENING SESSION**

### **Date and Time of Meeting:**

September 17, 2020 - 5:00pm

### **Type of Meeting:**

Regular Meeting of the Marion Public Health Board

### **Meeting Called to Order:**

Laurie Wise called the meeting of the Board of Health of Marion Public Health to order at 5:00pm on Thursday, September 17, 2020.

### **Roll Call- Members Present:**

Kevin Lytle; Christine Mattix; Mick Williams; Laurie Wise

**Members Absent:** Dr. Janchar and Rob Lill - Excused

### **Others Present:**

Traci Kinsler, Health Commissioner; Lisa Cook, Fiscal Coordinator

**Guests Present:** Dr. Michael McCleese

### **Agenda:**

#### **Opening Session**

Roll call and establishment of quorum

Adoption of the agenda (Vote)

Approval of previous minutes (Vote)

#### **Information Session** (No Voting)

Public Comment

Information Only Items

Information for Action Items

Leadership Comments

#### **Work Session**

Voting on action items

### **Adoption of the Agenda:**

**Motion: To adopt the agenda of the September 17, 2020 Marion Board of Health Meeting:**

**Motion Made By:** Kevin Lytle

**Motion 2nd By:** Mick Williams

**Discussion:** None

**Approved By Voice Vote**

### **Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion: To approve the minutes of the August 20, 2020 Regular Marion Board of Health meeting.**



**Motion Made By:** Mick Williams  
**Motion 2nd By:** Kevin Lytle  
**Discussion:** None  
**Approved By Voice Vote**

**INFORMATION SESSION**

**Forum for Public Comment:**

No one present for public comment

**Information Only Items (Not Requiring Board of Health Action):**

**Health Commissioner:**

Traci introduced and welcomed Dr. Michael McCleese.

COVID-19 Update: Marion County was moved to orange in the State-wide advisory level mapping. Traci indicated that this bump up to orange could be due to hospitalization and or other regional factors.

“Back to School” is going well with word from the superintendents that they are seeing great student and staff compliance. To date there has been one positive case each at both River Valley and Tri Rivers.

Dr. McCleese provided some guidance on the hospital drive thru testing protocol in using throat swabs as oppose to nasal swabs.

**Public Health Nursing:** Will be interviewing for a Director of Nursing beginning next week. Welcome to Elizabeth Oldham and Laguel Howell both starting in September as Public Health Nurses.

**Environmental Health:** None

**WIC:** Welcome back to Juanita Steffey as a WIC Service Coordinator.

**Items Presented for Board Consideration/Action (See Action Item Summary Report):**

**Health Commissioner/Fiscal Activity:**

Approve Financial Transactions & Payment of Bills as Presented

Approve Medical Director contract

Approval of Creating Healthy Communities contract with the Marion County Park District

**Public Health Nursing:**

None

**Environmental Health:**

None

**WIC:**

None



**Medical Director's Report:** No additional report.

**President's Comments:** No additional report.

### **WORKING SESSION**

#### **Action Items:**

**Resolution#2020-09-33:** Be it resolved that the District Board of Health approves the financial transactions and payment of bills as presented.

**Motion Made By:** Kevin Lytle

**Seconded By:** Christine Mattix

**Discussion:** None

**For:** Kevin Lytle; Christine Mattix; Mick Williams; Laurie Wise

**Against:** None

**Abstentions:** None

**Disposition:** Carried

**Resolution#2020-09-34:** Be it resolved that the District Board of Health hereby authorizes the Health Commissioner to enter into and execute a contract with Dr. Michael McCleese, DO to serve as the Marion Public Health Medical Director for an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 per month.

**Motion Made By:** Mick Williams

**Seconded By:** Kevin Lytle

**Discussion:** None

**For:** Kevin Lytle; Christine Mattix; Mick Williams; Laurie Wise

**Against:** None

**Abstentions:** None

**Disposition:** Carried

**Resolution#2020-09-35:** Be it resolved that the District Board of Health hereby authorize the Health Commissioner to enter into and execute a contract for \$6,000 for Marion County Park District to increase inclusion efforts at the Tallgrass Trail.

**Motion Made By:** Kevin Lytle

**Seconded By:** Mick Williams

**Discussion:** None

**For:** Kevin Lytle; Christine Mattix; Mick Williams; Laurie Wise

**Against:** None

**Abstentions:** None

**Disposition:** Carried

Christine Mattix made a motion to revoke the Governor's State of Emergency Orders. In order to open this up for discussion Kevin Lytle made the second. Christine stated she sees no end game in sight and she has seen no surge in the ER. She questioned the validity of this being considered a State of Emergency and added that a vaccine will be available November 1st. Laurie expressed that she is concerned that the focus is on the death rate and not the severity and potential long-term effects of the disease. Traci stated that we are the local health department and an arm of the Ohio Department of Health. The employees of this agency believe passionately in public health and public health prevention. For the first time in history, public health has the ability to control



what happens during a pandemic. We have been working diligently on this since March and when we hear this from a board member what we hear you say is none of the work we do here matters and it does matter to us. It is apparent that we have a disconnect with the mission of public health. It appears Christine has a personal belief conflict with the roles and responsibility as a public health board member. Kevin added that he believes the real problem is people have politized this issue. He added that because his wife has cancer, he is concerned that Christine refuses to wear a mask when she enters the building and comes into the board meeting when the expectation of wearing a mask has been made clear to all board members and guests.

Dr. McCleese provided a perspective from the medical community and the potential long-term cause and effect of the illness. As a public health agency, it is our job to protect the health of the public by using the best scientific data we have available in real time.

The motion was voted down by a vote of 3 against and 1 in favor.

The Board viewed a CE module on Sunshine Laws and Public Records Laws presented on-line through the Kent State College of Public Health.

**Adjournment:**

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully prepared by Lisa Cook, Fiscal Coordinator, and submitted by Traci Kinsler, Health Commissioner.

**NEXT MEETING OF THE MARION PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD:**

October 15, 2020 5:00pm  
in Conference Room 128  
Marion Public Health  
181 S. Main Street, Marion, OH 43302