



Fairfield County Health Department

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Health Commissioner

BOARD OF HEALTH RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Fairfield County Health Department
Minutes of the Board of Health
June 11, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

MEETING LOCATION: Fairfield County Health Department (FCHD), 1550 Sheridan Dr., Ste. 100, Lancaster

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Michele Morrone at 4:00 p.m.

Board Members Present

Brian Oliver
Dr. Michele Morrone
Tina Childers
Dr. Allen Shaw
Tina Anderson

Board Members Absent

STAFF PRESENT

Joe Ebel, Health Commissioner; Rachel Moresea, Environmental Health Director; Mary Smith, WIC Director; Baylie Blevins, Health Promotion and Planning Director; Jamie Ehorn, Administrative Services Director; Gale Neville, Nursing Director; Dr. Steven Kapetansky, Medical Director; Caroline Lamb, Intern; Jonathan Wilhelms, Intern; Emily Swope, Intern; Landon Spangler, Community Health Worker

OTHERS PRESENT

N/A

A quorum was established. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting minutes from the board meeting on May 14, 2025, were presented for approval. Brian Oliver made a motion to approve the minutes, Tina Childers seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF

Jonathan Wilhelms, Mosquito Control Intern; Caroline Lamb, Mosquito Control Intern; Emily Swope, Environmental Food Grant (RFFM) Intern.

FEATURED PRESENTATION

Landon Spangler presented on the Community Health Worker program. The following items were discussed:

- Central Ohio Pathways HUB
- Referrals
- Appointments
- 20 Pathways
- Social Service Referrals
- Completion
- Billing

HEARINGS & VARIANCES

Rachel Moresea, Environmental Health Director, presented a variance for 13582 Laurel Rd, Thornville, for distance requirements for a well per OAC 3701-28-07. The lot size is small with power lines at the front of the property. A Septic Tank Effluent Pumping (STEP) system is used on this property.

Brian Oliver made a motion to approve the variance for 13582 Laurel Rd, Thornville. Dr. Allen Shaw seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

DIVISION REPORTS

Environmental Health Report

Mrs. Moresea provided a written report to the Board. In addition, Mrs. Moresea provided a list of new food facilities in Plan Review in Fairfield County and the review status. This list will be included in the monthly environmental report moving forward. Property owners of 3905 Savage Hill Rd. are being sent to prosecution. A bat tested positive for rabies in Fairfield County.

Hatten property update – Mrs. Moresea has a meeting scheduled with the neighbors of Mr. Hatten on June 16th to review options for a resolution.

Nursing Report

Gale Neville, Nursing Director, provided a written report to the Board. There is a correction to the Infectious Disease section of the report; the Lancaster Soccer Team, not Chillicothe Soccer Team, had a Pertussis outbreak in May. The Community Health Worker's caseload has

increased to 42 (up from 30) since the date the report was written. The Help Me Grow contract will remain the same for the new fiscal year that starts on July 1st. CDC has updated recommendations for Covid-19 vaccinations for pregnant women and children under 18, not formally recommending the vaccine for these groups.

WIC Report

Mary Smith, WIC Director, provided a written report to the Board. Paige Betsil will be completing Certified Lactation Specialist training at no cost to FCHD. Fruits and vegetable benefits may go back to pre-covid amounts based on a new proposal by President Trump. Caseload continues to increase with Fairfield County WIC having the 2nd largest caseload in the state behind Wyandot County. Tammee Kaminski has been working to make the Pickerington location more kid-friendly by decorating the walls with fun stickers in the lobby, exam rooms and offices.

Planning and Promotion Report

Baylie Blevins, Health Promotion Director, provided a written report to the Board. We reached over 300 people and 81 households distributing items provided through the Safe Kids Month grant in May. State Farm provided funding to purchase carbon monoxide detectors that were distributed as well. The first session of swimming lessons provided through the Drowning Prevention grant are complete; 143 kids went through the program. We have 409 responses to the CHA survey so far, and we are looking into advertising on Facebook to increase participation. Two domains are completely uploaded for re-accreditation. Currently partnering with Fairfield County Mobility Management to advertise back-to-school vaccines and back-to-school bus safety on billboards around the county.

Health Commissioner's Report

Joe Ebel, Health Commissioner, provided a written report to the Board. Discussion took place regarding the threats to public health funding in House Bill 309. The final version of the state budget should be announced around the last week of June.

Mr. Ebel discussed a proposed storage building, vehicles in the 2025 budget and renovations to our current facility. He also reviewed the SNAP Enrollment Data Map provided in his report.

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND BILLS

Jamie Ehorn, Administrative Services Director provided financial reports and a bill list to the Board for approval. We are 42% of the way through the year and we have received 50% of the budgeted revenue and spent 39% of expenses. The cash advance of \$125,885 was returned to the general fund in May.

Tina Childers made a motion to approve the financial report and bill list. Tina Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2025-07 Appropriation of Unappropriated Monies was presented to the board for approval. This is necessary due to the elimination of the Enhanced Operations grant and a few other miscellaneous lines that needed additional budget.

Tina Childers made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-07. Dr. Allen Shaw seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL:

Paige Betsil, WIC Dietetic Technician, has reached the end of her probation period.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR COMMENTS:

N/A

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Ebel and Mrs. Moresea have been working on the Food Cost Methodology and hope to present the proposed 2026 Fee Schedule during the July Board Meeting.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: July 9, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Fairfield County Health Department, 1550 Sheridan Drive, Ste. 100, Lancaster

ADJOURN The Board of Health Meeting adjourned on a motion by Dr. Allen Shaw. Tina Childers seconded the motion at 5:05 p.m. Motion passed.

Approved:

Signature and date on file _____ Date: _____ Dr. Michele Morrone, Board President

Signature and date on file _____ Date: _____ R. Joseph Ebel, Health Commissioner