

**Board of Health - Work
Session October 9, 2024
MEETING MINUTES**

Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Patrick Wyatt called to order the work session of the Board of Health on Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at 3:32 PM. Mr. Wyatt presiding. The meeting location was at the Foundations Centre, 1st Floor Goldsmith Room, 400 Market Ave., N, Canton, OH.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Mr. Patrick Wyatt, Dr. Amy Lakritz, Dr. James Johns, Mrs. Cleo Lucas, and Ms. Kimberly Kingsbury
Members Absent: None
Members Excused:
Staff Present: Health Commissioner Amanda Archer, Dawn Miller, Robert Knight, Bradley Rago, Maggie Bradford, and Sean Green

Overview of Results Based Accountability and Clear Impact (R. Knight)

Rob Knight provided an overview of Results-Based Accountability (RBA) and its role in guiding the Health Department's strategic planning efforts. He explained that RBA is focused on identifying the desired outcomes the department aims to achieve for the community.

He mentioned the following desired outcomes:

- Ensuring residents live in a clean and safe environment.
- Increasing access to healthy food options.
- Reducing the harm caused by substance abuse disorders.

He then explained that the department organizes its performance measures by program areas, such as community engagement and equity and inclusion. He mentioned that within each program, specific performance measures are used to track progress. If a measure falls short of the target, the department uses that as an opportunity to improve efficiency and make necessary changes.

Mr. Knight concluded his presentation by reaffirming the importance of using RBA and Clear Impact through the quality improvement process to improve the department's accountability and ensure its efforts are aligned with the community's needs.

THRIVE Scorecard Overview (D. Miller, B. Rago, R. Knight)

Dawn Miller introduced the THRIVE Scorecard to the Board, explaining that it is the primary tool for managing THRIVE's strategic planning efforts. The Scorecard provides a clear framework for aligning action steps with the goals and objectives outlined in the strategic plan.

Dr. Lakritz asked how often performance should be evaluated, to which Dawn Miller responded that monthly evaluations are conducted. These evaluations allow for real-time adjustments based on the latest data.

Bradley Rago then presented a graph showing infant death counts in Canton over the past quarter. The Board was encouraged by the decrease in both black and white infant deaths, and that the gap in death counts between black infants and white infants had narrowed. Commissioner Archer explained that while this is a positive trend, the disparity in mortality rates between black and white infants remains uneven. Due to Canton's significantly higher population of white residents, the death rate for black infants is still disproportionately higher.

There was then discussion on the timing of pregnant women seeking prenatal care. Commissioner Archer stressed the importance of collecting data on which trimester pregnant women are seeking care. She explained that this data would help the department pinpoint where to allocate outreach efforts.

THRIVE Annual Report Review (D. Miller, B. Rago)

Dawn Miller began the discussion by informing the Board that page 5 of the Annual Report had recently been updated. She then invited the Board to ask any questions they had about the updated content or other areas of the report.

Dr. Lakritz referred to the information on page 17 concerning the number of referrals made. While acknowledging that a significant number of referrals had been issued, she inquired as to why a relatively low number of those referrals were ultimately utilized. In response, Maggie Bradford explained that there could be multiple reasons for the low utilization of referrals. She suggested that, in some cases, clients may be unreachable or they may have initially received the resources and information but only utilized one or two services before discontinuing contact. Often, clients seek specific resources, and once they've obtained them, they may not follow up on additional referrals.

Ms. Bradford further explained that some clients are unable to respond within the Ohio Department of Health's required follow-up time frame. As a result, even if they later access multiple services, such as rental assistance or the Safe Sleep program, it may not be reflected in the official ODH reporting because their case has already been closed. She added that although these services may not appear in the state's official data, the THRIVE team keeps an internal record of them. However, this internal data is not captured in the ODH reporting system.

Ms. Bradford also noted the importance of collaborating with other community partners to ensure mothers receive the same reliable and supportive information, whether it comes from medical professionals, social services, or community programs.

Board Training Discussion

Commissioner Archer informed the Board that the Health Department has adopted the REACH learning management system (LMS) as its primary platform for staff and Board of Health training. She explained that, moving forward, completion of all required Board of Health trainings will be tracked through the REACH platform.

She also explained that a link had been sent via email to all Board members, which they could use to create their REACH accounts and begin documenting their training activities. She offered to provide a comprehensive overview of the REACH system at the next Board of Health meeting, should the Board find it necessary.

Adjourn

Dr. Johns moved, and Dr. Lakritz seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 PM.

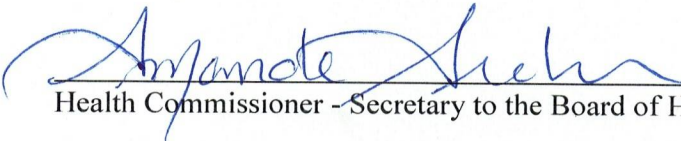
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President of the Board of Health

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Health Commissioner - Secretary to the Board of Health

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Date Signed

October 29, 2024

Date Approved by the Board of Health

