

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING – August 25, 2021**

Meeting called to order by Dr. Gregory L. Hall, President of the Board at 9:03 a.m. in the office of the Board, 5550 Venture Drive, Parma, Ohio, on August 25, 2021.

Roll Call: The following members were present: Dr. Gregory L. Hall, Ms. Debbie L. Moss Mr. James T. Gatt, Mr. Douglas Wang, Dr. Sherrie Williams.

The reading of the minutes of the July 28, 2021 regular Board meeting was dispensed with as copies had previously been received by each member. Inasmuch as there were no corrections, it was moved by Mr. Wang, seconded by Ms. Moss, that the minutes be approved.

The Secretary called the roll:

Ayes: Dr. Hall, Ms. Moss, Mr. Gatt, Mr. Wang, Dr. Williams.

The reading of the minutes of the August 11, 2021 special Board meeting was dispensed with as copies had previously been received by each member. Inasmuch as there were no corrections, it was moved by Mr. Wang, seconded by Ms. Moss, that the minutes be approved.

The Secretary called the roll:

Ayes: Dr. Hall, Ms. Moss, Mr. Gatt, Mr. Wang, Dr. Williams.

It was moved by Mr. Wang, seconded by Ms. Moss, that the following Motion be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to amend agenda items as highlighted on revised agenda.

The Secretary called the roll:

Ayes: Dr. Hall, Ms. Moss, Mr. Gatt, Mr. Wang, Dr. Williams.

Public Comments on Agenda Resolutions Only (three-minute maximum) – N/A.

Review of the Financial Statements.

Legislative Updates – HB 248

Terry Allan, Health Commissioner, briefed the Board on Ohio House Bill 248. As written, HB 248 proposes the following:

- Prohibits mandatory vaccinations, vaccination status disclosures, and certain other actions regarding vaccinations.
- Authorizes an individual to bring a civil action if the individual believes a violation has occurred and requires the court to award a prevailing plaintiff attorney's fees, compensation for court costs, and any civil penalty the court considers appropriate.

If passed, this bill would have major negative health impacts on the community, including businesses and schools. Consequently, many schools, health departments, hospitals, businesses and chambers of commerce and the Governor expressed their opposition. We joined County Executive Armond Budish in submitting joint opposition testimony as well. No vote has been scheduled in the House of Representatives at this time and we will keep the Board posted going forward.

#### Committee Reports – Finance Committee

Mr. Wang, Chair of the Finance Committee, provided a summary of the last two Finance Committee meetings held on July 28, 2021 and August 25, 2021 at which the Committee discussed the per capita rates for public health services for the upcoming year, 2022. Mr. Wang stated that the Committee reviewed rates and 2020 census data that were provided to the Committee by Judy Wirsching, CFO. Mr. Wang stated that the Committee recommendation is for a 10% rate increase each year in 2022 and 2023. A resolution to approve the per capita rates for both 2022 and 2023 is listed later in the agenda under Board Orders, Rules Fees or Regulations for consideration by the Board.

Approval of Resolutions/Motions:

#### **REGULAR ACTIONS OF THE BOARD:**

It was moved by Dr. Hall, seconded by Ms. Moss, that the following RESOLUTION (2021-88) be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to issue an Intent to Deny the application for the proposed Valley Belt C&DD Facility.

The Secretary called the roll:

Ayes: Dr. Hall, Ms. Moss, Mr. Wang, Dr. Williams; Mr. Gatt abstained due to being a resident of the Village of Brooklyn Heights.

It was moved by Mr. Wang, seconded by Mr. Gatt, that the following RESOLUTION (2021-89) be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to authorize the Health Commissioner to accept additional 2019/2022 Personal Responsibility Education Program grant funding from the Ohio Department of Administrative Services in the amount of \$348,000.00 and extending the end of the term from October 31, 2021 through October 31, 2022 (Resolution 2019-128).

The Secretary called the roll:

Ayes: Dr. Hall, Ms. Moss, Mr. Gatt, Mr. Wang, Dr. Williams.

It was moved by Mr. Wang, seconded by Dr. Williams, that the following RESOLUTION (2021-90) be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to authorize the Health Commissioner to accept an amendment to the 2018/2021 HUD Lead Hazard Control grant award extending the end of the term from September 3, 2021 through December 26, 2021 (Resolution 2018-86).

The Secretary called the roll:

Ayes: Dr. Hall, Ms. Moss, Mr. Gatt, Mr. Wang, Dr. Williams.

It was moved by Mr. Gatt, seconded by Dr. Williams, that the following RESOLUTION (2021-91) be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to authorize the Health Commissioner to enter into and execute a contract with Paragon CMS in an amount not to exceed \$78,565.00 for lead remediation work at 1422-1428 Lakewood Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio 44107 (CRC 2021-67) (RFP 2021-02).

The Secretary called the roll:

Ayes: Dr. Hall, Ms. Moss, Mr. Gatt, Mr. Wang, Dr. Williams.

It was moved by Dr. Williams, seconded by Dr. Hall, that the following RESOLUTION (2021-92) be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to authorize the Health Commissioner to enter into and execute a contract with Paragon CMS in an amount not to exceed \$31,597.00 for lead remediation work at 13913-13915 Mayfair Ave., East Cleveland, Ohio 44112 (CRC 2021-68).

The Secretary called the roll:

Ayes: Dr. Hall, Ms. Moss, Mr. Gatt, Mr. Wang, Dr. Williams.

It was moved by Dr. Williams, seconded by Ms. Moss, that the following RESOLUTION (2021-93) be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to authorize the Health Commissioner to enter into and execute a contract with the City of Cleveland under the Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$170,768.00. The In-kind match requirement is \$13,149.00.

The Secretary called the roll:

Ayes: Dr. Hall, Ms. Moss, Mr. Gatt, Mr. Wang, Dr. Williams.

It was moved by Ms. Moss, seconded by Mr. Wang, that the following RESOLUTION (2021-94) be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to authorize the Health Commissioner to enter into and execute an addendum to the contract with Neighborhood Leadership Institute (NLI) under the Ohio Equity Institute grant to increase the amount to be paid to NLI from \$332,400.00 to \$418,240.00 and extending the end of the term from September 30, 2021 through December 31, 2021 (Resolution 2020-123).

The Secretary called the roll:

Ayes: Dr. Hall, Ms. Moss, Mr. Gatt, Mr. Wang, Dr. Williams.

It was moved by Mr. Wang, seconded by Dr. Williams, that the following RESOLUTION (2021-95) be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to authorize the Health Commissioner to enter into and execute a contract with Case Western Reserve University under the Early Ages Healthy Stages grant from July 1, 2021 through December 11, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

The Secretary called the roll:

Ayes: Dr. Hall, Ms. Moss, Mr. Gatt, Mr. Wang, Dr. Williams.

It was moved by Mr. Gatt, seconded by Dr. Williams, that the following RESOLUTION (2021-96) be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to authorize the Health Commissioner to enter into and execute an addendum to the contract with Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) under the Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health grant to increase the amount to be paid to CWRU from \$201,692.00 to \$236,531.00 (Resolution 2021-17).

The Secretary called the roll:

Ayes: Dr. Hall, Ms. Moss, Mr. Gatt, Mr. Wang, Dr. Williams.

It was moved by Mr. Wang, seconded by Dr. Williams, that the following RESOLUTION (2021-97) be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to authorize the Health Commissioner to enter into and execute a contract with an agency TBD under the Coronavirus Response Supplemental grant from September 1, 2021 through October 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$166,000.00.

The Secretary called the roll:

Ayes: Dr. Hall, Ms. Moss, Mr. Gatt, Mr. Wang, Dr. Williams.

It was moved by Mr. Wang, seconded by Dr. Williams, that the following RESOLUTION (2021-98) be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Health Commissioner's appointment of Hugh Blocksidge to the Sewage Treatment Systems Appeal Board pursuant to the requirements of §3718.11 of the Ohio Revised Code from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2023. No exchange of funds.

The Secretary called the roll:

Ayes: Dr. Hall, Ms. Moss, Mr. Gatt, Mr. Wang, Dr. Williams.

It was moved by Mr. Gatt, seconded by Dr. Hall, that the following RESOLUTION (2021-99) be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to authorize payment for the contract and/or order with the following vendor:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
ZED Digital	\$20,890.00	01/01/2021	Website Maintenance

The Secretary called the roll:

Ayes: Dr. Hall, Ms. Moss, Mr. Gatt, Mr. Wang, Dr. Williams.

It was moved by Mr. Wang, seconded by Ms. Moss, that the following RESOLUTION (2021-100) be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve Fall 2021 tuition assistance for the following employees at the amount approved on August 2, 2021 by the Tuition Assistance Review Committee:

Gloria Agosto Davis, Grant Program Manager, PhD	\$3,262.00+ books/fees
Layla Lahoud, Grant Coordinator, MS	\$1,498.00
Lori Quirino, Public Health Nurse, MSN	\$1,849.00
Richard Stacklin, Data Analyst, MPH	\$2,095.00
Clarence Williams, Disease Intervention Specialist, MPH	\$ 464.00

The Secretary called the roll:

Ayes: Dr. Hall, Ms. Moss, Mr. Gatt, Mr. Wang, Dr. Williams.

It was moved by Dr. Hall, seconded by Dr. Williams, that the following RESOLUTION (2021-101) be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to adopt and approve the Maternity Licensure Application for Southwest General Health Center (ref. enclosed).

The Secretary called the roll:

Ayes: Dr. Hall, Ms. Moss, Mr. Gatt, Mr. Wang, Dr. Williams.

## **BOARD ORDERS, RULES, FEES OR REGULATIONS**

### **FIRST READING:**

It was moved by Dr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Wang, that the following RESOLUTION (2021-102) be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to amend the CCBH Provider Fees for clinical services effective, September 6, 2021, as an emergency measure (ref enclosed).

The Secretary called the roll:

Ayes: Dr. Hall, Ms. Moss, Mr. Gatt, Mr. Wang, Dr. Williams.

It was moved by Mr. Wang, seconded by Dr. Williams, that the following RESOLUTION (2021-103) be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the per capita rate for Public Health Services for the calendar years 2022 and 2023, as an emergency measure.

The Secretary called the roll:

Ayes: Dr. Hall, Ms. Moss, Mr. Gatt, Mr. Wang, Dr. Williams.

**SECOND READING:**

None

**THIRD READING:**

None

It was moved by Mr. Gatt, seconded by Dr. Hall, that the following RESOLUTION (2021-104) be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that approval be given of the Consent Agenda as set forth in the attached schedules:

Schedule A	Appropriation Measures.
Schedule B	Cash Transfers.
Schedule C	Routine Personnel Actions.
Schedule D	Employee Training and Travel Expenses.
Schedule E	Approval of Vouchers. (Available upon request)
Schedule F	CRC Report and Other Contracts.

The Secretary called the roll:

Ayes: Dr. Hall, Ms. Moss, Mr. Gatt, Mr. Wang, Dr. Williams.

Health Commissioner's Report – 10:14 a.m. – 10:46 a.m.

(1) COVID-19 Response Update (10:14 a.m. – 10:46 a.m.)

During the Health Commissioner's Report, members of the Board inquired as to the the current COVID-19 vaccination rates of CCBH employees and discussed the requirement of COVID-19 vaccinations for all employees as CCBH continues to lead the community in the COVID-19 Pandemic Response efforts. The members of the Board desired policy development and implementation requiring COVID-19 vaccination for all employees with rare exception provided as appropriate for religious and/or disability objections. Following the Health Commissioner's Report, Dr. Hall, President of the Board, presented the following resolution for consideration by the Board:

Thereupon, it was also moved by Mr. Wang, seconded by Mr. Gatt, that the following RESOLUTION (2021-105) be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to direct the Health Commissioner to develop and implement a policy requiring COVID-19 vaccinations for all CCBH staff, with reasonable accommodations for religious and disability related objections, as appropriate.

The Secretary called the roll:

Ayes: Dr. Hall, Ms. Moss, Mr. Gatt, Mr. Wang, Dr. Williams.

Public and Staff Comments (three-minute maximum) – N/A.

It was moved by Ms. Moss, seconded by Dr. Williams, that pursuant to Resolution 1993-43 and O.R.C. Sec 121.22 the Board Adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

The Secretary called the roll:

Ayes: Dr. Hall, Ms. Moss, Mr. Gatt, Mr. Wang, Dr. Williams.

Executive Session began at 11:00 a.m.

Executive Session ended at 11:33 a.m.

Miscellaneous Business –

Thereupon, it was also moved by Ms. Moss, seconded by Dr. Williams, that the following RESOLUTION (2021-106) be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the resignation of General Counsel Patricia Conti, which resignation is effective at the close of business on December 31, 2021, as set forth in her July 29, 2021 letter to Board President Dr. Hall and to authorize and direct Health Commissioner Allan to meet with Ms. Conti regarding preparation for Ms. Conti's departure from Board employment, including any paid leave, and the transition to a successor to the General Counsel position.

The Secretary called the roll:

Ayes: Dr. Hall, Ms. Moss, Mr. Gatt, Mr. Wang, Dr. Williams.

Thereupon, it was also moved by Mr. Gatt, seconded by Ms. Moss, that the following RESOLUTION (2021-107) be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Sheryl Fleury as Interim Administrative Services Supervisor of the Epidemiology, Surveillance, and Informatics Service Area at a salary of \$34,185.58 annually with a one-time lump sum payment of 3% (\$1,025.57) for an interim duration of up to four months, effective August 30, 2021.

The Secretary called the roll:

Ayes: Dr. Hall, Ms. Moss, Mr. Gatt, Mr. Wang, Dr. Williams.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Gatt, seconded by Dr. Hall, that the following Motion be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

The Secretary called the roll:

Ayes: Dr. Hall, Ms. Moss, Mr. Gatt, Mr. Wang, Dr. Williams.



**SCHEDULE A**  
**APPROPRIATION MEASURES**

1. Establish Budgets

- A. Establish a budget for the 2021/2022 Reproductive Health and Wellness grant in the amount of \$190,000.00 (ref. enclosed).

2. Budget Revisions

- A. Budget revision in the 2020/2021 Ending the HIV Epidemic A Plan (EtHE) grant to decrease the budget by \$462,664.41 (ref. enclosed)
- B. Budget revision in the 2020/2022 Green Umbrella grant to increase the budget by \$10,000.00 (ref. enclosed).
- C. Budget revision in the 2020/2021 Ryan White Budge HIV/AIDS Program Part A COVID-19 Response grant to redistribute \$131.86 (ref. enclosed).
- D. Budget revision in the 2020 COVID-19 Vaccine Equity Supplemental (VE21) grant to redistribute \$170,134.00 (ref. enclosed).
- E. Budget revision in the 2020 COVID-19 Response Testing grant to increase budget 1,000,000.00 (ref. enclosed).

**SCHEDULE B**  
**CASH TRANSFERS**

1. Operating Transfers

None

2. Residual Equity Transfers

None

**SCHEDULE C**  
**ROUTINE PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

Unless otherwise specifically indicated, said appointments shall be effective as of the beginning of the next pay period following completion and satisfaction of any post offer requirements and signature as determined by the Director of Organizational Development.

Ratify Appointment(s):

- A. Margaret Case, Sanitarian in Training, Grade C, \$41,149.00 annually, effective September 13, 2021.
- B. Kara Ameling, Sanitarian in Training, Grade C, \$41,149.00 annually, effective September 13, 2021.

Appointment(s):

- A. TBD, Communicable Disease Investigator, Grade D, \$46,991.00 annually.

Promotion(s):

- A. Somer Walker, Grant Coordinator, Grade C, \$41,149.00 annually, effective September 13, 2021.
- B. Brittanie Evans, Sanitarian, Grade D, \$46,991.00 annually, effective August 30, 2021.
- C. Brittani Flory, PHN Program Manager, Grade E, \$53,968.00 annually, effective September 13, 2021.

Increase in Hours:

- A. Barbara Manley, Public Health Nurse 3, from 65 hours bi-weekly, \$44,692.83 annually to 70 hours bi-weekly, \$48,130.74 annually effective August 23, 2021.

**SCHEDULE D**  
**EMPLOYEE TRAINING AND TRAVEL EXPENSES**

Administration

None

Environmental Public Health

None

Epidemiology, Surveillance and Informatics

- a. ESI staff funded through the PHEP grant to regional and statewide grant project related meetings, trainings and events July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 - Lake, Summit, Portage, Geauga, Ashtabula, Lorain, Franklin, Fairfield, Medina and Hamilton counties.

Prevention and Wellness

- a. Melissa Kolenz and Danielle LeGallee to Transforming Care Conference on LGBTQ and HIV Health Equity October 13-15, 2021 – Columbus.

\*Professional education under ONA contract.

**SCHEDULE F**  
**CRC REPORT AND OTHER CONTRACTS**

A. CRC Report

1. August 3, 2021 Meeting (ref. enclosed):

Tabled Items

CRC 2021-64: Contract - Paramount Insurance Company

CRC 2021-67: Lead Remediation - 1422-28 Lakewood Ave. - RFP #2021-02

Recommendations For Board Approval

CRC 2021-68: Paragon CMS - \$31,597.00

Contract Authorizations

CRC 2021-69: Paragon CMS - \$21,848.00

Contract Approvals

CRC 2021-70: Addendum - TNT Construction and Contracting Company - to increase the amount from \$20,000.00 to \$20,499.00

CRC 2021-71: Addendums –	From	To
Better Health Partnership (2021-10)	\$75,541.00	\$79,541.00
Conceptual Geniuses (CRC 2020-137)	\$ 7,000.00	\$10,000.00

2. August 17, 2021 Meeting (ref. enclosed):

Tabled Items

CRC 2021-64: Contract - Paramount Insurance Company

CRC 2021-76  
 9955 Edgerton Rd.  
 North Royalton, Ohio 44133

CRC 2021-77  
 27264 Sprague Rd.  
 Olmsted Township, Ohio 44138

Recommendations For Board Approval

CRC 2021-67: Paragon CMS - \$78,565.00

Contract Authorizations

CRC 2021-72: Paragon CMS - \$12,555.00

CRC 2021-73: Green Home Solutions - \$4,700.00

CRC 2021-74: American Builders and Applicators - \$10,525.00

CRC 2021-75: Paragon CMS - \$15,633.00

Contract Approvals

CRC 2021-78: Addendum - Heidi Harris - to increase the amount paid from \$11,800.00 to \$16,513.50

Revenue Generating Agreements

CRC 2021-79: Ohio Department of Health - CCBH clinic BCCP provider - amount to be received is based on the ODH reimbursement schedule

CRC 2021-80: Addendum - Brooklyn City School District - to increase the amount from \$133,900.00 to \$142,125.00

B. Other Contracts

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**



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Terry Allan, Secretary



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Dr. Gregory L. Hall, President