



HURON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
August 10, 2023, at 1:00 PM

Present: Dr. Gottfried, Kim Stults, Dane Howard, Jeremy Loose, Ron Robinson, Greg Polachek, Krista Sowers

Virtual: Kathleen Butler

Absent: Lisa Reer

HCPH Staff: Tim Hollinger, Karen Boose, Nicole Marks, Eric Cherry, Chris Cherry

Guest(s) In Person: Matt Roche-Norwalk Ohio News

The Board of Health of Huron County Public Health (HCPH), Huron County, Ohio met at a regular meeting of the Board on August 10, 2023, at HCPH Conference Room 1.

With Dr. Gottfried set to arrive late to the meeting and quorum present, Board member Jeremy Loose called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM. Mr. Loose asked for a roll call. As Mr. Loose started to introduce new board member, Krista Sowers, board president Dr. Gottfried arrived and took over the meeting. Dr. Gottfried then introduced Ms. Sowers and explained she is the new Board representative for the City of Willard.

Dr. Gottfried then turned the meeting over to Mr. Hollinger for education about Harm Reduction in Huron County. Mr. Hollinger did some brief introductions of the representatives from the HEALing Communities Study who were present in person and virtually to present the education. Mr. Hollinger explained that there has been some pushback about the harm reduction vending machine from some community members and so he thought it was important for the Board and the community to understand how the vending machine project came to be. He explained that there is a harm reduction grant that provided the harm reduction vending machine. He explained that Sarah Redoutey is the intervention facilitator working with the project, the HEALing Communities Study, who is dedicated specifically in Huron County to assist with implementing evidence-based practices to reduce overdose deaths in Huron County. Mr. Hollinger also introduced Tim Imgram who is an adjunct professor at the University of Cincinnati and works part time with the HEALing Communities Study as a member of the state intervention design team. Mr. Hollinger then turned the floor over to Sarah Redoutey.

Ms. Redoutey presented an overview of the overdose data for the state and Huron County. She explained that all of this data is available through the Ohio Department of Health on a new website. Sarah also explained a little about the HEALing Communities Study. She explained that it is a national study conducted by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and the National Institute of Health (NIH). This study is ongoing in four states. There are nine counties in Ohio during this wave. The goal of the study is to reduce opioid deaths by 40%. A menu of strategies that are evidence based were presented to the communities involved in the study. She explained this is a continuum of care approach. Seventeen strategies were chosen in Huron County and ten of those have been implemented already, including the health department's vending machine. Sarah then turned the presentation over to Tim Ingram to address Naloxone and some of the questions that have been brought up about the harm reduction vending machine.

Tim Ingram then thanked Tim and the Board of Health for having them at the meeting. He then explained naloxone and the different brands there are now. He explained it is a lifesaving and safe product. He explained that the FDA has approved for Narcan to be sold over the counter. He then showed a Narcan product and how it is used. Mr. Ingram explained that it would take three to four minutes to work and that you can give multiple doses of this product to a person who has overdosed. He explained that you cannot give too much so you would not harm anyone. Mr. Ingram explained that the harm reduction vending machine is a great way to provide Narcan to the population twenty-four hours a day. He explained there is no data/evidence that providing Narcan increases drug use.

Mr. Ingram asked if there were any questions thus far and someone asked if there are multiple doses in a box of Narcan from the vending machine. Mr. Ingram explained that there are two doses per box. He also explained that Huron County Public Health has put Kloxxado in the vending machine and that is 8mg. Mr. Hollinger explained that a person can take as many boxes as they need from the vending machine.

Another question was asked wondering if the vending machines in other areas have seen people in support of or in opposition to the vending machine. Tim Ingram explained that the reaction is on both sides, for and against.

Another question was how long the vending machine has been here and Nicole Marks informed them it had been here for one month and five days. They also asked how often it had been refilled. Mrs. Marks provided the data for the items used during that time frame.

Mr. Hollinger thanked everyone from the study for coming and presenting the education to the board.

Dr. Gottfried then opened the meeting for public comment. With there being no public comment, Dr. Gottfried moved on to the resolutions.

Dr. Gottfried asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2023-58, July 2023 meeting minutes. Mr. Polachek made a motion to approve the July 2023 meeting minutes and Mr. Loose seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Gottfried presented Resolution 2023-59, a resolution to approve the payment of the monthly expenditures with prior approval. Dr. Gottfried requested a motion to present and approve Resolution 2023-59. Mr. Howard made a motion to approve the payment of the monthly expenditures with prior approval. Mr. Polachek seconded the motion. With no questions, the motion carried upon a roll call vote. Dr. Gottfried-Aye, Mr. Howard-Aye, Mr. Loose-Aye, Mr. Polachek-Aye, Mr. Robinson-Aye, Mrs. Sowers-Aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Gottfried presented Resolution 2023-60, a resolution to approve the July 2023 budgetary transactions. Dr. Gottfried requested a motion to present and approve Resolution 2023-60. Mr. Polachek made a motion to present and approve Resolution 2023-60, approval of the July 2023 budgetary transactions and Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. Mrs. Boose gave further information on Resolution 2023-60, reviewing all appropriation adjustments for the month of July. The motion carried upon a roll call vote. Dr. Gottfried-Aye, Mr. Howard-Aye, Mr. Loose-Aye, Mr. Polachek-Aye, Mrs. Sowers-Aye, Mr. Robinson-Aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Gottfried presented Resolution 2023-61, Request to close to the public on January 17, 2024, for employee in-service/training day. Mr. Loose made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-61, Request to close to the public on January 17, 2024, for employee in-service/training day and Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. Mrs. Marks explained that the training day worked really well last year for staff, and we have some grant funding dollars this

year for training, and we would like to get the training in place with those dollars. Dr. Gottfried asked if this would be done onsite, and Mrs. Marks replied yes. With no additional questions, the motion carried upon a roll call vote. Dr. Gottfried-Aye, Mr. Howard- Aye, Mr. Loose-Aye, Mr. Polachek-Aye, Mrs. Sowers-Aye, Mr. Robinson-Aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Gottfried presented Resolution 2023-62, Request to Contract for OEPA WPCLF Services. Mr. Loose made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-62, Request to Contract for OEPA WPCLF Services, and Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. Mr. Cherry explained that we are still in the 2022 cycle of this [Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Water Pollution Control Loan Fund] grant, and these are contracts to continue with this funding. All money that is not covered by the grant is collected from the homeowner by the contractor, so this does not cost HCPH any money. With no questions the motion carried upon a roll call vote. Dr. Gottfried-Aye, Mr. Howard- Aye, Mr. Loose-Aye, Mr. Polachek-Aye, Mr. Robinson-Aye, Mrs. Sowers-Aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Gottfried presented Resolution 2023-63, Request to hire Epidemiologist/Planner, McCallen. Mr. Polachek made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-63, Request to hire Epidemiologist/Planner, McCallen and the motion was seconded by Mr. Robinson. Mrs. Marks explained that HCPH has been searching for a while for an Epidemiologist and we have found a candidate. HCPH is asking for approval to hire Kristian McCallen with the approval of some dates she has requested to have off. It was explained to her that she would need to use any accrued PTO for this time off and any days without PTO would be without pay. Mrs. Marks asked that the board approve hiring Kristian McCallen at the rate of \$28.00 per hour effective August 28, 2023 with those pre requested days off. With no other questions the motion carried upon a roll call vote. Dr. Gottfried-Aye, Mr. Howard- Aye, Mr. Loose-Aye, Mr. Polachek-Aye, Mr. Robinson-Aye, Mrs. Sowers-Aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Gottfried then moved on to Resolution 2023-64, Request to move financial software to the cloud. Mr. Polachek made a motion to hear Resolution 2023-64, Request to move financial software to the cloud and Mr. Howard seconded the motion. Mr. Hollinger explained that presently HCPH's financial software resides on the server on site rather than in the cloud. He explained that cloud-based software is much more secure on the cloud. He explained to move the data that we have we must upgrade to the most current version of the software. HCPH is asking for not more than \$12,000.00 dollars to move this to the cloud. He explained that HCPH ran a tabletop exercise required by the Ohio Department of Health and the scenario was that we had a fire in our building and would not be able to work in the building until repairs/renovations were made. The server would be damaged and therefore until a new one was acquired HCPH would not have access to any financial information. All data is backed up and we would not lose information but would have to wait for a new server. Mr. Loose asked if that was to upgrade and migrate the information over and Mr. Hollinger answered yes. Another board member asked if there is an annual support fee and if so would they be backing up the information or would HCPH still have to do that? Mr. Hollinger said they would do the backup and the board member asked if the company had our information in another place in case they were to experience a disaster. Mr. Hollinger said he would investigate that and find out. With no further questions a roll call was taken. Dr. Gottfried-Aye, Mr. Howard- Aye, Mr. Loose-Aye, Mr. Polachek-Aye, Mr. Robinson-Aye, Mrs. Sowers-Aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Gottfried asked for a motion to discuss the fiscal report. Mr. Howard made a motion to hear the fiscal report and Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. Mrs. Boose then reviewed the fund balance report and the General Fund outstanding advance and the total of all funds. She also went over the general fund budget performance and covered some July expense highlights. With no questions for Mrs. Boose, Dr. Gottfried asked for a roll call.

Dr. Gottfried-Aye, Mr. Howard- Aye, Mr. Loose-Aye, Mr. Polachek-Aye, Mr. Robinson-Aye, Mrs. Sowers-Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gottfried asked for a motion to hear the Communicable Disease and School Absenteeism Report. Mr. Loose made a motion to hear the Communicable Disease and School Absenteeism Report. Mr. Polachek seconded the motion. Mrs. Marks then presented the report. Mrs. Marks reported there were thirty reportable disease cases reported in July, and reviewed highlights for communicable disease reporting and COVID-19. With no questions Dr. Gottfried asked for all those in favor of accepting the Communicable Disease and School Absenteeism Report as presented to say Aye and all opposed Nay. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gottfried then asked for a motion to go into executive session per ORC 121.22 (G)(1) and (G)(2). Mr. Polachek made a motion to go into executive session and Mr. Loose seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously upon a roll call vote. Dr. Gottfried-Aye, Mr. Howard- Aye, Mr. Loose-Aye, Mr. Polachek-Aye, Mr. Robinson-Aye, Mrs. Sowers-Aye.

Dr. Gottfried asked for a motion to come out of executive session per ORC 121.22 (G)(1) and (G)(2). Mr. Howard made a motion to come out of executive session and Mr. Polachek seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously upon a roll call vote. Dr. Gottfried-Aye, Mr. Howard- Aye, Mr. Loose-Aye, Mr. Polachek-Aye, Mr. Robinson-Aye, Mrs. Sowers-Aye.

With no additional business, Dr. Gottfried presented a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:42PM. Mr. Polachek made a motion to adjourn, and Mrs. Sowers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously upon a roll call vote. Dr. Gottfried-Aye, Mr. Howard- Aye, Mr. Loose-Aye, Mr. Polachek-Aye, Mr. Robinson-Aye, Mrs. Sowers-Aye.