

**Summit County Combined General Health District
Board of Health Meeting
Thursday, May 8, 2025 – 5 p.m.
Boardroom – Building A**



Public Conference: 330 926 5796; ID#74883

M I N U T E S

A. Welcome of Persons Present

B. Call to Order: 5:01 pm

C. Board Member Roll Call:

Patricia Billow	01/01/2022-12/31/2025 – excused absence
Dr. Patrick Blakeslee	05/11/2023-12/31/2025 – present
Todd Burdette	03/21/2022-03/20/2027 – present
Chief Lee Chafin	01/01/2024-12/31/2027 – present
Dr. Catherine Cook	01/01/2023-12/31/2026 – present
Dominic Cugini	04/01/2023-03/31/2027 – excused absence
Dr. Roberta DePompei	01/01/2024-12/31/2027 – present
Barry Ganoe	04/01/2024-03/31/2027 – present
Krisi Gindlesperger	01/01/2023-12/31/2026 – present
Mary Jo Goss	01/01/2023-12/31/2026 – present
Jennifer Hayes	11/14/2024-12/31/2027 – present
Dan Karant	01/01/2021-12/31/2025 – present
Janel Koellner	04/01/2025-03/31/2029 – present
William Lowery I	11/15/2024-12/31/2026 – present
Dr. Aleksandra Mamonis	01/01/2024-12/31/2027 – present
Jeffrey Snell	04/01/2022-03/31/2026 – present
Marco Sommerville	01/01/2023-12/31/2026 – virtual attendance
Dr. Kenneth Varian	01/01/2025-12/31/2026 – present
Sheila Williams	01/01/2022-12/31/2025 – present

Others present: Chris Barker, Tonia Burford, Joanne Emery, Cory Kendrick, Clay Knapp, Dawn Meyers, Eddie Mink, Dr. Erika Sobolewski, Shaleeta Washington

Guests: None

D. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

Motion by Mr. Karant, seconded by Mr. Ganoe, to approve the Board of Health meeting minutes from April 11, 2025.

Approved by voice vote.

E. Public and Staff Comments (three minute maximum.) - None

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F. Reading of Schedule E – Late Filings: *None*

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to accept Schedule E – Late Filings.

G. Motion by Dr. DePompei, seconded by Mr. Karant, to adopt Resolution No. 011-25, entitled "Approval of the Consent Agenda, Schedules and all matters on the Consent Agenda."

Schedule A	Personnel
Schedule B	Employee Training and Travel Expenses
Schedule C	Contracts
Schedule D	Finance
Schedule E	Late Filings

Approved by voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Ganoe, seconded by Dr. Cook to give a resolution of appreciation to Laurie Mong for over 25 years of public health service.

Approved by voice vote.

H. Health Commissioner's Report

- 1. All Committees will be meeting after the May 08, 2025 meeting. Rooms TBD.**
- 2. The Governance and Human Resources Committees are scheduled to meet immediately after the June 12, 2025 Board. Rooms TBD.**
- 3. General Update:** *Chris Barker provided updates regarding financial items that are being discussed at the Federal level that could impact SCPH. Those items include funding for, Harm Reduction services, HIV prevention, STI prevention. Homelessness prevention services, Tobacco prevention, Senior and Older Adult services, and Emergency Preparedness. Programs are keeping close watch on*
- 4. PHAB Update:** *Chris updated the board about the virtual site visit that happened on Monday, May 5, 2025. The staff from PHAB had high praise for our submission and the highly organized and easy to navigate content. Chris noted that the credit for the submission's organization and ease of use goes to Steve Gronow, Informatics Manager. PHAB shared other strengths and a few areas of opportunity for continued improved for the agency. The hope is that by late August or early September we will know if we are reaccredited.*

I. Fiscal Report.

- 1. Monthly Reports:** *Clay noted that an item that was missing from a report in January was included for the board's review along with the usual reports.*

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J. Board Committee Reports

- 1. Community Health & Wellness – No Report**
- 2. Financial Operations – No Report**
- 3. Governance Committee – No Report**
- 4. Human Resources – No Report**
- 5. Strategic Planning – No Report**

K. Environmental Health – No Report

L. Clinical Health/Medical Director's Report

- 1. Communicable Disease Report** *(See Enclosure.) Ms. Goss asked about COVID-19 numbers and specifically about the outbreaks. Dr. Sobolewski responded that LTC are still required to report outbreaks. Cases counts are very likely inaccurate as people are able to self-test and those numbers don't get reflected in official reporting.*
- 2. Influenza Surveillance Report** *(See Enclosure.)*

Dr. Sobolewski provided a brief update on the current measles outbreaks. Ohio has 34 known cases, none in Summit County. Due to the high number of cases, the United State's "elimination status" is in jeopardy. Dr. Sobolewski continued with an update on H5N1 and noted that doctors are being asked to continue to test for influenza even as we move out of the traditional influenza season due to H5N1 concerns.

M. Miscellaneous Business

1. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to adjourn into Executive Session at _____ p.m.:

- a) ~~To conference with an attorney for the Board of Health concerning a dispute involving the Board that is the subject of imminent court action pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(3); and~~
- b) ~~To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee pursuant to ORC 121.22(G) (1).~~

Roll Call Vote:

**Patricia Billow (), Dr. Patrick Blakeslee (), Todd Burdette (), Chief Lee Chafin (),
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Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to reconvene from Executive Session at _____ p.m.

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N. The meeting adjourned at 5:26 pm.


Secretary


President

**The next meeting of the Board of Health is scheduled for Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
in the Boardroom – Building A.**