



Kent City Health Department
201 E Erie St. 2nd Floor
Kent, Ohio 44240
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
June 11, 2024



Board Members Present

Michelle Frederick
Melissa Zullo
Evan Howe

Absent

Louise Frederick
Chris Hook

Staff Present

Joan Seidel
Amanda Jackson
Jalessa Caples
Dr. Angela DeJulius, MD

Guests: None

Joan Seidel called to order the Kent City Health Board Meeting of June 11, 2024, at 5:46 pm and selected Michelle Frederick as Chairman Pro-Tem; then started the roll call: *Michelle Frederick "here", Melissa Zullo "here", Evan Howe "here"*. Louise Frederick and Chris Hook were absent.

Motion: A motion to excuse Louise Frederick and Chris Hook from the meeting was made by Melissa Zullo and seconded by Evan Howe. With no objections, the motion passed.

Joan Seidel mentioned she didn't think April's meeting minutes could be approved due to no quorum. Approval of the minutes from the April 9, 2024, meeting moved to the next meeting.

Jalessa Caples discussed information regarding receiving at-home STI test kits online from Preventx and the Ohio Department of Health working to have this available to Local Health Departments.

Reports

- A. Statistical Report for April and May 2024– Joan Seidel clarified that the rabies vaccine on the April report was given to an employee for protection and not an exposure, no further comments made.
- B. Health Department Report- Report given by Joan Seidel:
 1. Communicable Disease –
 - i. Highly pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) H5N1 continues to be monitored by state. Likely more cases than known due to only testing ill appearing animals. Notice sent out that drinking raw milk will not provide immunity to this or other flu strains. Second, US citizen tests positive from conjunctiva only, nasal swab negative.
 - ii. Kent resident bit by a dog cared for by an unhoused individual. Person was visiting a neighbor to the resident and the dog attacked the resident in an unprovoked manner. The unhoused person fled the scene. So far unsuccessful at locating the dog. Resident completed rabies post exposure prophylaxis because it was unlikely the dog has received proper veterinary care and has been outside in the woods.
 - iii. Possibility to provide HIV home test kits free of charge from the State. Meeting to discuss later in June.
 - iv. Attempting to meet with DeWeese Health Center once a month.
 - v. COVID -19
 1. 2 Case Investigators working on case.
 2. Outbreak of 18 cases at a Skilled Nursing Facility.
 3. Several staff evidently quit after their positive result. Notified ODH.

4. Otherwise, cases remain low. WWM is steady. Still have plenty of tests.
5. Looking for summer wave of cases

b. Community Outreach

- i. Shared table with UH PMC and PCHD at Haymakers Farmers Market 5/18/24
- ii. HC also provided information and resources at the Touch a Truck event.
- iii. Screenings confirmed for 2nd Annual Historical Southend Health Fair June 15th BG, BMI, Mental Health, Cholesterol, hearing, foot, and dental. Very pleased so many partners stepped up. There will also be resource tables.
- iv. Considering attending Rough Rider Reads programs, 4 in total, this Summer as a tabling resource event.

2. Environmental

a. Food Service Organizations (FSOs)

- i. Acella go-live was put off until at least September due to testing not providing expected results. We continue to look at Civic products as an alternative.
- ii. Updated Food Code should go into effect September 2024.
- iii. Plan reviews – Ally Mac (former Pita Pit) & University Wing Spot (former Flash's Chicken), The Blind Squirrel Pub, Federales Mexican Restaurant, and KSU Business Building Café.
- iv. Special events increasing as expected each Summer creating overtime with inspections.

b. Housing–

- i. Concerns from a Kent resident said that her daughter and grandchildren need housing resources after an altercation that included breaking and entering by the daughter. Attempting to connect residents to health resources including behavioral health.
- ii. Follow up to resident with complaints of oak mites and fungal flies' infestation of her body. Evidently it was a lice infestation.

c. Recreational Water and Campgrounds –

- i. All Pool renewals have been processed. Two late fees for Paloma due to spa and pool.
- ii. Next cost analysis will be completed soon. Fees may need to be adjusted for the 2025 licensing period.

d. Body Art – No update

e. Solid Waste and Water Quality

- i. 1347 Middlebury property has been inspected by EPA; they issued a notice of Violation (NOV) will take care of shingles dumping issue, but property has other hazards that will not be covered by the EPA issues like leaking oil drum.
- iii. Complaints have risen, many die to No Mow May practices.

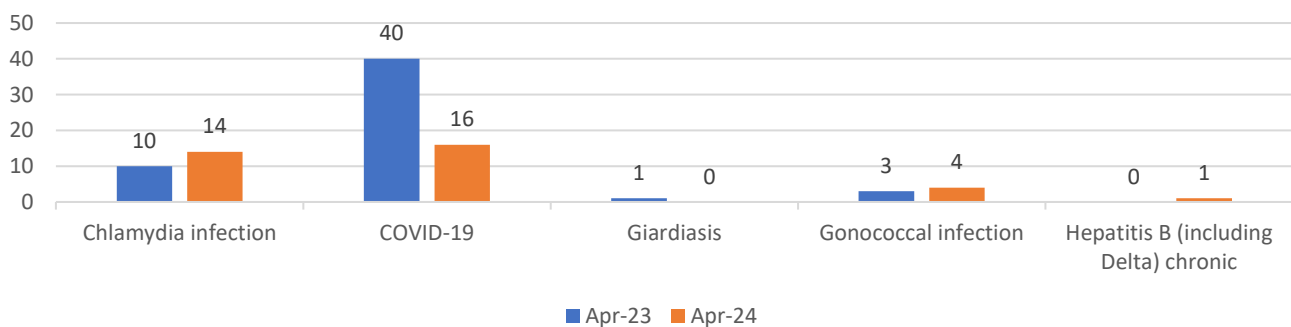
3. Vital Statistics – Will be affected by legislation that requires physicians to sign all death certificates electronically. Once on board this should speed the process up, but the state recognizes many physicians still like pen and paper, so education is being directed as needed.

4. Grants –

- a. EPA – Justin hired two interns to make one FTE. Trapping already shows high mosquito activity. ODH will be testing for WNV, Eastern Equine Encephalitis, Jamestown Canyon Virus as well as LaCross this season. Multiple requests already for mosquito and tick abatement.
- b. EO23 – Extended until 12/31/24.

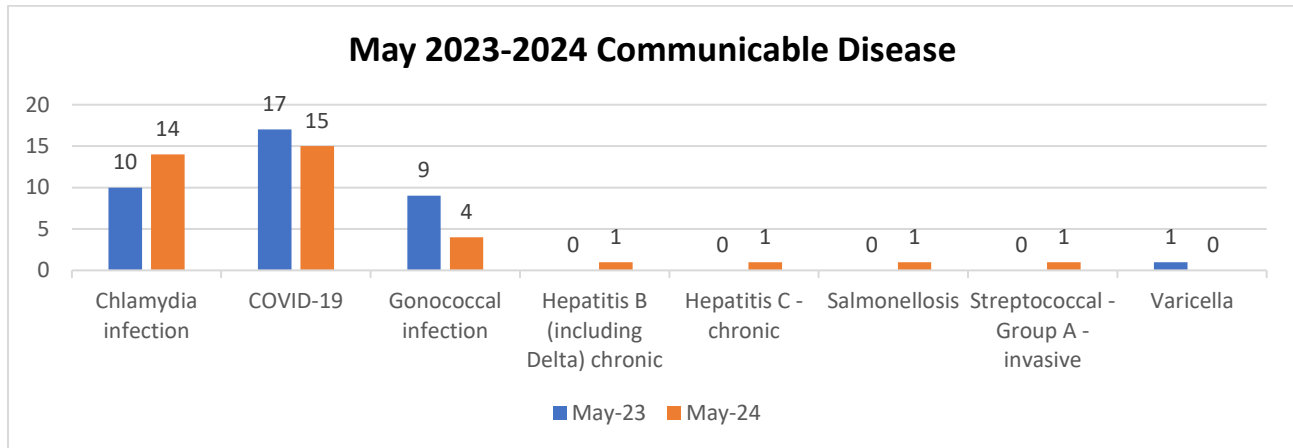
- c. WDG – Need to revise to accommodate raises and position changes.
 - d. HEAL – Healthy Eating and Active Living Grant – completing grant.
 - e. Healthy Communities – Jalessa organized meeting with AxxessPointe team and Farmers Market to lay groundwork for prescription food pantry. Joan mentioned tokens will be also used like last year.
 - f. TOBACCO – Program re-established as Judge overturned the legislation. Currently that is being appealed. We will move ahead with program with permission from State. Jalessa Caples gave a licensing issuance progress update.
 - g. FDA grant - two registered for NEHA conference.
 - h. VISTAs – Working on their various projects.
5. Accreditation –
- a. Meetings continue. Assigned domain standards 1-7.
 - b. Scheduled meeting with Licking County HD, Deputy Health Commissioner to discuss role of Environmental health and accreditation especially as it pertains to Domain 6. Jalessa Caples gave a progress update on documentation.
6. Other –
- a. Regional Liaison from ODH, Ann Ramer, will visit our department again on June 14th.
 - b. Joan Seidel mentioned regarding the Communicable Disease reports she also reported the May case of Salmonellosis to the Pennsylvania Department of Health due to the exposure occurring in Pittsburgh, and more info regarding the Streptococcal case. Board members discussed COVID and those numbers still being on the reports.

April 2023-2024 Communicable Disease



2023/2024 April Communicable Disease

Communicable Diseases	Apr-23	Apr-24	Total
Chlamydia infection	10	14	24
COVID-19	40	16	56
Giardiasis	1	0	1
Gonococcal infection	3	4	7
Hepatitis B (including Delta) chronic	0	1	1



2023/2024 May Communicable Disease

Communicable Diseases	May-23	May-24	Total
Chlamydia infection	10	14	24
COVID-19	17	15	32
Gonococcal infection	9	4	13
Hepatitis B (including Delta) chronic	0	1	1
Hepatitis C - chronic	0	1	1
Salmonellosis	0	1	1
Streptococcal - Group A -invasive	0	1	1
Varicella	1	0	1

Discussion Items:

- A. Prescription Produce Program- Jalessa Caples shared information regarding this program through AxessPointe and working with a dietitian with nutrition videos.
- B. Strategic Planning- Jalessa Caples reported about using SOAR analysis- Strengths, Opportunities, Aspirations and Results to obtain more action oriented assessment for completing the strategic plan. Even if members are unable to make July's meeting please fill out the SOAR template and send it electronically.
- C. SafePointe Harm Reduction- Joan Siedel gave an update about the April opening for the program.

Action Items: Item approvals, President & VP elections moved to the next meeting due to no quorum.

Executive Session: None

Adjourn:

Motion: A motion to adjourn the health board meeting was made by Evan Howe and seconded by Melissa Zullo. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 6:21 pm.

Approved:

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Date	Date