

CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF THE MEETING – FEBRUARY 14, 2025

Meeting called to order by Dr. Gregory Hall, President of the Board at 9:03 a.m. in the office of the Board, 5550 Venture Drive, Parma, Ohio, on February 14, 2025.

The following members were present: Dr. Gregory L. Hall, Mr. Douglas Wang, Ms. Sonja Rajki, Dr. Sherrie Williams, and Mr. Daniel Richards.

The Secretary called the roll:

Ayes: Dr. Hall, Mr. Wang, Ms. Rajki, Dr. Williams

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

BE IT RESOLVED to excuse Mr. Daniel Richards due to a schedule conflicts at the time of the meeting. Ayes: All, Nays: None – motion carried.

Public and Staff Comments (maximum 3 minutes)

Julie Patterson, Director of the AIDS Funding Collaborative and member of the Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council where they serve as one of the co-chairs of the Strategy and Finance Committee.

Julie Patterson presented context about the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Part A Program's HIV services here in the Transitional Grant Area, about other HIV-related services funded here at CCBH through the CDC and the Ending the HIV Epidemic Initiative (EHE) and to offer support for ending the temporary hold on reimbursements to sub-grantees of the CCBH. For full comment see attached.

Legislative Updates

General Counsel John Mills presented his review of the landscape of current Executive Orders and pending lawsuits with regard to the federal funding freeze. Ms. Wirsching stated that our funders are still honoring our payment requests with no intention of changing that at this present time. Mr. Mills stated that the Cuyahoga County Board of Health will proceed cautiously with spending and hiring of grant funded positions. Ms. Wirsching presented to the Board the percentage breakdown of positions which are whole or partially grant funded.

Dr. Hall thanked Mr. Sobolewski for his service as Interim Director of Environmental Public Health, and congratulated Mr. Johnson on his promotion to Director of Environmental Public Health.

Approval of Resolutions/Motions:

REGULAR ACTIONS OF THE BOARD:

Mr. Mills presented Resolution 2025-001, stating that the intent of this Resolution, which was introduced by the Board in the 1960's ensuring the Board upholds its commitment to ensuring

protection from discrimination when providing public services and in the Board's employment practices.

It was moved by Dr. Hall, seconded by Dr. Williams, that the following RESOLUTION 2025-001 be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED That the Cuyahoga County Board of Health confirms its compliance with Federal, State and Local laws regarding accessibility to services and protection from discrimination in providing services to the community or in employment decisions. Ayes: All, Nays: None – motion carried.

Kevin Brennan presented Resolution 2025-002, stating the need to improve efficiency in the design and production of materials related to promoting awareness and prevention of disease and illness.

It was moved by Dr. Williams, seconded by Dr. Williams, that the following RESOLUTION 2025-002 be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to Authorize the Health Commissioner to enter into and execute a contract with the Ohio Public Health Association under the 2023/2024 Enhanced Operations grant from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 in the amount of \$43,680.00. Ayes: All, Nays: None – motion carried.

Melissa Kolenz presented Resolution 2025-004, for a syphilis prevention campaign that will run in the six county service area which also includes Spanish translation services for the ads.

It was moved by Dr. Williams, seconded by Dr. Hall, that the following RESOLUTION 2025-004 be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to Authorize the Health Commissioner to enter into contract with Better World Advertising under the 2024/2025 STI Prevention grant from January 29, 2025 through February 28, 2025 in the amount not to exceed \$113,737.84. Ayes: All, Nays: None – motion carried.

Erin Lark-Turcoliveri presented Resolution 2025-006, which will advertise the "Love Leads Here" HIV awareness campaign on the court and concourses during local NBA Cleveland Cavaliers basketball games. Ms. Lark-Turcoliveri also mentioned the Cuyahoga County Board of Health will onsite at the games tabling and distributing HIV test kits.

It was moved by Mr. Wang, seconded by Ms. Rajki, that the following RESOLUTION 2025-006 be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to Authorize the Health Commissioner to enter into and execute a contracts with the Cavaliers Operating Company, LLC & Rock Entertainment Sports Network, LLC under the 2024/2025 Ending HIV Epidemic-Care grant from January 29, 2025 through June 30, 2025 in the amount not to exceed \$66,500.00. Ayes: All, Nays: None – motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Wang, seconded by Ms. Rajki, that the following RESOLUTION 2025-007 be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to Authorize the Health Commissioner to enter into and execute contracts with the following agencies under the Cuyahoga County Overdose Data to Action LOCAL Initiative grant from September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025:

	Amount Paid Not to Exceed
Case Western Reserve University	\$479,650.00
The MetroHealth Systems	\$452,968.00

Ayes: All, Nays: None – motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Wang, seconded by Dr. Williams, that the following RESOLUTION 2025-015 be adopted:

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

Schedule D Employee Training and Travel Expenses.

Ayes: All, Nays: None – motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Williams, seconded by Ms. Rajki, that pursuant to Resolution 1993-43 and O.R.C. Sec 121.22 the Board Adjourn to Executive Session to discuss appointment, employment, promotion, discipline or compensation of a public employee, and to consider matters of collective bargaining.

The Secretary called the roll:

Ayes: Dr. Hall, Mr. Wang, Ms. Rajki, Dr. Williams

Executive Session began at 9:32 a.m.

Executive Session ended at 10:19a.m.

Miscellaneous Business

Thereupon, it was moved by Ms. Rajki, seconded by Mr. Wang, that the following Motion be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned at 10:19a.m.

The Secretary called the vote:

Ayes: All, Nays: None – motion carried.

SCHEDULE D
EMPLOYEE TRAINING AND TRAVEL EXPENSES

Administration

Environmental Public Health

Epidemiology, Surveillance and Informatics

Nursing & Clinical Services

- b. Danielle LeGallee to 2025 Biomedical HIV Prevention Summit: April 9 – 13, 2025.
Atlanta, GA.

Population Health

- c. Sonji Deal to the 2025 Biomedical HIV Prevention Summit: April 10 – 12, 2025.
Atlanta, GA.

*Professional education under ONA contract.



Roderick L. Harris, Secretary



Dr. Gregory L. Hall, President