

**CECIL COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
MINUTES  
October 11, 2022**

**NOTE:** Recording of this meeting is available on the County website [www.ccgov.org](http://www.ccgov.org).

**PRESENT:** Council Members: Council President Robert Meffley, Councilman William Coutz, Councilman Al Miller, Vice President Gregory, and Donna Culberson;. Also, James Massey, Council Manager; Terry Hale, Council Assistant.

Danielle Hornberger, County Executive.  
Steve Overbay, Director of Administration

**Health Official:**

Lauren Levy, Health Officer;  
Katie Coombes, Program Manager, Christiana Care  
Dan Coulter, Director of Health Planning, CCHD  
Ed Arellano, Director of Environmental Health, CCHD  
Rachel Churn, Sewer Program Supervisor, CCHD  
Dr. Jamie Sibel, Deputy Health Officer, Clinical, CCHD  
Mike Massuli, Deputy Director, Addiction Services, CCHD  
Lily Milferty, Coordinator of Special Programs III, CCHD  
Allison Borzymowski, Director of Administration, CCHD

**Members of the public.**

Joyce Bowsbey  
Suzan Doordan

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Meffley called the meeting of the Cecil County Board of Health to order at 4:30 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Health of June 14, 2022 was made by Councilman Coutz, seconded by Vice President Gregory, and approved unanimously.

**INTRODUCTION**

Lauren Levy, Health Officer, introduced her staff and thanked the Council and Executive for attending this meeting. Dr. Sibel, Deputy Health Officer, Clinical, provided her background and experience to the Board.

**COMMUNICABLE DISEASES UPDATE**

Ms. Levy stated that the Health Department has COVID booster shots available for the public. She stated that there may be an increase of COVID patients during the fall and winter. She stated that the Bivalent booster is recommended for ages 12 and up who have had their last booster more than two months. She also stated that the Health Department has a limited number of Monkeypox vaccines available to high-risk groups.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES UPDATE**

Rachel Churn, Sewer Program Supervisor, stated that this division continues to have a critical shortage of staff. She explained that the State Health Department had provided staff and the local office has pulled staff away from other divisions to assist. She provided statistics on the number of permit requests, sewer complaints, perc test requests, and sewage malfunction monitoring. They are currently working on requests from June 2022.

Ms. Levy stated that positions have been advertised without success. She stated that she is requesting signing bonus to attract applicants. She stated that she was working with the County to request assistance from planning and zoning division staff. She is also considering a contract of services with Maryland Environmental Services.

Mr. Overbay stated that the county is working with the Health Department to find creative solutions for the continued staff shortage and the impact on the permitting process. The Maryland Department of Health proposes to establish a program at the University of Maryland to train staff to increase trained applicants.

Council questions and comments ensued. Councilman Miller stated that there have been many complaints from his constituents in the long wait for testing and approvals. He commented that increases in compensation for the positions is essential. Council President Meffley stated that some counties are using county funds to supplement the Health Department compensation. Vice President Gregory clarified that Maryland Environmental Services staff may not be experienced and would need additional training. Councilwoman Culberson stated that counties may be competing to hire new staff. Councilman Coutz suggested additional incentives for new hires should be pursued.

### **DIABETES PREVENTION PROGRAM**

Lily Milferty, Coordinator of Special Programs III, reviewed the National Diabetes Prevention Program offered by the Health Department. They are also offering several living-well programs for utilize self-management techniques. Ms. Milferty described a number of methods to reach out to the general public.

### **COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

Dan Coulter, Director of Health Planning, updated the Council regarding the community health needs assessment. He described the process used by the Community Health Advisory Committee to determine the needs assessment criteria and develop the health improvement plan. The plan found three priorities including mental health, childhood traumas and substance use disorders. The CHAC will be developing a strategic plan to address the priorities.

### **REWRITE YOUR SCRIPTS**

Mike Massuli, Deputy Director, Addiction Services, discussed the marketing to reach the substance abuse users. He discussed the stigma associated with addiction and the many paths to recovery. He described the CATCH hotline that is staffed by peer specialists.

**ADJOURNMENT**

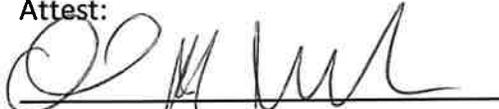
Council President Meffley thanked Lauren Levy and the staff of the Cecil County Health Department for their presentations.

The Board of Health meeting was adjourned by motion made by Vice President Gregory and seconded by Councilman Coutz. Council President Meffley concluded the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

Approved:

  
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Jackie Gregory, Council President  
County Council of Cecil County

Attest:

  
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David M. Culver  
Council Manager