

**Metropolitan Board of Health of Nashville and Davidson County
October 19, 2023, Special Called Meeting Minutes**

The special called meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Health of Nashville and Davidson County was called to order by Chair Tené Franklin at 4:02 p.m. in the Lentz Public Health Center Board Room, 2500 Charlotte Avenue, Nashville, TN 37209. It had been rescheduled from October 12, due to fall break.

Present

Tené H. Franklin MS, Chair
Marie Griffin MD, Member
Lloyda Williamson MD, Member
Carol Ziegler APRN, Member
Gill C. Wright III MD, Director of Health
D'Yuanna Allen-Robb, MPH, Population Health Assistant Bureau Director
Melva Black EdD, Deputy Director
Jim Diamond MBA, Finance and Administration Bureau Director
Derrick Smith JD, Metropolitan Department of Law

BOARD OF HEALTH

Public Comment Period

Chair Franklin rescheduled the public comment period to the end of regular agenda.

Declarations of Conflicts/Recusals or Communiques from the Public on Agenda Items

Chair Franklin asked that Board members who may have declaration of conflict or recusal, or who had had communiques from the public on agenda items, to declare such. Several noted they had interacted but none had discussed Board of Health business.

Approval of September 14, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes

Vice-Chair Griffin made a motion to approve the September 14, 2023, special called meeting minutes, as distributed. Dr. Williamson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Employee Recognition

Dr. Wright read into the record the nomination of Jennifer Cantrell, RN, who had been named August 2023, Employee of the Month (Attachment I).

Dr. Black recognized D'Yuanna Allen-Robb, who highlighted an employee who had recently undergone a serious health challenge during and after the birth of her child, and the importance of the Nashville Strong Babies program and the doula support it provided that helped her recover her health.

Approval of Grant Applications

Jim Diamond presented one application:

1. **Grant - Opioid Care System Project 24-27**
Term: March 2024-February 2027
Amount: \$6,353,596

Vice-Chair Griffin made a motion to approve the grants and contracts. Dr. Williamson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Approval of Grants and Contracts

Mr. Diamond presented eleven items, and requested that the Board defer item 4:

1. **Grant Amendment from the Tennessee Department of Health – Federal Infant Mortality Review 21-25**
Term: July 1, 2020-June 30, 2025
Amount: \$316,600 (new total \$1,593,000)

2. **Grant from the Tennessee Department of Health – Public Safety Partnerships in High Impact Areas 24**
Term: September 1, 2023-August 31, 2024
Amount: \$235,300
3. **Grant from the Tennessee Department of Health – Health Promotion Services 26-29**
Term: July 1, 2025-June 30, 2029
Amount: \$904,900
4. **Fee for Service Grant Amendment – Family Planning 24-27**
Term: July 1, 2023-June 30, 2027
Amount: \$360,000 (new total \$5,685,500)
5. **Contract with the Tennessee Department of State – Administrative Law Judges**
Term: January 1, 2023-December 31, 2027
Amount: NA
6. **REVISED Grant from the MPHD to the Mental Health Cooperative’s Mental Health Crisis Treatment Center – Mental Health Coop Treatment Center**
Term: July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024
Amount: \$2,508,400
7. **REVISED Contract – Mental Health Coop REACH (Responders Engaged and Committed to Help)**
Term: July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024
Amount: \$202,600
8. **REVISED Grant from the MPHD to the Mental Health Cooperative’s Partners in Care Co-Response Program**
Term: July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024
Amount: \$3,224,000
9. **Grant Amendments from the Health Resources & Services Administration – Ryan White Part A 23-24**
Term: March 1, 2023-February 29, 2024
Amount: \$604,847 (new total \$5,271,039)
10. **Grant Amendments #4 and #5 from the Health Resources & Services Administration – Ryan White Part A 22-23**
Term: March 1, 2022-February 28, 2023
Amount: -\$604,847 (final total \$5,099,895)
11. **Grant from the Health Resources & Services Administration – Nashville Strong Babies 23-24**
Term: April 1, 2023-March 31, 2024
Amount: \$15,000 (final total \$1,159,121)

Dr. Williamson made a motion to defer item 4. Vice-Chair Griffin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Dr. Williamson made a motion to approve the grants and contracts 1-3 and 5-11. Ms. Ziegler seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Report of the Director

Dr. Wright referred to the update provided in the Board packet (Attachment II) and highlighted a few items therein.

Report of the Chair

Chair Franklin praised the recent Behavioral Health Suicide Training and the positive impact it had on her and her family after a recent family event. She thanked Dr. Ann Melville-Chester and the Behavioral Health staff for their training and assistance throughout the difficult time.

Chair Franklin also noted that the Breast Cancer Walk would be Saturday, October 21, and encouraged those present to join if they were able.

New Business / Review of Board Requests

There were no requests from or of the Board:

Public Comment Period

The sign in sheet to request to comment during the public comment period was taken up at the beginning of the meeting; there were two requests to comment: Kathryn Brown and Brunem Warshaw of Nashville Mask for Nash, who spoke and read a statement regarding long COVID and in support of topics such as mask mandates.

Adjournment

Ms. Ziegler made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Dr. Williamson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

CIVIL SERVICE BOARD

Chair Franklin opened the Civil Service Board meeting.

Request to Schedule a Public Hearing for Proposed Change to Interpreter Series Job Descriptions

Mr. Diamond requested the Board schedule a public hearing regarding the Interpreters Series Job Description (Attachment III) at the November 9, 2023, Health Department Civil Service Board meeting.

Vice-Chair Griffin made a motion to schedule a public hearing regarding the Interpreters Series Job Description at the November 9, 2023, Civil Service Board meeting. Dr. Williamson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Approval of Changes to Job Descriptions: Communicable Disease Investigator and Records Management Analyst

Mr. Diamond requested approval of the changes to the Communicable Disease Investigator and Records Management Analyst job descriptions, which had been heard in a public hearing at the September 14, 2023, meeting.

Dr. Williamson made a motion to approve the Communicable Disease Investigator and Records Management Analyst job descriptions as requested. Vice-Chair Griffin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Personnel Committee Report and Vote on Proposed Order Regarding Eric McCann's Grievance Appeal

Vice-Chair Griffin read into the record the Order Granting the Metropolitan Government's Motion for Involuntary Dismissal (Attachment IV).

Chair Franklin called for a vote to accept the Order, which was unanimously approved.

Personnel Changes

Mr. Diamond referred to the September 2023, Personnel Changes, which were unremarkable.

Adjournment

Chair Franklin adjourned the Civil Service Board meeting at 4:57 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Health will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 9, 2023, at the Lentz Public Health Center Board Room, 2500 Charlotte Avenue, Nashville, TN 37209.

Tené H. Franklin
Chair