

**Metropolitan Board of Health of Nashville and Davidson County
January 11, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes**

The regular meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Health of Nashville and Davidson County was called to order by Chair Tené Franklin at 4:07 p.m. in the Lentz Public Health Center Board Room, 2500 Charlotte Avenue, Nashville, TN 37209.

Present

Tené H. Franklin MS, Chair
Marie Griffin MD, Vice-Chair
Calvin M. Smith III MD, Member
Carol Ziegler APRN, Member
Gill C. Wright III MD, Director of Health
Melva Black EdD, Deputy Director
Jim Diamond MBA, Finance and Administration Bureau Director
Fonda Harris PhD, Population Health Bureau Director
Anidolee Melville-Chester PhD MEd MPA LMFT, Behavioral Health and Wellness Division Director
Wyntress Patterson JD, Human Resources Manager
Derrick Smith JD, Metropolitan Department of Law

BOARD OF HEALTH

Public Comment Period

There were no requests by the public to address agenda items.

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

Chair Franklin asked that Board members who may have declarations of conflict or recusal, or who had had communiqués from the public on agenda items, to state such. There were none.

Approval of December 14, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Ms. Ziegler made a motion to approve the December 14, 2023, meeting minutes, as distributed. Dr. Smith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Employee Recognition

Dr. Wright advised the Board that the December 2023 Employee Recognition process had not been completed and those employees would be featured in the newsletter or at a future meeting.

HSRI Report: Davidson County Behavioral Health System Analysis

Dr. Wright invited Dr. Harris, and Dr. Melville-Chester to the podium to present the HSRI Report on Behavioral Health in Davison County (Attachment I). Dr. Black provided information as well and discussion was held.

Director/Deputy Director Goals

Chair Franklin deferred discussion of Director and Deputy Director Goals to be discussed during her Report.

Approval of Grant Applications

Mr. Diamond presented one grant application:

Violence Prevention Action Team

Term: NA

Amount: \$30,000

Dr. Smith made a motion to approve the grant application. Ms. Ziegler seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Approval of Grants and Contracts

Mr. Diamond presented four items:

1. **Grant to Metro Animal Care and Control from the Neuhoff Foundation**
Term: NA
Amount: \$8,000
2. **Grant from the Tennessee Department of Health - Grant in Aid**
Term: July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024
Amount: \$725,200
3. **Grant from the Friends of MACC - Donation**
Term: NA
Amount: \$5,405
4. **Grant Amendment from the Tennessee Department of Health – Sexually Transmitted Infection Prevention Services**
Term: January 1, 2023-December 31, 2026
Amount: \$1,262,073

Dr. Smith made a motion to approve the grants and contracts as presented. Vice-Chair Griffin 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.

Dr. Wright spoke briefly regarding the Opioid Committee and the Opioid Settlement Funds RFP.

Report of the Chair

Chair Franklin advised that the Director and Deputy Director goals she had intended to present at the meeting would be presented at the Board's Annual Retreat and other topics would include Policy/Legislation, Budget, Org Chart Process, Ethics Training, and Succession Planning as well as the Board of Health's Report to the Mayor.

Public Comment Period (Community Voices)

There were no requests from the public to address the Board.

New Business / Review of Board Requests

Ms. Patterson advised she would email to the Board details about the MACC staff retreat to be held at Lantz on January 30, and 31, and invited them to attend.

Chair Franklin asked Dr. Wright to send a concise email to the Board regarding the abatement council and related needs.

Adjournment

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

CIVIL SERVICE BOARD

Request to Schedule a Public Hearing Regarding MACC Positions

Ms. Patterson requested the Board schedule a public hearing regarding proposed changes to the Animal Care Assistant Job Series (Attachment III).

Dr. Smith made a motion to schedule a public hearing regarding proposed changes to the Animal Care Assistant Job Series on February 8. Vice-Chair Griffin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Personnel Changes

Ms. Patterson referred to the December 2023, Personnel Changes, and made noted comments.

Adjournment

Chair Franklin adjourned the Civil Service Board meeting at 5:06 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Health will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 8, 2024, at the Lentz Public Health Center Board Room, 2500 Charlotte Avenue, Nashville, TN 37209.

Tené H. Franklin
Chair