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Tuscarawas County Health Department

# Tuscarawas County General Health District Quarterly District Advisory Council Report



## October - December 2021

### Board of Health Action Items:

Topic	Date	Result
Personnel Policy Manual Update	November 17, 2021	Passed
Resolution 2021-58; Second Reading of Environmental Health Food Fees 2022	November 17, 2021	Hold for 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading
Termination of Dr. Daniel Blumer Independent Contract, Physician/Medical Director effective 12/31/21	November 17, 2021	Passed
Hire part-time Physician/Medical Director, Dr. Daniel Blumer effective 1/1/2022	November 17, 2021	Passed
Resolution 2021-60 suspending the housing program and repealing the TCHD Dwelling Code	November 17, 2021	Passed
Resolution 2021-61 Cash Advance repayment	November 17, 2021	Removed from Agenda
Resolution 2021-62 Cash Advance repayment of \$15,000 from WIC to the general Health Fund	November 17, 2021	Passed
2022 Updated wage scale	November 17, 2021	Passed
Resignation of Angela Thomas, Clerical Specialist Environmental Health, effective 10/25/21	November 17, 2021	Passed
Post and Hire full time clerical specialist, Environmental Health	November 17, 2021	Passed
Contract with Ohio Guidestone/ AntiDrug Coalition for tobacco prevention	November 17, 2021	Passed
Resignation of Craig Howell, Maintenance, effective 11/21/21	November 17, 2021	Passed
Post and hire full time maintenance	November 17, 2021	Passed
Termination of contract with Freeman's Cleaning effective 12/31/21	November 17, 2021	Passed
Shoup's Cleaning contract effective 1/1/22	November 17, 2021	Passed
Post and hire part time Nurse Practitioner	December 15, 2021	Passed
2022 Medical Clinic Fees effective 1/1/22	December 15, 2021	Passed
Leave of absence request M. Lautzenhesier	December 15, 2021	Passed
Resignation of Lora Knappenberger, Clerical Specialist, effective 12/23/2021	December 15, 2021	Passed
Post and hire full time clerical specialist	December 15, 2021	Passed

Out of State travel request Autumn Poland, Health Educator	December 15, 2021	Passed
Variance application for 6868 Mill Rd, Dundee	December 15, 2021	Passed
2022 budget for T017	December 15, 2021	Passed
2022 budget for T052	December 15, 2021	Passed
2022 budget for T055	December 15, 2021	Passed
2022 budget for T057; Early Childhood Safety	December 15, 2021	Passed
2022 budget for T059; Enhanced Operations	December 15, 2021	Passed
2022 budget for T060; Mosquito Control	December 15, 2021	Passed
2022 budget for T061; Rural Health Clinic	December 15, 2021	Passed
Resolution 2021-61 Petty Cash	December 15, 2021	Passed
Resolution 2021-63 Cash Advance repayment	December 15, 2021	Passed
Resolution 2021-64 Case Advance repayment	December 15, 2021	Passed
Resolution 2021-65 Cash Advance repayment	December 15, 2021	Passed

### **Department Highlights:**

#### **October:**

- There was an 869 COVID-19 case decrease from September to October
- 73 Narcan kits were distributed with 2 known successful reversals
- The environmental health department responded to 47 records requests
- TCHD held a drive through flu vaccine clinic and served 96 people
- 833 COVID-19 vaccines were administered in October
- 336 COVID-19 PCR tests were administered with 132 positive results (32% positivity rate)

#### **November:**

- There were 1,040 COVID-19 cases reported in November
- There were 5 chronic hepatitis C cases reported in November which is the highest number reported in 2021
- 18% of WIC infant participants were breastfed
- There were 9 animal bites investigated by the Environmental Health Department
- Trending public health information topics include Antigen take-home tests; quarantine and isolation periods; COVID-19 vaccine boosters and flu shots
- 1,668 COVID-19 vaccines were administered by the medical clinic
- The positivity rate for TCHD administered COVID-19 testing was 43%, this is an 11% increase

#### **December:**

- The top reported communicable diseases in December were:
  - COVID-19: 1,807

- Chlamydia: 19
- 7 well and 9 septic permits issued in the Environmental Health division
- Trending public information topics: availability of rapid, take-home test kits; reliability of antigen tests; quarantine and isolation periods; updates to CDC guidelines; COVID-19 boosters and flu shot availability; business related questions regarding test kit supplies and COVID-19 safety protocols
- COVID-19 vaccines administered in December: 786(+882)
- Administered 111 COVID-19 PCR tests and 567 Antigen tests = 678 total tests; 242 positive results = 36% positivity (-7%)
- TCHD distributed over 5,000 antigen take-home test kits

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