



# City of Columbia, Missouri

## Meeting Minutes - Draft

### Board of Health



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Thursday, August 10, 2023  
5:30 PM

Regular

Department of Public  
Health and Human  
Services, Training  
Room  
1, 1005 W. Worley St

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

a. Skala called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

#### II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

a. Feirman moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Szczwyck. The motion passed unanimously.

#### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. McKinney moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Schuette. The motion passed unanimously.

Attachments: [BOH Draft Meeting Minutes 6-8-23](#)

#### IV. OLD BUSINESS

a. Define topics for future Board meetings

The Board briefly discussed potential topics for meetings. Specifically narrowing down topics for the rest of the year. One topic suggested earlier was prescription drug disposal. Several members mentioned that certain pharmacies will take back and dispose of unused medications. Members discussed who should come and speak with the Board on that subject.

Dr. Szwecyck discussed the possibility of discussing Boone County's emergency services and the response to a natural disaster. Members also expressed interest in chronic diseases and other health disparities. School vaccinations are also an important topic for future meetings. There is concern that changes in attitudes will affect how and whether people are getting their children vaccinated.

#### V. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Human Trafficking in the Boone County Area Speaker is Nanette Ward, Stop Human Trafficking Coalition of Central Missouri

Ward introduced herself to the board and explained the mission of the Stop Human Trafficking Coalition of Central Missouri. Ward proceeded to give her presentation on Human Trafficking and how that affects Boone County. Ward mentioned that Columbia's colleges have been nationally ranked for students seeking out older, financially stable individuals. She mentioned problems with identifying human trafficking with both victims and people in the community. Ward discussed with the Board different types of human trafficking and the difficulty of assisting those individuals. Columbia's colleges have been nationally ranked for students seeking a relationship with older, financially stable individuals. Columbia has a lot of different industries that are well-known for human trafficking such as hotels and landscaping. Ward said that increased online activity has been the engine behind modern human trafficking.

## **VI. REPORTS**

- a. Director's Report

Stephanie Browning briefly spoke about some of the goals for ARPA funding and that any ARPA funds have to be allocated by December 2024. ARPA funds have to be spent by the end of 2026. All organizations to be funded are listed on the city website.

The HIV management team started working at the Health Department and they have already started meeting with clients. PHHS took on this division after Phoenix Programs closed earlier this year.

Animal Control has custody of a horse and a pony. Parks and Recreation is allowing the horse and pony to be housed at the Boone County Fairgrounds until a long-term solution can be figured out. AC is looking for people or an organization to take them, however, there needs to be a certain amount of isolation before the horses can be rehomed.

Browning spoke to the Board about a measles outbreak in the St. Louis area. Browning said she will contact the St. Louis County Health Department director in the coming days. PHHS is working with the universities in Columbia concerning an outbreak of a few hundred TB cases. MU is working with PHHS to develop as an academic health department. The partnership would help with research and education.

## **VII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF**

None

**VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE**

October 12, 2023

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

- a. Hussey moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by McKinney passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

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