



City of Cincinnati Board of Health Finance Committee

Ashlee Young, Chair of the Board of Health Finance Committee, called the Tuesday, March 19, 2024 Finance Committee meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present: Robert Brown, Tim Collier, Dr. Edward Herzig, Mark Menkhaus Jr., Commissioner Dr. Grant Mussman, Joyce Tate, and Ashlee Young.

Topic	Discussion	Action/Motion
Approval of Minutes	<p>The Chair asked Committee members if everyone had the opportunity to review the minutes from the February 20, 2024 meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> That the Board of Health (BOH) Finance Committee approves the minutes from January 16, 2024.</p>	<p>Motion: Brown Second: Herzig Action: Pass</p>
Review of Contracts for BOH Approval: <u>February 20,2024</u>	<p>The Chair began reviewing contracts going to BOH for approval.</p> <p>Hamilton County Public Health Denture for Dollars 45x10614 Mark Menkhaus Jr. explained that the Hamilton County Public Health Dentures for Dollars program is under a new contract. This replaces the previous agreement that recently expired and ensures continuity in providing dentures to patients. It functions as an accounts receivable contract, meaning we receive payment from Hamilton County Public Health for the dentures we offer.</p> <p>Motion: That the BOH Finance Committee recommends approval.</p> <p>Ohio Department of Health – 45x10622 Dr. Amin explained that the agreement is with the Ohio Department of Health for lead prevention marketing. We received increased funding this year (\$25,000) compared to last year (\$15,000) due to our assistance with county lead awareness and advertising efforts.</p> <p>Motion: That the BOH Finance Committee recommends approval.</p> <p>RIP Medical Debt (RIPMD) 45x10627 Dr. Maryse Amin shared that this agreement aligns with the City's initiative to offer medical debt forgiveness. CHD is actively collaborating with the City Manager's office to lead this initiative.</p> <p>Dr. Herzig: Is the debt forgiveness program for everyone, or just our clinic's patients?</p> <p>Dr. Amin: The program is intended for hospitals that choose to participate. Participating hospitals will remain anonymous unless they choose to publicly identify themselves. The program specifically targets medical debt incurred through these participating hospitals for individuals at or below 400% of the federal poverty</p>	<p>Motion: Young Second: Collier Action: Pass</p> <p>Motion: Young Second: Herzig Action: Pass</p> <p>Motion: Young Second: Brown Action: Pass</p>

	<p>level. Dr. Amin added that the forgiven debt can encompass outpatient services and provider visits associated with the participating hospitals.</p> <p>Motion: That the BOH Finance Committee recommends approval.</p> <p>OEPA Household Treatment (HSTS) 45x10624 Mr. Young mentioned that we are in our fourth year of applying for a \$50,000 grant from OEPA. This grant aims to assist homeowners who meet specific income requirements in repairing or replacing faulty household sewage treatment systems (septic tanks). This program and funding are greatly appreciated in our inspection area as they promote better compliance, enhance enforcement efficiency, support low-income homeowners, and safeguard the environment.</p> <p>Motion: That the BOH Finance Committee recommends approval.</p>	<p>Motion: Young Second: Collier Action: Pass</p>
<p>Review of Contracts for BOH Information: February 20, 2024</p>	<p>The Chair began reviewing contracts going to BOH for information.</p> <p>Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services-55x10613 Mr. Young explained that this is a longstanding service agreement with the Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services – Southwest Ohio Air Quality Agency. Their role will involve examining air pollution concerns. The agreement is set to commence on July 21, 2024, and conclude on July 20, 2029.</p> <p>Cincinnati State Technical & Community College– 45x10644 Besty Buchanan elaborated on the partnership with Cincinnati State Community College, enabling the Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) program to offer clinical education opportunities for the Dietetic Technology students at Cincinnati State. This collaboration is beneficial as the program is currently recruiting for a diet tech position. After completing the program, students may have the opportunity to work for the WIC program. The contract is for one year, with the possibility of renewal to meet the needs of both organizations.</p>	
<p>Financial Update</p>	<p>Mr. Menkhaus provided an overview of the financial statement for the period ending in December 2023.</p> <p>Total Revenue: \$29,076,326.19. Which is a 14.94% decrease from December of 2022. There were two-line items that’s driving that percentage more than anything which is 8932- prior year reimbursement. Last year we had \$1,000,000 in the prior year reimbursement which was funding from FEMA and Lead grant. So far this year we do not have any prior year reimbursement money.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Expenses as of December 2023 totaled \$29,438,527.20 which is a 5.4% increase from December 2023. Total net loss after the capital revenue transfer was \$237,201.01. ○ As of December, we had \$85,406.60 in overtime compared to December of 2022’s total of \$122,827.01. The total in overtime is partially due to Covid-19 and Monkey Pox activities with \$26,366.16 in disaster overtime in FY23. As of December 2023, we had no disaster overtime expenses. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8733-Self-Pay Patient: Decrease of 6%. ● 8734-Medicare: Decrease of 3%. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8737-Private Pay Insurance: Decrease of 1.5% ● The patient mix is tending in the opposite direction; City of Cincinnati Primary Care (CCPC) is seeing more self-pay patients right now than last year. <p>Total Expenses: \$29 million in FY '24.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 71-Personnel: Decreased by .63% due to unfilled vacant positions. ● 75-Fringes: Increase of 5.72%, due to increases in retirement rate plus medical, dental and vision rates for employees. ● 72-Contractual and 73-Material: The 72-Contractual decreased by 2% (down from last month of an increase of .23%) 73-Material expenses were up 32% (down from last month of 36 %). The increases are due to the timing of invoices paid. ● 74-Fixed Cost: Increase of 82% (down from last month of 86%) due to a grant with Talbert House for COVID supplies in congregate living facilities. ● 76-Property: Increase of 110% due to replacement and installation of 5 dental operatories. <p>Total Available: \$237,201.01</p> <p>Dr. Herzig asked if this downward trend in our budget continues, how will it impact us financially for the rest of the year? Mr. Menkhaus explained that if we end the year with a negative balance, we will need to rely more heavily on the City's general funds to cover the deficit.</p> <p>Dr. Jones inquired about the 34% decrease in federal grants (line item 8556), what factors could be contributing to this decline? Mr. Menkhaus explained two potential factors influencing this line item are: 1) whether we applied for the same grants as last year, and 2) whether we fully spent and drew down from existing grant funds. Mr. Menkhaus will provide further details on this line-item next month.</p> <p>Mr. Menkhaus explained that early indications from the City's budget office for fiscal year 2025 suggest that no operating budget cuts will be required from our department. The city will continue to utilize American Rescue Plan funding to address any potential shortfalls.</p> <p>The Masters Facilities Planning presentation from last Friday is viewable on the CHD Facebook page. The slide desk is available to anyone who would like a copy.</p> <p>Mr. Brown inquired about the status of receiving our Medicaid maximum for the current year. Mr. Menkhaus confirmed that it has not been received yet and will notify everyone when there is an update.</p>	
New Business		
Public Comment	Ms. Salter stated that as of 5 p.m. today, no questions or comments from the public were received.	

Meeting Adjourned: 5:25 p.m.

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 5 p.m.**

Minutes prepared by Ashanti Salter

The meeting can be viewed and is incorporated in the minutes: <https://fb.watch/pD-N3kOzkN/>

Board of Health Finance Committee Roll Calls for February 20, 2024

	Roll Call	Minutes 01/20/24	Hamilton County Public Health Denture for Dollars 45x10614	Ohio Department of Health 45x10622	RIP Medical Debt (RIPMD) 45x10627	OEPA Household Sewage Treatment (HSTS) 45x10624
Dr. Amar Bhati	-	-	-	-	-	-
Robert Brown	P	MY	Y	Y	2Y	Y
Tim Collier	P	Y	2Y	Y	Y	2Y
Dr. Edward Herzig	P	2Y	Y	2Y	Y	Y
Mark Menkhaus Jr.	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dr. Grant Mussman	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Joyce Tate	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ashlee Young	P	Y	MY	MY	MY	MY

Y=Yes | N=No | A=Abstain | P=Present | R=Recuse | M=Moved | 2=Second

Others present: Dr. Maryse Amin, Ryan Baumgartner, Betsy Buchanan, Ashanti Salter (Clerk), Lauren Thamann-Raines, and Antonio Young.