



Cuyahoga County Women's Health Commission

AGENDA

Thursday, September 25, 2025 | 9:00 AM

Administrative Headquarters, 2079 E. Ninth Street

4th Floor – Committee Room B

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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Moment of Silence and Reflection**
- 4. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**
- 5. Public Comment**
- 6. New Business**
 - a. Vote on Virtual Meeting Policy
 - b. Committee Reports
 - i. Mental Health
 - ii. Physical Health
 - c. Legislative Update – Emily Campbell
- 7. Next Meeting**
 - a. December 4th at 3:00pm
- 8. Adjournment**



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Minutes

Thursday, June 12, 2025 | 9:30 AM

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1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chair Tenille Kaus at 9:50am

2. Roll Call

In attendance: Heather Brissett, County Councilwoman Yvonne Conwell, Emily Campbell, Councilwoman Tenille Kaus, Jazmin Long, David Merriman, Dr. Connie Moreland, Sabrina Roberts on behalf of County Executive Chris Ronayne, Mayor Kim Thomas
Arrived after roll call: Councilwoman Nakeisha Nickerson, County Executive Chris Ronayne

Absent: Dr. Lauren Benne, Dr. Melanie Golembiewski, Councilwoman Jasmin Santana

3. Moment of Silence and Reflection

Thank you for the work that all of our members do on a regular basis. Many were coming from other meetings already and we are grateful to all our members for sharing their time with us today.

4. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Heather Brissett moved to approve the prior meeting minutes; Jazmin Long seconded.

Motion was unanimously approved by all in attendance.

5. Public Comment

No public comment was received.

6. New Business

a. Overview of Fibroid Event – Councilwoman Meredith Turner

County Councilwoman Meredith Turner shared an overview of the successful Fibroid Awareness Community event that she hosted this Spring at the Warrensville library. The event was sponsored by MetroHealth and many organizations in the black community were invited to participate in the event.

129 people registered and 59 attended. 47 attendees filled out evaluation forms with 94% of respondents requesting follow-up or expressing interest in attending future events.

This community education event was a great opportunity for women to come together to share their stories and be heard. It was an intergenerational gathering where the storytelling was invaluable and validating for those in attendance. Women in attendance expressed interest in continued programming and support group connections with additional topics including – menopause, mental and emotional health, fertility, endometriosis. The Commission would like to take steps to replicate this community education event in the fall.

Commission members discussed having counselors available at similar events in the future since mental health topics were so prevalent. Other resources were recommended including representatives from Birthing Beautiful Communities and health care professionals.

b. Policy Update – Emily Campbell

Emily Campbell shared an update on Medicaid policies that are actively being considered at the Federal and State legislatures as part of the budget process. At the

Federal level, just before Memorial Day, the a budget bill was passed by a very thin margin. There is not total agreement within Congress about what to do with the budget. Emily outlined a few specific lines of language from the budget about what is being cut and prohibitions that have been written into the bill. There are provisions in the federal budget that would mean that if Ohio doesn't make changes to our Medicaid budget, there would be severe cut backs to what the state will receive.

Center for Community Solutions (CCS) is continuing to advocate on this issue, and we are seeing that advocacy is working in making legislators at the federal level think twice about what is being put in these bills.

The state budget is scheduled to be completed before July 1. It currently does not take into account some of the potential federal cuts. Much of the work in continuing to provide services will fall on the local governments.

c. Period Poverty Presentation – Katura Pleasant

Katura Pleasant is a Cleveland Foundation Public Service Fellow that is placed with Cuyahoga County in the Department of Health and Human Services. She shared a presentation on the topic of period poverty, which is a passion project that she has been working on throughout her fellowship year. She provided an overview of what period poverty is, how it impacts Cuyahoga County residents, and some education on how we can help.

Katura recommended that free products be placed in restrooms in all County buildings for employees and members of the public to use freely. Councilman Schleper, in attendance at today's meeting, offered to assist with any of these initiatives and supports this work.

Councilwoman Turner shared that she would like to designate what is left of her ARPA money to be used for this issue.

7. Next Meeting

- a. September 25, 2025 at 9:00am

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Nakeisha Nickerson; Councilwoman Yvonne Connwell seconded. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 10:56am.



Virtual Public Meetings Policy

Enacted by House Bill 257 of the 135th Session of the Ohio General Assembly which is effective April 9, 2025, Ohio Revised Code Section 121.221 will permit members of public bodies to attend meetings virtually when the public body has adopted certain policies, including methods by which members of the public may observe and attend meetings. The Women's Health Commission desires to adopt a virtual public meeting policy that complies with ORC Section 121.221.

SUBJECT: Virtual Meetings Policy

EFFECTIVE DATE:

PURPOSE

To provide guidance for virtual public meetings of the Cuyahoga County Women's Health Commission and its committees, in compliance with Ohio Revised Code 121.221. For purposes of this Policy, "Commission" includes committees of the Commission.

POLICY

It is the policy of the Commission to utilize virtual public meetings to facilitate the efficient business of the Commission and its committees in compliance with ORC 121.221.

PROCEDURE

A. Virtual Meetings are Permitted.

1. The Commission may hold and attend meetings by means of video conference or any other similar electronic technology, and all of the following apply:
 - a. Any resolution, regulation, rule or formal action of any kind has the same effect as if it occurred during an open meeting of the public body.
 - b. Notwithstanding division (C) of section 121.22 of the Revised Code, Commission members who attend meetings by means of video conference or any other similar electronic technology shall be considered present as if in person at the meeting, shall be permitted to vote, and shall be counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the meeting.
2. When the Commission conducts a meeting by means of video conference or any other similar electronic technology, the Commission shall establish means, through the use of electronic equipment that is widely available to the general public, to converse with witnesses, receive documentary testimony and physical evidence, and permit public comment, if applicable.

B. Public Access

1. The Commission shall provide the public access to a public meeting that the public would otherwise be entitled to attend, according to Ohio law, commensurate with the method in which the meeting is being conducted, including for example, livestreaming by means of the

internet, television, cable, or public access channels, or by means of any other similar electronic technology.

2. The Commission shall ensure that the public can observe and hear the discussions and deliberations of all the members of the Commission, whether the member is participating in person or electronically. Members of the Commission shall have sufficient internet or other electronic connection to allow the member to be seen and heard clearly, and shall be visible at all times.

C. Voting and Attendance.

1. All votes taken in the meeting shall be taken by roll call vote unless there is a motion for unanimous consent, and the motion is not objected to by a member of the Commission. If a vote is taken unanimously, the Commission shall provide the public with information on how the members of the Commission voted, including any members who abstained from voting.
2. Any member of the Commission who intends to attend a meeting by means of video conference or other similar electronic technology shall notify the Commission Chair of that intent not less than forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting, except in the case of an emergency defined as “an unforeseen combination of circumstances or the resulting state that calls for immediate action.”

D. When Virtual Meetings Are Not Permitted.

1. The Commission may not hold, and no Commission member may attend meetings by means of video conference or other similar electronic technology if the meeting involves a vote to approve a major nonroutine expenditure as defined in the policy adopted by the public body under this section
2. If, upon the notification of an upcoming Commission meeting, and not later than forty-eight (48) hours before the meetings, two Commission members, notify the Commission Chair that an item in the agenda must be acted upon at a meeting conducted fully in person, upon the Commission Chair’s acknowledgement of receipt of the notification, the Commission shall take action on the item of the agenda only at a meeting conducted fully in person.

E. Notifications of Virtual Meetings

1. The Women’s Health Commission shall provide notification of meetings pursuant to Article 12, Section 5 of the Cuyahoga County Charter.