

Monroe County Board of Health (MCDPH) Meeting Minutes – November 3, 2025

111 Westfall Road, Room 964, 3:30-5pm

Minutes

BOH in Attendance		DPH Attendance
	Rashid Muhammad	Marielena Vélez de Brown
Emma Forbes-Jones	Sarah Fletcher	Meaghan McDermott
Mike Weston	Erin Graupman	Tarilynn Forney
Celia McIntosh		Mel Schwartz
Linda Clark	Albert Blankley	Guests: Chris De Los Reyes, Dina Johnson, LaCarla Holmes, Julia Merante

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Celia McIntosh at 4:32pm.

Introductions and General Announcements

Celia welcomed everyone to the meeting and did a round-robin of introductions.

Review and Approval of Minutes

Short meeting minutes discussion with corrections to the attendance in the minutes. Changes were accepted.

Motion to approve the amended minutes from the October meeting was made and seconded. All voted to approve the October minutes.

Commissioner’s Report – Dr. Marielena Vélez de Brown

- Dr. Vélez de Brown introduced Chris De Los Reyes, Preventive Medicine Resident from URMC. His rotation will be from November 2025 until February 2026.
- Foodlink email sent to BOH members and community partners to be shared widely for SNAP recipients to have resources available to meet food insecurity during the government shut down.
- The first Cure Violence Training took place for Program Managers/Supervisors in anti-violence agencies last week. The schedule was intensive for 5 days from 10am-3pm. 7 individuals signed up and 2 finished all sessions. Training centered around Skills of successful Managers, Foundations of Management, Data, and Strategic Planning. The next training begins November 17th with the focus on Violence Interruption and Reduction Training (VIRT) which has been developed for Outreach Workers aka Violence Interrupters. Four key areas for this training week are:

1. Introduction to interruption and outreach, including roles and responsibilities of the violence interrupter.

2. Identifying, engagement and building relationships with participants, assisting participants to change thinking and behavior as it relates to risk for injury/re-injury and/or involvement with violence.
3. Preventing the initiation of violence or retaliatory acts when violence occurs through mediation and conflict resolution.
4. Working with key members of our community, including residents, faith leaders and service providers through public education, responses to violence and community building activities. Twenty-four individuals have signed up to take this training. Discussion of outreach to local Hospital/ED room medical staff was proposed for consideration.

Vice President's Report –by Dr. Celia McIntosh

- **Informational ideas for 2025-2026 BOH meetings.**
- BOH - December 1st 2025 – Linda Clark, of Jordan Health will speak concerning Oral Health- Dental Screenings at Head Start.
- BOH January 6th 2026 – Albert Blankley 1115 Medicaid Waiver presentation from FLPPA. Albert to reach out.
- BOH February 3rd – FLPPS and HERO work, Albert Blankley presenting about Common Ground role.
- Kathy Carelock, Nursing Manager will discuss Immunization Clinic information.
- Food Policy Council- Summer meals program through the department of education to RCSD.
- School based health centers- Rochester Regional Health is largest.
- RASE Committee follow up -Albert Blankley to meet with key figures next week.
- CHIW will announce 3 winners of grants \$10,000 each by next BOH meeting.
- Morelle – Dr. Liz Murray conversation- Meaghan to look into with a summary to Mari.
- Satellite Data- NASA and Military data available to connect weather to social determinants of health, climate change impacts, and other services. Celia to investigate.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Linda Clark, the motion was seconded by Emma Forbes-Jones, approved by all. The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Next meeting: Monday, December 1, 2025