

# **BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES**

## **SEPTEMBER 6, 2018**

The Greene County Board of Health met in regular session Thursday, September 6, 2018, at the Greene County Public Health office. The meeting convened at approximately 6:30 p.m. In attendance: Andrew Root, President; William Beeman, Sharon Christman, Scott Hammond, Elaine Hughes, Melvin Johnson, Charlene Montague, Kathy Saunders, Thomas Selden, and Nancy Terwoord. Excused: Scott Filson, Tamisha Samiec and Teresa Zryd. Staff in attendance: Melissa Howell, Health Commissioner; Kevin Sharrett, M.D.; Susan Martin and Jeff Webb.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

#18-09-06-2. The agenda was adopted by acclamation.

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

#18-09-06-3. Dr. Johnson moved for the approval of the minutes of the August 2, 2018, Greene County Board of Health meeting with the addition of a request for presentation on the needle exchange program. Mr. Selden seconded the motion.

The minutes of the August 2, 2018 Greene County Board of Health meeting were approved by acclamation.

### **PRESENTATION**

Ashley Steveley and Sheryl Wynn provided a presentation on Accreditation. The board discussed the Accreditation process and the upcoming site visit on September 12 and September 13, 2018. Mr. Selden requested a list of the community partners and asked for an estimated cost of Accreditation. Health Commissioner Howell estimated the 2017 cost of Accreditation to be \$200,000.00. Mr. Selden expressed appreciation for the work that has gone into Accreditation.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Health Commissioner Howell highlighted items from the voucher summary, appropriation transfers, and August income and expenditure report and answered board questions satisfactorily.

#18-09-06-1. Ms. Terwoord moved to approve the bill/voucher summary, appropriation transfer(s), and acceptance of the income and expenditure report pending the audit. Mr. Beeman seconded the motion.

The motion carried by acclamation.

### **COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES**

Health Commissioner Howell reported on behalf of Robyn Fosnaugh. Last month Mr. Selden had requested information about the Legionnaires cases reported in last month's Health Commissioner's Report. Health Commissioner Howell reported there were four cases of Legionnaires identified in Greene County during June of 2018 and provided case histories. Mr. Selden asked if there was an identified common exposure. Health Commissioner Howell noted no common exposure, but research has indicated this water borne illness is becoming more

common due to aging infrastructure of plumbing and other systems that use water while operating.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

Mr. Webb reported that Greene County has identified a second bat positive for rabies; there was no human exposure. The first bat that tested positive for rabies required a family to be treated with prophylaxis.

### **HEALTH COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Kevin L. Sharrett, MD, provided a brief personal and professional overview. The board welcomed Dr. Sharrett.

Health Commissioner Howell discussed her activities for the month and highlighted the following items from the Health Commissioner's Report and answered board questions satisfactorily:

1. West Nile Virus
2. Hepatitis A
3. Mers-CoV
4. Legalization of dogs on patios
5. Accreditation site visit, 09/12-09/13/18
6. Township Trustees meeting, 09/11/18
7. Ohio Association of Boards of Health Annual meeting, 09/15/18
8. Test Your Well, 09/27/18

The board discussed the availability of flu immunizations for senior adults.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Ad Hoc Committee – Mr. Root noted that the Ad Hoc committee can be disbanded.

Administrative Evaluation Committee – Mr. Beeman reported that three board members have volunteered to participate in the development of a new health commissioner evaluation tool. Mr. Beeman has included Health Commissioner Howell. A meeting will be scheduled.

Finance/Audit Committee – No Report.

Personnel Committee – No report.

Planning and Evaluation Committee – No report.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No Executive Session.

### **PERSONNEL**

Health Commissioner Howell requested a resolution of appreciation in honor of Geralene Huffman's retirement effective August 31, 2018, following 20 years of service.

#18-09-06-4. Ms. Hughes moved approval of the following resolution of appreciation. Ms. Terwoord seconded the motion.

The Greene County Board of Health wishes to recognize and commend

**Geralene M. Huffman**

for her devotion and dedicated service to the Greene County Board of Health and Greene County Public Health.

WHEREAS: Ms. Huffman began her public health career on May 11, 1998, serving until her retirement on August 31, 2018; and,

WHEREAS: Ms. Huffman accepted the challenge of establishing the health district's first medical records room in July of 2002 and working through to see the records preserved and shelved in the new facility in 2018; and

WHEREAS: Said retirement concluded a career in public health spanning over 20 years of committed service to Greene County Public Health and the residents of Greene County; and,

WHEREAS: Her dependability, diligence to duty, and loyalty to the Greene County community in the performance of those duties has been exemplary;

**SO BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH:**

Section 1. The Greene County Board of Health wishes to express its appreciation of Ms. Huffman's 20 years of service on behalf of Greene County Public Health and the residents of Greene County.

Section 2. That a copy of this resolution be presented to Ms. Huffman as a small token of the Greene County Board of Health's appreciation for her years of dedicated service.

The motion carried by acclamation.

Mr. Beeman asked if retirements were posted in the newspaper. The board discussed posting of retirements on social media.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Health Commissioner Howell reported that the construction phase is being finalized. The demolition phase has begun and raises the total cost of the project by approximately \$200,000.00.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Hughes, "I still would like to recommend that we start hearing from members of the staff about their programs and I've asked about the needle exchange program several times and so maybe next month we could put it on the agenda and have Kirsten (Bean) come and give us a report as to how it is going."

Health Commissioner Howell, "Yes, I've made Kirsten (Bean) aware of your request and tonight we needed to do the Accreditation presentation and those are staff members, Sheryl (Wynn) and Ashley (Steveley) presenting their program."

Mr. Beeman, "Well, speaking of the needle exchange places. I was reading in the newspaper about a health department that had an exchange and it's a safe place to shoot up and I thought okay."

Mr. Selden, "Is that in the county here?"

Mr. Beeman, "No, it was some other health department was sponsoring it."

Mr. Selden, "I know that cities, I can't think of one that I'm aware of..."

Health Commissioner Howell, "Would the board entertain, I mean, if we do needle exchange at the next meeting, would you want it at the next meeting? Is it that important that it needs to be at the next meeting? If it is, then we will just bump it up as a priority. But, I would like to hear from everyone."

Ms. Terwoord, "I'm interested in it, but I don't know that I have to hear it next month."

Health Commissioner Howell, "Does anyone else have thoughts on that?"

Ms. Montague, "Did you have something else in mind for next month already?"

Health Commissioner Howell, "No we don't. Usually Jeff (Webb), Robyn (Fosnaugh) and I plan for whatever is going to come forward. If we know that you have your required trainings that's often done so, we try not to make the meeting too long. The program will have been offered for a full year in November. So, that's a full year's worth of data. Is it okay not to hear a full year's worth of data?"

Ms. Hughes, "November would be fine. And then, I think, you know we talked last month about all of the programs and things that are different now than they used to be when we did clinical type services and so there were a lot of programs that are represented by initials. And, not knowing what those are and then hearing what some of the staff members are doing, I think it would be good to have a staff member, we used to do it all the time. We had a staff member present their program but now there's different kinds of program that we not be as familiar with as we were before. So, I think, you know, a staff member at each meeting presenting their program would be very enlightening."

Mr. Root, "It's been a couple of months since we had our training too. We're going to need to get that, right? Okay."

Mr. Selden, "Why would familiarization with the programs not constitute training?"

Health Commissioner Howell, "It does."

Ms. Hughes, "Oh, well, then we are okay."

Ms. Terwoord, "I'd like to ask Dr. Sharrett, as we go forward, I'd like to hear from you on occasion, maybe working with Melissa (Howell), where it is appropriate. I don't have a topic in mind, but I would value your expertise in helping us keep aware of what's happening out there. If there is something going on in Greene County that we're seeing or some way to educate us. Again, I don't have anything specific, but we've had some educational opportunities in the past and they have always been great or if there is something that you have a passion for that you want us to know about."

Dr. Sharrett, "Well, we're on the frontline of the drug battle, I mean, or we're at the rear of the line, however you want to put that. And so, we're going out on a regular basis, we talk to first responders. We're talking to law enforcement. We're talking to healthcare providers and so, we have that kind of information, facts, figures. I can tell you that the 26 different derivatives of unintelligible that have been detected in the last 90 days in Montgomery County. Certainly, I am open to doing any and all of that. At some point along the way we can talk a little bit about Child Death Review Committee and some of those types of things, it doesn't just have to be the drug situation. Even though that's what seems to be of most interest to people right now. But, certainly I would be willing and open to doing that."

Ms. Terwoord, "We would like to tap on your expertise and make us all more aware."

Dr. Sharrett, "We can do things that don't require a lot of time."

Ms. Terwoord, "Exactly! Thank you."

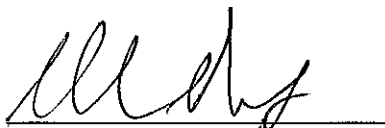
**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

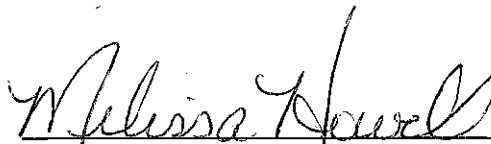
Health Commissioner Howell noted to the board a Delta Dental grant obtained to purchase \$50,000.00 of equipment for the dental suites. That equipment will now be transferred to Greene County Five Rivers Health Center as was done other equipment.

#18-09-06-5. Ms. Christman moved to approve the transfer of dental equipment to Greene County Five Rivers Health Center. Mr. Selden seconded the motion.

The motion carried by acclamation.

The September 6, 2018, Greene County Board of Health meeting adjourned at approximately 7:37 p.m.

  
Andrew Root, President

  
Melissa A. Howell, Secretary