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Greene County Board of Health Meetings Now Live Streaming on Facebook *First Thursday of each month at 6:30pm*

XENIA, OH – Officials for Greene County Public Health have announced that they are now live streaming video of the monthly Board of Health meetings on Facebook. The meetings occur on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30pm from the Greene County Public Health office in Xenia.

Health Commissioner Melissa Howell stated, “this is just one more way that we can reach our county residents to communicate information about the activities of the health district and the deliberations and decisions made by our esteemed Board of Health.” A local board of health is a policy-setting, rule-making and adjudicatory body for public health. State law gives boards the authority to make public health rules within its jurisdiction much like a school board sets rules within their jurisdictions. Board members discuss matters of public health significance such as tobacco and vaping legislation, current trends away from clinical health services and support for future programs, the newest being naloxone distribution. The Board considers the future direction of programming for women, children and families in programs like Help Me Grow Home Visiting and Early Intervention and approves operating budgets that support improved community health. The Greene County Board of Health consists of thirteen members appointed by the cities, villages and townships within Greene County. They have diverse backgrounds in education, healthcare, medicine, law and the environment. The current Board President is Andrew Root, Vice President Elaine Hughes, and other members are Melvin Johnson, William Beeman, Thomas Selden, Nancy Terwoord, Jane Clifton, Charlene Montague, Scott Filson, Scott Hammond, Tamisha Samiac, Kathy Saunders, and William Harden.

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“We hope to heighten the community’s awareness of all the great programs and services we provide by showing our work over social media. We are using technology to highlight the work of our dedicated employees who work to prevent disease outbreaks, promote health and wellness and protect the quality of the environment. This effort is part of our strategic plan. Two of our seven goals are aimed at involving the use of technology and social media to broaden the understanding of all residents of our role in the community. In the future, we will expand our use of the technology to provide education and highlight our activities at fairs and festivals. We want everyone to know that we are committed to continuously improving our efforts to reach the community, so all persons have equal opportunity to achieve health and wellness,” Howell added.

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