

GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES

November 2, 2023

The Greene County Board of Health met in regular session on Thursday, November 2, 2023, in Conference Room 124 of the health district office. The meeting convened at approximately 6:30 p.m. In attendance: Mark Walsh, President; William Beeman, Jane Clifton, Sylvia Ellison, William Harden, Connie Helmuth, Marty Larson, Angelia Mickle, DNP; J. Andrew Root, Kathy Saunders, Nancy Terwoord, and David Thompson. Excused: Scott Hammond. Employees in attendance: Melissa Howell, Health Commissioner; Noah Stuby, Deputy Health Commissioner, Kevin Sharrett, M.D., Medical Director, Jennifer Barga, Carla DeBrosse, Camille Edwards, Colton Holley-Wolf, Jeff Webb, Samantha Webb, Sheryl Wynn, and Ana Velez.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA/MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

#23-11-02-02. Mr. Thompson moved to adopt the consent agenda, including the minutes of the October 5, 2023, Greene County Board of Health meeting, and the monthly activity report. Mr. Harden seconded the motion.

The motion carried by acclamation.

PRESENTATION

The presentation for the evening was *Harm Reduction Program* update provided by Colton Holley-Wolf, Health Educator and Ana Velez, Accreditation Coordinator. The presentation ran from 6:34 p.m. through 6:45 p.m.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Stuby provided an overview of the financial reports and answered the board's questions satisfactorily.

#23-11-02-01. Mr. Harden moved approval of the voucher summary, appropriation transfers, fund transfers, and acceptance of the Income and Expenditure report pending the audit. Ms. Terwoord seconded the motion.

The motion carried by acclamation.

GOVERNANCE REPORTS

Governance Committee – No report.

Nominating Committee – Dr. Walsh reported the Nominating Committee will need to meet to create a slate of officers for 2024. Previous committee member included J. Andrew Root, Chair, Nancy Terwoord, David Thompson and Mark Walsh, M.D. According to the Governing policy three members are appointed to the Nominating Committee in November by the President. Dr. Walsh invited the previous year's committee members to participate in this year's committee. All

previous committee members agreed. The Officers (President and Vice-President) will be approved at the December meeting

Performance and Evaluation Committee – The Performance Evaluation Committee will need to meet prior to the December meeting regarding the 2024 Medical Director agreement.

Planning and Finance Committee –Mr. Root reported the Planning and Finance Committee met just prior to the board meeting.

#23-11-02-03. Mr. Root moved approval of the 2024 Refined Budget on behalf of the committee. The motion carried by acclamation.

#23-11-02-04. Mr. Root moved approval of the \$7,788.90 retirement payout for Ms. Deidre Owsley which encompasses the cap per policy of Ms. Owsley's vacation time on behalf of the committee. The motion carried by acclamation.

#23-11-02-05. Mr. Root moved approval of the \$36,000 contract awarded by National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) for Mr. Stuby to provide training in financial management NACCHO will be providing in the spring, 2024. The \$36,000 awarded to the health department will pass through to Mr. Stuby for his services. The motion carried by acclamation.

OLD BUSINESS

The board held the third and final reading of the proposed plumbing regulations.

#23-11-02-06. Mr. Larson moved to approve the plumbing regulations as presented. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion.

The motion carried by acclamation.

NEW BUSINESS

#23-11-02-07. Dr. Walsh moved the following resolution of appreciation:

The Greene County Board of Health wishes to recognize and commend **Deirdre Owsley** for her outstanding, dedicated service to Greene County Public Health.

WHEREAS: Ms. Owsley will retire effective November 30, 2023; and,

WHEREAS: Said retirement will conclude a career in public health of over 6 years dedicated to Greene County Public Health and the residents of Greene County; and,

WHEREAS: Ms. Owsley is an invaluable employee whose skills, dedication, and service are an asset at all times, but during the COVID-19 pandemic she was instrumental in helping the nursing homes, high schools, colleges, universities, and her Greene County Public Health team save lives;

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. Owsley's 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. Owsley as a small token of the Greene County Board of Health's appreciation for her years of dedicated service.

Ms. Clifton moved for the approval of the resolution. Dr. Mickle seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation

Health Commissioner Howell noted to the board the results of the Food Service Operation survey.

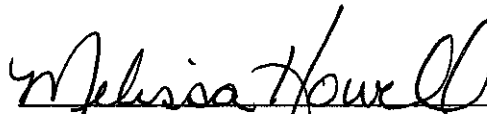
Dr. Sharrett shared the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices formally recommended Pfizer's meningitis vaccine on October 25, 2024, five days after the FDA granted it full approval. The single meningococcal vaccine is pentavalent — meaning it protects against five different meningococcal groups: A, B, C, W and Y.

Dr. Sharrett provided updates to Paxlovid, which the government purchased and distributed to the public for free since December 2021. Dr. Sharrett announced Pfizer will begin selling the Covid pill to private payers in the US at a list price of \$1390 for a 5-day course, beginning 2024.

The Greene County Board of Health meeting for November 2, 2023, adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.



Mark Walsh, MD
President



Melissa A. Howell, Secretary