# GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES January 4, 2024

The Greene County Board of Health met in regular session on Thursday, January 4, 2024, in Conference Room 124 of the health district office. The meeting convened at 6:30 p.m. In attendance: Mark Walsh, M.D., President; William Beeman, Jane Clifton, Sylvia Ellison, Scott Hammond, Connie Helmuth, and J. Andrew Root. Excused: William Harden, Marty Larson, Angela Mickle, DNP, Kathy Saunders, Nancy Terwoord, and David Thompson. Employees in attendance: Melissa Howell, Health Commissioner; Noah Stuby, Deputy Health Commissioner; Kevin Sharrett, M.D., Medical Director, Shadrick Adams, Jennifer Barga, Carla DeBrosse, Evan Dillahunt, and Stephanie Sanders. Guests in attendance: Yellow Springs Mayor, Pam Conine.

Dr. Walsh called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., recognizing our guest, Ms. Pam Conine, Mayor, Yellow Springs and Ms. Stephanie Sanders, Public Health Nurse, Community Health Services, Greene County Public Health.

## ADOPTION OF AGENDA/MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

#24-01-04-02. Ms. Clifton moved to adopt the amended consent agenda including the minutes of the December 7, 2023, Greene County Board of Health meeting. Mr. Root seconded the motion.

The motion carried by acclamation.

## **PRESENTATION**

Mr. Evan Dillahunt, Accounting Program Manager, Greene County Public Health presented an overview of Greene County Public Health Programs and Services. The presentation objectives were to understand Greene County Public Health programs and services offerings; understanding the integration and alignment of the Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) model at the organizational level; and how Greene County Public Health monitors performance of our programs and services. The presentation lasted five (5) minutes.

## FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Stuby highlighted items from the voucher summary, appropriation transfers, and December income and expenditure report and answered board questions satisfactorily. Mr. Stuby also requested that the board authorize the health commissioner to transfer funds from one item in the appropriations to another item, reduce or increase any item, create new items, and make additional appropriations or reduce total appropriation as per Ohio Revise Code 3709.28 (E.)

#24-01-04-1. Mr. Root moved to approve the voucher summary, appropriation transfers between meeting appropriation transfer(s), the December income and expenditure report pending the audit, and to authorize the health commissioner to transfer funds from one item in the appropriations to another item, reduce or increase any item, create new items, and make additional appropriations or reduce total appropriations as per Ohio Revised Code 3709.28 (E). Mr. Hammond seconded the motion.

The motion carried by acclamation.

## **GOVERNANCE REPORTS**

Governance Committee – No Report

Nominating Committee – Mr. Root reported on behalf of the Nominating Committee.

#24-01-04-03. Mr. Root moved on behalf of the Nominating Committee the following slate of officers for 2024:

Jane Clifton, President Sylvia Ellison, Vice President

The motion carried by acclamation.

Performance and Evaluation Committee - No Report

Planning and Finance Committee – Mr. Root reported on behalf of the Planning and Finance Committee. Mr. Root noted the Workforce Development plan will be emailed to the board for review and approval at the February board meeting.

#24-01-04-04. Mr. Root moved to approve the 2024 – 2026 Strategic Plan.

The motion carried by acclamation.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#24-01-04-05. Dr. Walsh moved the following resolution of appreciation:

The Greene County Board of Health wishes to recognize and commend **Jeff Webb** for his devotion and services to the communities of the State of Ohio and Greene County Public Health.

WHEREAS: Jeff Webb will retire effective January 31, 2024; and,

WHEREAS: Said retirement will conclude over 36 years of service to the communities of the State of Ohio; seven years with Greene County Public Health and the residents of Greene County; and,

WHEREAS: His dedication, commitment to high performance, innovative thinking, and delivering excellent and efficient services of the Greene County community are appreciated;

# 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 Mr. Webb'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 Mr. Webb as a small token of the Greene County Board of Health's appreciation for his years of dedicated services.

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

Dr. Walsh reminded the members to complete the annual Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest forms included in the board packets and return them to Ms. DeBrosse.

Mr. Adams addressed the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) annual survey of Greene County Public Health's Solid and Infectious Waste Programs and Construction and Demolition Debris Program, noting Greene County Public Health has been placed on the EPA's approved lists of health districts authorized to administer and enforce the solid and infectious waste and construction and demolition debris laws and rules in accordance with Sections 3734.08 and 3714.09 of the Ohio Revised Code.

## ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Ms. Barga addressed the Ohio Department of Children & Youth annual performance report to the US Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs. The program received its eighth consecutive "Meets Requirements" determination on the FFY22/SFY23 Annual Performance Report and Determination. The report is based on several factors from previous years including employees achieving 100% in the 45-day compliance audit and positive parent survey responses indicating parents are receiving the services they need to help their child.

Dr. Sharrett discussed the current state of respiratory illnesses, highlighting that the number of cases has peaked. The Omicron coronavirus subvariant JN.1 now makes up 44.2% of Covid-19 cases in the United States and is now causing almost half of infections nationwide. Medicare is covering Paxlovid, an antiviral medication that can be used to treat COVID-19, and the cap on the cost of insulin is now \$35.00 per month, effective January 1, 2024.

The January 4, 2024, Greene County Board of Health meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m.

David Thompson, Vice-President

Melissa A. Howell, Secretary