

**GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
February 01, 2024**

The Greene County Board of Health met in regular session on Thursday, February 01, 2024, in Conference Room 124 of the health district office. The meeting convened at approximately 6:30 p.m. In attendance: Jane Clifton, President, Sylvia Ellison, Vice-President; William Beeman, Scott Hammond, William Harden, Connie Helmuth, Marty Larson, Kathy Saunders, Nancy Terwoord, David Thompson. Excused: Angelia Mickle, DNP, J. Andrew Root, and Mark Walsh, M.D. Employees in attendance: Melissa Howell, Health Commissioner, Noah Stuby, Deputy Health Commissioner, Kevin Sharrett, M.D., Medical Director; Shadrick Adams, Jennifer Barga, Carla DeBrosse, Camille Edwards, Shernaz Reporter and Sheryl Wynn. Guests in attendance: Wendy Hyde, M.Ed., CHES, OH/MI Regional Director for The Preventing Tobacco Addiction Foundation, Tobacco 21, Samira Pushayeva, Student, Wright State University, Haley Foster, Student, Wright State University, Christina Carr, Student Wright State University, Abigail Wootton, Student, Wright State University, Dominic Frybarger, Student, Wright State University.

Ms. Clifton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., recognizing our guests, Wendy Hyde, Ohio Regional Director for Tobacco Retail Licensing and Wright State University Students (late arrival), Samira Pushayeva, Haley Foster, Christina Carr, Abigail Wootton, and Dominic Frybarger.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA/MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

#24-02-01-02. Ms. Clifton moved to adopt the consent agenda including the minutes of the January 4, 2024, Greene County Board of Health meeting and the monthly activity report. The motion was passed with unanimous consent that the minutes be approved as distributed.

PRESENTATION

Tonight's presentation was Tobacco Retail Licensing. Ms. Shernaz Reporter, Health Educator in Planning, Promotion, and Preparedness reviewed the 2023 tobacco community survey and compliance check data, 2022-2023. Ms. Wendy Hyde, M.Ed., CHES, OH/MI Regional Director for The Preventing Tobacco Addiction Foundation, Tobacco 21 discussed tobacco retail licensing, a critical tool to protect kids from the dangers of tobacco use and nicotine addiction. Ms. Hyde fielded questions from the board, answering questions satisfactorily. The presentation ran from 6:31 p.m. through 7:15 p.m.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Stuby highlighted items from the voucher summary, appropriation transfers, and January income and expenditure report and answered board questions satisfactorily.

#24-02-01-01. Mr. Harden moved approval of the voucher summary, appropriation transfers, then and now requests, 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.

Performance and Evaluation Committee – No report.

Planning and Finance Committee No. report.

The motion carried by acclamation.

NEW BUSINESS

Health Commissioner Howell introduced the 2024-2026 Workforce Development Plan which documents efforts to ensure a competent workforce through assessment, the provision of training and professional development, and the provision of a supportive work environment, for approval. Ms. Terwoord complimented Health Commissioner Howell on the plan noting that the plan is very comprehensive. Ms. Ellison suggested Board of Health annual completion of two hours of continuing education be included in the curricula and training schedule.

#24-02-01-03 Ms. Terwoord moved approval of the 2024-2026 Workforce Development Plan. Mr. Harden seconded the motion.

Mr. Adams reviewed information regarding a variance request from the private water system rules for the property located at 1356 Old Springfield Pike, Xenia, Ohio 45385, Xenia Township, Parcel ID: M36000100141017800 on behalf of property owner, Mr. Cory Bratton.

#24-02-01-04 Mr. Hammond moved approval of the variance request. Mr. Larson seconded the motion.


ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Dr. Sharrett offered an update on the current state of respiratory illnesses, including flu, COVID-19, and RSV. In summary, while respiratory illnesses are still a concern, the overall trend appears to be slowing down. It is essential to stay informed and continue following preventive measures to protect ourselves and our communities.

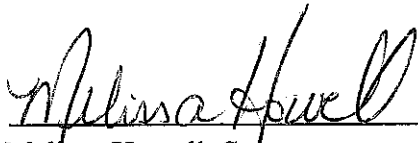
Dr. Sharrett discussed the recent surge in measles cases which has raised concerns both in the United Kingdom (UK) and the United States (US). The UK had previously eliminated measles in 2017, but unfortunately, there has been an alarming resurgence. While the US has not experienced a large-scale outbreak like the UK, there have been small outbreaks in certain states. The primary driver behind this outbreak is low uptake of the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine.

Mr. Stuby introduced for review the end of year strategic priorities 2023 review and the strategic priorities goals, 2024. The health district will be coming before the board in March for the approval of the strategic priorities' goals, 2024.

The Greene County Board of Health meeting for February 1, 2024, adjourned at approximately 7:33 p.m.



Jane Clifton, President



Melissa Howell, Secretary