

GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
June 6, 2024

The Greene County Board of Health met in regular session on Thursday, June 6, 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; Scott Hammond, William Harden, Connie Helmuth, Marty Larson, Angelia Mickle, DNP, Ratna Palakodeti, M.D., Timothy Roop, and David Thompson. Excused: William Beeman and Andrew Root, and Nancy Terwoord. Employees in attendance: Melissa Howell, Health Commissioner, Noah Stuby, Deputy Health Commissioner, Kevin Sharrett, M.D., Medical Director, Shadrick Adams, Jennifer Barga, Carla DeBrosse, and Sheryl Wynn. Presenter employees in attendance: Susie Brooks, Public Health Nurse, Community Health Services and Stephanie Sanders, Public Health Nurse, Community Health Services. Guests in attendance: Marvin Moeller, Sugarcreek Township Trustee, Mark Roberts, Sarah Roberts, and Autumn Schuh.

Ms. Clifton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., recognizing our guest, Marvin Moeller, Sugarcreek Township Trustee, Mark Roberts, Sarah Roberts, and Autumn Schuh.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA/MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

#24-06-06-02. Ms. Clifton moved to adopt the consent agenda including the minutes of the May 2, 2024, meeting.

Mr. Harden moved approval of the consent agenda and the minutes of the May 2, 2024, meeting, Dr. Palakodeti seconded the motion.

The motion was carried by acclamation.

PRESENTATION

Tonight's presentation was *Children with Medical Handicap Program* presented by Susie Brooks, Public Health Nurse, Community Health Services and Stephanie Sanders, Public Health Nurse, Community Health Services, Greene County Public Health. Ms. Brooks and Ms. Sanders provided updates on Children with Medical Handicap program, including eligibility, plans provided, diagnostic plans, treatment, eligible and ineligible conditions, referrals, and public health nursing roles. The presentation lasted 14 minutes.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Stuby reviewed the voucher summary, appropriation transfers, and the May income and expenditure report. He adequately addressed the board's inquiries.

#24-06-06-01. Ms. Ellison 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. Mr. Harden seconded the motion.

The motion was carried by acclamation.

GOVERNANCE REPORTS

Governance Committee – No report.

Performance and Evaluation Committee –During the committee meeting on June 6, 2024, Mr. William Harden, Chair of the Performance and Evaluation Committee, reviewed Health Commissioner Howell’s self-appraisal. He expressed satisfaction with her responses to the questions and proposed a 2% salary increase. The motion carried by acclamation.

Planning and Finance Committee – No report.

OLD BUSINESS

The scheduled public hearing regarding the proposed Greene County Public Health sewage system regulations was not held as no comments had been received by the health district. Mr. Adams, Environmental Health Director, presented the proposed sewage system regulations as the second reading by the board.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution of Appreciation: Shernaz Reporter
The resolution of appreciation for the services of Shernaz Reporter, Health Educator, retiring May 31, 2024, was read by Ms. Clifton.

#24-06-06-03 Mr. Roop moved for the approval of the resolution. Ms. Ellison seconded the motion. The motion was carried by acclamation.

- b. Resolution of Appreciation: Latisha Faler
The resolution of appreciation for the services of Latisha Faler, WIC Nutritionist, retiring July 31, 2024, was read by Ms. Clifton.

#24-06-06-04 Mr. Larson moved for the approval of the resolution. Mr. Roop seconded the motion. The motion was carried by acclamation.

- c. Mr. Adams reviewed information regarding a variance request from the sewage treatment system rules for the property located at 3117 Jasper Road, Xenia, Ohio 45385, Jasper Township, Parcel ID: G21000100071007300 on behalf of property owner, Ms. Summer LaPlante.

#24-06-06-05 Ms. Ellison moved approval of the variance request; Mr. Harden seconded the motion.

- d. Mr. Stuby discussed The Fundamentals of Financial Management: Summer 2024 course, previously approved by the Board of Health in the spring, is again being offered as part of the Management Essentials series delivered by National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) University. Mr. Stuby has been invited to provide the 6-week online training at a contract cost of \$10,000. Mr. Stuby requested approval that the \$10,000 awarded to the health department be allowed to pass through to him for his services.

#24-06-06-06 Mr. Harden moved approval of the \$10,000 passing through to Mr. Stuby; Dr. Mickle seconded the motion.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Dr. Sharrett offered an update on the current state of the Avian Flu (H5N1) noting the level of the virus is very high in meat and milk, something the USDA is taking very seriously. Studies conducted of the survival of the virus in meat cooked below 160 degrees showed the virus still survived. In addition to poultry and cows, Dr. Sharrett shared the influenza has been detected in alpacas for the first time. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Veterinary Services Laboratories, alpacas on a farm in Idaho tested positive for the virus.


Dr. Sharrett discussed the recent research which suggests that introducing peanut butter or peanut-containing foods as early as 4 months may help prevent the development of peanut allergies.

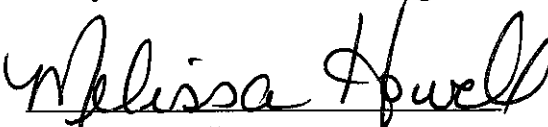
Dr. Mickel spoke briefly about GuardCare, the no cost healthcare services, which will be offered to all Ohioans, August 10, 2024 – August 11, 2024. The event will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 10 and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 11 at the Greene County Career Center, 532 Innovation Drive in Xenia. The health services are being offered through a partnership of the Ohio National Guard, Greene County Public Health, the Ohio Department of Health, and local community partners.

Ms. Ellison and Ms. Helmuth provided highlights from the 2024 Virtual Spring Governance Symposium sponsored by NALBOH (National Association of Local Board of Health) summarizing the topics of discussion of epidemiology data, communications, and summarizing public health issue decisions of equity in the opioid settlement.

Health Commissioner Howell reminded the board the July Board of Health meeting will take place Thursday, July 11, 2024, due to the Fourth of July falling on the first Thursday of the month.

There being no further business, the Greene County Board of Health meeting for June 6, 2024, adjourned at 7:20 p.m.


Jane Clifton, President


Melissa Howell, Secretary