

Wheeling-Ohio County Board of Health
Minutes of November 10, 2009 regular meeting

The Wheeling - Ohio County Board of Health met on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at the conference room of the Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department (WOCHD).

Board members present were Gloria Delbrugge, Wilkes Kinney, Cheryl Wonderly, and Christine Carder. Others present included Dr. William Mercer, Health Officer/Secretary; Howard Gamble, Administrator WOCHD; representative of the Wheeling News Register, a medical student with Dr. Mercer and a member of the public.

Christine Carder called the meeting to order at 12:00pm, lunch was not provided. The minutes from the September 29, 2009 meeting were approved. Christine Carder opened the meeting with the Health Officer's Report.

Dr. Mercer gave the Health Officer's Report. Dr. Mercer updated the Board on the Breast Cancer Walk, "Walk for Women", which was held October 11, 2009 at the Howard Long Wellness Center. The walk went very well. He stated that he will not be able to attend any National public health conference this year due to time and work constraints. Dr. Mercer discussed seasonal flu shots and H1N1 vaccinations in Ohio County. The health officer is involved in a homeless project, working with several area groups that are reaching out to homeless individuals for health and other needs. Program is going over well, and the group is planning another outing on the 29th of the month.

Christine Carder asked for the Administrator's Report. Howard updated the board on several WIC activities. The health department has purchased land in Paden City to re-locate the WIC office from its current location to a new lot. A manufactured building has been purchased and will be delivered shortly. WIC's case load report was handed out. It was noted that since 2008 the local WIC offices have seen an increase in clients and client services.

Howard used the remainder of the Administrator's Report to update the Board on the department's H1N1 activities to date. Previous, current and future clinics were discussed as well as vaccine levels and staffing. Of concern was the delay in H1N1 funding from the State Health Department. At the time of the meeting no funding had been released to cover expenses of the H1N1 program. Howard provided some stories and unique situations in recent H1N1 clinics.

A WOCHD October 2009 nursing reported was provided to the Board describing Client Encounters or Nursing Hours for Core Functions and Expanded Services at the Health Department.

The Board was presented with Health Department bills and receipts. The October 2009 Purchase Journal, Cash Receipts and Payroll Register were presented and approved.

Following the New Business report, the Board adjourned into Executive session. Following the executive session the Board moved back in to the regular meeting. The Board approved the request for appointment of Michael Caruso to the Board of Health. A letter with this action will be sent to the City of Wheeling by the Administrator.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday January 19, 2010 at 12:00 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY

William C. Mercer, MD, Health Officer
January 19, 2010

APPROVED BY

John Holloway, MD, Board Chairman
January 19, 2010