

## **Wheeling-Ohio County Board of Health**

Minutes of May 8, 2018 regular meeting

The Wheeling - Ohio County Board of Health met on May 8, 2018 at the Highlands Event Center in Triadelphia West Virginia.

Board members present were Dr. John Holloway, Tom Tuttle, David Croft, and Christian Turak. Staff present included Dr. William Mercer, Health Officer/Secretary and Howard Gamble, Administrator of the Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department (WOCHD or department). Others present included member of the media.

The meeting was called to order. The administrator explained the need to move the meeting from the traditional location of the City/Council building to the Highlands Event Center. The Board approved of the March 13, 2018 regular Board of Health meeting.

Board of Health Chairman Dr. John Holloway did not have a report. A retirement plaque was presented to Janette Fahey who retired from the health department with 37 years of dedicated service.

Dr. Mercer gave the Health Officer's Report. Dr. Mercer discussed recent updates and activities with Project HOPE, the department's on going Snoopy/Joe Too Cool To Smoke Program and a discussion on immunization for residents and staff of long-term/healthcare facilities.

The administrator's report was given by Howard Gamble. The department was notified that the Workers Compensation Policy will not be renewed and will end in July. The agency is working with Berry Bippus Insurance to find a new carrier.

The administrator discussed the concern for West Virginia Senate Bill 415, WV sports betting bill, and the potential impact on the department's no smoking regulations.

The Board was provided with March 2018 West Virginia Outbreak report; a CDC press release on illnesses from mosquito, tick and flea bites; harm reduction and needle exchange programs in West Virginia and the 2017 Surveillance Summary Report for the department. The administrator also updated the Board on the department's most recent rabies case, a cat which tested positive for rabies on May 14, 2018.

The administrator gave a short over view of the current status of the West Virginia Hep. A outbreak. The Board was updated on the department's June 8<sup>th</sup> public health conference, which will be held at Oglebay Resort.

There was no Unfinished Business for the Board.

In New Business, prior to the Board of Health meeting, members were presented with the March & April financials including Bills, Payroll, Aged Receivables and Year to Date

Financials. The Board was also provided a copy of the department's annual budget. The administrator presented to the Board the department's annual budget, which will be used to develop the department's annual program plan. The Board reviewed and approved the financial report and the annual budget.

The Board did not go into executive session. The Board set the next regular meeting for July 10, 2018. The Board adjourned.

**SUBMITTED BY**

William C. Mercer, MD, Health Officer  
July 10, 2018

**APPROVED BY**

John Holloway, MD, Board Chairman  
July 10, 2018