

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

Minutes of March 10, 2015 regular meeting

The Wheeling - Ohio County Board of Health met on March 10, 2015 in the Wheeling City Council room in the City/County Building.

Board members present were Dr. John Holloway, Tom Tuttle, Wilkes Kinney, Cheryl Wonderly and Michael Caruso. Staff present included Dr. William Mercer, Health Officer/Secretary and Howard Gamble, Administrator of the Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department (WOCHD or department), and several members of the public were in attendance.

The meeting was called to order. The minutes from the January 13, 2015 (Regular Board of Health meeting), February 11, 2015 (CIA Committee), and January 20, 2015 (Special Board of Health meeting) were mailed to members prior to the meeting for review. Minutes were reviewed and accepted by the Board.

Board Chairman, Dr. Holloway did not have a report. Dr. Mercer gave his Health Officer's report. An update was given on several communicable diseases that are in the area. Dr. Mercer updated the Board on the upcoming activities of the "Joe too Cool to Smoke" campaign that will be presented locally in the spring.

Howard Gamble presented the administrators report. The administrator discussed with the Board several issues that are before the West Virginia Legislature and could impact public health. Discussed were:

- SB30/HB2448: Raw milk bill. Relates to shared animal ownership for consumption of raw milk.
- SB109/HB2646: Smoking regulatory bills.
- SB286/HB2556: Immunization bills.
- SB304/HB2467: Farmer's market bill.
- SB20: Allowing public health agencies to bill patients for STD and HIV testing.
- SB60: Requiring food handler examinations and cards.
- SB424/HB2669: Eliminating compulsory tuberculosis testing for certain school children and school personnel. Bill has passed and will be effective May 26, 2015.
- HB 2021: Drug testing for welfare recipients.
- HB2208: Relating to local smoking restrictions.
- HB2471: Relating to food handlers' licenses.
- HB2859: Exempting certain food establishments from inspections.
- HB2777: Relating to licensing of barbers, cosmetologists, and hairstylists, and revising the membership requirements of the Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists. Language has been added to the bill "Provided, that inspections shall be conducted annually by either the board of the local health department".

The WVBPH will hold a Governance Training for Local Boards of Health on April 30-May 1, 2015. More information will be sent out at a later date. A brief update on this training was provided to Board members. The registration process is being finalized by the State Health Department and will be provided to members as soon as possible.

On March 8, 2015 health department staff closed the Long John Silver's on National Road in Wheeling for an issue with the facilities waste water system.

On June 5, 2015 the Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department along with the Bureau for Public Health will host an Ebola Training at Oglebay Resort. This training will help public health personnel understand: Ebola, the African experience; Ebola, the American experience; Returned traveler monitoring in WV; Case and contact investigation in WV; Hospital and healthcare workers safety; EMS Transport & Hospital Referral Network in WV, Laboratory Testing in WV. Continuing Education will be offered for nurses and sanitarians. The training is free.

In Old Business the appointments of Dr. Holloway and Tom Tuttle to the Wheeling-Ohio County Board of Health will be up at the end of June. These members were asked to advise the Board on their intention to remain on the Board by the May meeting. The Board will need to formally recommend to the members appointing agency (City or County) of the tenure expiration and willingness to remain on the Board. Both Dr. Holloway and Mr. Tuttle advised the Board of their willingness to continue to serve on the Board. The Board approved to recommend to the City and County for the reappointment of Dr. Holloway and Mr. Tuttle.

The Ohio County Tobacco Coalition would like to participate in a CIA Committee meeting. The Coalition has asked if March 23 or 24 would be available for a meeting. The Committee approved holding a meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.

In New Business OVMC invited Dr. Holloway and Dr. Mercer to attend a presentation on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> with Dr. Greg Hand & Karen Galentine from the WVU School of Public Health. The administrator discussed the Financial Report. The Board was presented, prior to the meeting, the January and February bills and payroll, Aged Receivables and Year to Date financials. The administrator stressed the concern of the outstanding receivables for WIC payments. The report was approved.

The Board set the next regular meeting for May 12, 2015. The Board adjourned.

**SUBMITTED BY**

William C. Mercer, MD, Health Officer  
May 12, 2015

**APPROVED BY**

John Holloway, MD, Board Chairman  
May 12, 2015