

Wheeling-Ohio County Board of Health

Minutes of July 10, 2018 regular meeting

The Wheeling - Ohio County Board of Health met on July 10, 2018 at noon in the City/County Building, City Council Chambers, Wheeling West Virginia.

Board members present were Dr. John Holloway, Christian Turak and Terry Sterling. Staff present included Dr. William Mercer, Health Officer/Secretary and Howard Gamble, Administrator of the Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department (WOCHD or department).

The meeting was called to order. The administrator explained that this is the Board's annual meeting and a Board Chairperson needs to be selected. The Board voted to elect Dr. John Holloway as Board Chairman.

Board of Health Chairman Dr. John Holloway did not have a report but did discuss the recent open seat on the Board of Health. Former Board of Health member David Croft was elected to the Ohio County Board of Education and needed to resign from the Board of Health. An open, City of Wheeling appointment, seat is available. Information on the opening was provided to members and will be forwarded to the City Manager and the Mayor of the City of Wheeling.

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 new program involving the health department, the Joe Too Cool To Smoke Program and the Wheeling Nailers.

The administrator's report was given by Howard Gamble. The health department was notified by the American Mining Insurance Company that our workers compensation policy would not be renewed, and they would not be a carrier for the state of West Virginia for the coming fiscal year. The department worked with the agency's local insurance carrier, Berry Bippus Chison & Foose to secure a new workers compensation policy. Effective 7/1/18 the department will be covered by Brickstreet Insurance. Total premium is \$2,670.00.

Funding contracts between the Health Department and the County Commission, City of Wheeling and Ohio County Schools were sent out. The contracts are used by each agency for invoice processing and an official funding agreement for the current fiscal year. Once contracts are returned they will be signed and returned. The amounts for each organization are as follows:

- Ohio County Commission \$67,000.00
- City of Wheeling \$67,000.00
- Ohio County Board of Education \$6,000

The department has been participating in a mosquito surveillance program with several other local health departments and the state health department. Active mosquito

surveillance began on May 21, 2018. The West Virginia Department of Health & Human Resources Mosquito Surveillance Program initiated adult mosquito surveillance on May 21, 2018 at 17 localities in 9 counties: Cabell, Fayette, Harrison, Kanawha, Mercer, Nicholas, Ohio, Raleigh, and Wood counties. These are samples that have been received at OLS by the public health entomologist. West Nile virus was detected in a single pool of 50 Culex mosquitoes collected from Nicholas County on June 5th, 2018. This is the first detection of West Nile virus activity in 2018.

The administrator gave a short update on the West Virginia Hepatitis A outbreak in the state. This presentation included the agency's recent vaccination and education response efforts.

The administrator presented to the Board for their review and approval the Annual 2018 Recommendations for Required Seasonal Flu Vaccinations for Health Care Workers. The Board approved the recommendations.

There was no Unfinished Business for the Board.

In New Business, prior to the Board of Health meeting, members were presented with the May & June financials including Bills, Payroll, Aged Receivables and Year to Date Financials. The Board reviewed and approved the financial report.

The Board did not go into executive session. The Board set the next regular meeting for September 11, 2018. The Board adjourned.

SUBMITTED BY

William C. Mercer, MD, Health Officer
September 11, 2018

APPROVED BY

Chad Thalman, Board Chairman Pro Temp
September 11, 2018