

Wheeling-Ohio County Board of Health

Minutes of March 10, 2020 special meeting

The Wheeling - Ohio County Board of Health met on March 10, 2020 at 12:00pm in the City/County Building, City Council Chambers, Wheeling West Virginia.

Board members present were Dr. John Holloway, Tom Tuttle, Elisabeth Slater, Dr. Mathew Wood, Chad Thalman. Staff present included Howard Gamble, Administrator of the Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department (WOCHD or department). Others present; Shawn Turak, Ohio County Prosecutor's Office; Michael Kelly, Ohio County Clerk, WOCHD Staff Dr. Thomas Wack and local media.

The meeting was called to order by Board of Health Chairman Dr. John Holloway. Prior to the approval of the minutes, Michael E. Kelly, Ohio County Clerk, swore in Interim County Health Officer Thomas Wack, MD.

Minutes of the January 14, 2020 (regular board meeting) and February 27, 2020 (special board meeting) Board of Health meeting were distributed to members prior to the meeting. Minutes were approved.

The Board adjourned into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter with the Ohio County Prosecutor's Office. The Board adjourned back in o their regular meeting and approved the health department Medical Cannabis Permit Approval Form.

The administrator gave a short report. Two Board of Health member's term of offices, Tom Tuttle (County) and John Holloway (City) will be up for re-appointment or other action. The Administrator asked that these two Board members let him know their intentions so paperwork can be submitted to the City and County.

The annual audit has been completed and will be submitted to the Federal Clearing House and required state agencies. This year's annual audit was completed by Perry and Associates. There was one finding with the annual audit. Copies will be provided to Board members as soon as Perry & Associates sends them to the department. The audit is also on our website and can be found on the State Auditors' website.

The administrator gave a short COVID-19 overview and the Board held a discussion.

The department will be working with MediSys Practice Solutions to assist the agency in billing for specific services. The company is a medical billing service that has experience working with local health departments, including agencies in WV. It is our intention to start with credentialing, billing for immunizations and then on to other public health services (STD, TB, etc). The service can also assist with billing for primary care and can assist with public health EHRs.

The financial packet was provided to the board prior to the meeting. The Board reviewed the packet and approved the January and February financials.

Board member Dr. Mathew Wood discussed with the board a noise issue associated with the oil and gas industry. Dr. Wood gave the board information on noise pollution, including a short hands-on demonstration of noise levels.

The Board adjourned.

SUBMITTED BY

Thomas G Wack, MD, Interim Health Officer
May 12, 2020

APPROVED BY

John D Holloway, MD, Board Chairman
May 12, 2020