

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

Minutes of May 11, 2021 regular meeting

The Wheeling - Ohio County Board of Health met on May 11, 2021 at 12:00pm in the City/County Building, City Council Chambers, Wheeling West Virginia.

Board members present were Dr. John Holloway, Elisabeth Slater, Tom Tuttle, Dr. Mathew Wood, Laura Chapman, and Chad Thalman. Staff present included Howard Gamble, Administrator of the Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department and Interim County Health Officer Dr. Thomas Wack.

The meeting was called to order by Board of Health Chairman Dr. John Holloway. Minutes of the March 9, 2021 Board of Health meeting were distributed to members at the meeting. Minutes were approved.

The Health Officer gave a short update on COVID-19 vaccination efforts among the homeless population and supporting agencies.

The administrator gave a short report on the department's COVID-19 response in Ohio County. Vaccination clinics continue at the community vaccination center at the Highlands. Clinics are 8:00am to 4:00pm daily. 1st dose and 2nd dose vaccines available. Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson/Janssen vaccines are available. Walk-ins welcomed. The Health Department will hold daily COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics May 10-14, 2021, and May 17-21, 2021, Monday thru Friday, 8:00 am-4:00 pm. Clinics will be reduced to three days a week the week of May 24, 2021, and will be on May 24, 26, and 28, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Starting in June COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics will be twice a week on June 1, 3, 8, and 10, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Additional clinics, locations, dates, and times will be announced as needed. The department is currently work with county schools on special vaccination clinics for 12-15yrs at selected schools. The department continues to offer testing at the fire house on Wheeling Island.

The administrator also gave a short update on two recent West Virginia Legislature bills. Senate Bill 12 and Senate Bill 334. Both will have an impact on the department and the Board of Health.

In New Business the Board held a short discuss on the health officer position and the process for interviewing the candidates.

The Board then voted to go into executive session to hold three interviews with the candidates who applied for the health officer position.

The Board moved back into their regular meeting and voted to approve William S. Przybysz, MD as the county health officer. A discussion on salary was held and the Board decided on offering \$24,000.00. Dr. Holloway will notify all candidates and make the position and salary offer to Dr. Przybysz.

The no other business was before the Board and they moved for adjournment. The next regular Board of Health meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2021.

**SUBMITTED BY**

William S. Przybysz, MD, Health Officer  
July 13, 2021

**APPROVED BY**

John D Holloway, MD, Board Chairman  
July 13, 2021