

Wheeling-Ohio County Board of Health

Minutes of May 12, 2020 special meeting

The Wheeling - Ohio County Board of Health met on May 12, 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, Laura Chapman, Chad Thalman. Staff present included Howard Gamble, Administrator of the Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department (WOCHD or department) and Interim County Health Officer Dr. Thomas Wack. Others present included WOCHD Staff.

The meeting was called to order by Board of Health Chairman Dr. John Holloway. Minutes of the March 10, 2020 (regular board meeting) Board of Health meeting were distributed to members prior to the meeting. Minutes were approved.

Interim County Health Officer Dr. Thomas Wack gave a brief Health Officers report including an update on Project HOPE and an update on COVID-19 including conference calls with Wheeling Hospital and the WVBPH.

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 department will be posting for several health department and WIC positions, including health department nurse, COVID nurse, office assistant, nutritionist and health, human resource aide, and accounting technician 3.

The administrator gave a COVID-19 Update to the Board of Health. In Ohio County we have had a total 36 positive cases referred to the department. The department is monitoring 13 current cases. The cases can be linked back to four groups: International Travel, Healthcare, Prison, and family contact. All the Nursing Homes have completed testing of both staff and residents. Testing is underway at Assisted Living facilities and Daycare operations.

The administrator gave a short overview of the West Virginia Strong – The Comeback plan that has been proposed by the WV Governor's Office.

The department was notified of our FY21 West Virginia State Aid. The amount is \$282,806.27. This amount is up slightly from FY20 in the amount of \$181.23.

At this point our annual budget and annual program plan is behind schedule due to our current response to COVID. Once the Program Plan is completed as well as our annual budget, I will forward to you for review and preliminary approval.

The financial packet was provided to the board prior to the meeting. The Board reviewed the packet and approved the March & April financials.

The no other business the Board adjourned.

SUBMITTED BY

Thomas G Wack, MD, Interim Health Officer
July 14, 2020

APPROVED BY

John D Holloway, MD, Board Chairman
July 14, 2020