Wheeling-Ohio County Board of Health

Minutes of July 14, 2020 special meeting

The Wheeling - Ohio County Board of Health met on July 14, 2020 at 12:00pm in the City/County Building, City Council Chambers, Wheeling West Virginia.

Board members present were Dr. John Holloway, Elisabeth Slater, Dr. Mathew Wood, and Laura Chapman. 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 Lou Vargo and two guests.

The meeting was called to order by Board of Health Chairman Dr. John Holloway. Minutes of the May 12, 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. Dr. Wack announced that a new State Health Officer had been appointed. Cooling centers were now opened and a future discussion on the Winter Freeze Shelter.

The administrator gave a short report on the counties COVID-19 response to the Board of Health. Lou Vargo, Wheeling-Ohio County Emergency Management Agency was present to provide additional information on county COVID-19 activity and response.

In Unfinished Business the Board reviewed the twelve (12) medical cannabis applications that were provide to the county health department from the West Virginia Office of Medical Cannabis. The following applications were reviewed:

- Ohio Valley Farms LLC Dispensary
- Verano WV LLC Dispensary
- Kindred Empowerment 3 LLC Dispensary (two locations)
- WVAP One LLC Grower, Processor & Dispensary
- The Healing Center WV LLC Dispensary
- Wild and Wonderful Cannabis LLC Processor, Grower, Dispensary (two locations)

Following a short presentation by the Administrator on each application two representative from The Healing Center WV discussed with the Board their application and the Medical Cannabis program in West Virginia.

The Board approved all the applications and processed the WOCHD Medical Cannabis Permit Approval Form for each applicant. The Approval Form and applications will be returned to the State Health Department.

No financial packet was provided to the board prior to the meeting. The Board will be provided May and June financials during the September 8, 2020 Board of Health meeting

The no other business the Board adjourned.

SUBMITTED BY

Thomas G Wack, MD, Interim Health Officer September 8, 2020

APPROVED BY

John D Holloway, MD, Board Chairman September 8, 2020