

Wheeling-Ohio County Board of Health
Minutes of September 12, 2017 regular meeting

The Wheeling - Ohio County Board of Health met on September 12, 2017 in Wheeling City Council Chambers in the City/County Building.

Board members present were Dr. John Holloway, Tom Tuttle, David Croft, Christian Turak and Chad Thalman. Staff present included Dr. William Mercer, Health Officer/Secretary and Howard Gamble, Administrator of the Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department (WOCHD or department). Others present included members of the public and media.

Prior to the start of the meeting Ohio County Clerk Michael E. Kelly administered the swearing in of new Board of Health member Terry Sterling.

The meeting was called to order. The Board approved the regular Board of Health meeting minutes from July 11, 2017 which were distributed to the Board prior to the meeting.

Dr. John Holloway gave the Chairman's Report starting with a short discussion of the proposed updates to the Board of Health's Clean Air Regulation. Additional documents were passed out to members, during and prior to the meeting. The Chair recognized that with three new members to the Board of Health there is a need for members to review the proposed changes. The Chair suggested a special Board of Health meeting for October 10th at 12noon to discuss the regulation. Board members will be provided some historical material from the administrator that were passed out to members over the last several months.

Dr. William Mercer gave the health officer's report. Dr. Mercer updated the board on the Joe Too Cool To Smoke program activities, Flu vaccinations and Project Hope outreach efforts.

The administrator gave a report to the Board. The administrator discussed with the Board the free Radon home test kits that are available to residents in Ohio County. This is part of a larger regional public health program, and kits available at Hancock, Brooke and Marshall County health departments.

The Board was provided with an updated copy of the agencies organizational chart. The Board reviewed the chart and moved to approve.

The Board discussed the proposed Seasonal Flu Vaccination for Health Care Workers regulation and decided to not proceed with the proposal but to continue with the annual Board of Health resolution. The administrator will draft a resolution for the Board's next meeting.

A new staff member, Devyn Nickerson. has been hired to work in the department's Homeless Outreach Program (Project HOPE).

The Board was provided with financials for months of July and August, including bills, payroll, aged receivables and a year to date financial. The Board was also provided with a summary of the 2018 FY State funding allocation.

The Board was updated on the annual audit and the need to appoint an additional member to the Board of Health Audit Committee.

The Board did not go into executive session. The Board set the next regular meeting for October 10, 2017. The Board adjourned.

SUBMITTED BY

APPROVED BY

William C. Mercer, MD, Health Officer
November 14, 2017

John Holloway, MD, Board Chairman
November 14, 2017