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## SCIOTO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

**February 11, 2022**

Board Members in Attendance: Laura Miller, Dr. Aaron Adams, Sean Sturgill

Also in Attendance:

Dr. Martin, Melissa Spears, Tracey Henderson, Garet Bennett

**Meeting called to order– 12:05pm**

1. **Approve the minutes of previous board meeting.** Motion to approve– Sean Sturgill;  
Second – Dr. Adams. All voted in favor.
2. **Public Comment:** None
3. **Approve Financial Report and payment of the bills.** Motion to approve – Dr. Adams;  
Second – Sean Sturgill. All voted in favor.
4. **Review of Section 2 of Personnel Policies was tabled until a legal opinion has been received.**
5. **Nursing Report – Tracey Henderson, Director**
6. **The Board approved the parent consent language for COVID Vaccine Clinics for children without the parent/legal guardian being present. The conditions are listed below:**
  - No child will be vaccinated unless the parent or legal guardian requests the vaccine for their child and signs a registration/consent/screening form before the vaccination clinic.
  - Parents do not need to be present at the time of vaccination, as long as the completed, signed form has been returned. Contact your school for a registration/consent/screening form.
  - If the parent or legal guardian is not present, you must provide a phone number (on the form) where you can be reached during the clinic, in case we have more questions for you.
  - Parents/legal guardians are welcome to come to the school to be present during your child's vaccination if you like. You may also send another family member or caregiver to be with your child if you like, but **the registration/consent/screening form must be signed by a parent or legal guardian.**

Motion to approve: Sean Sturgill; Second – Dr. Adams. All voted in favor.

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**Staff Change:**

We interviewed two candidates for the BCMH nurse position and selected Pam McCoy. Pam started 2/8/22.

**Opioid Lawsuit:**

At the request of the Prosecutor's office, prepared report on how the opioid epidemic has affected programs and operations in the SCHD nursing department over the last 12 years.

**Child Fatality Review:** Will be postponed again this year. Will try to catch up on this later this year, but top priority (after COVID) is getting BCMH program back up and running.

**COVID-19:**

**Cases:**

Total for County and City combined as of 1/13/21, per the ODH website, is 19,917 15,145. This is 4772 new cases over the past four weeks (compared to 2418 over the previous 4 weeks). 24% of our total cases since the start of the pandemic occurred in the past four weeks. In the past 10 days we have seen a decrease but we are still at a high community transmission level (50-90 new cases/day – see table and graph).

**Schools:** Omicron continued to hit the schools hard last month. We had 664 new school student cases over the past 4 weeks (compared to 195 the previous 4 weeks), for a total of 1663 student cases so far this school year. We had 160 new school staff cases over the past 4 weeks (compared to 59 the previous 4 weeks), for a total of 356 staff cases so far this school year. (See attached table and graphs.)

**Contact Tracing:** On January 26, ODH announced several significant changes, effective immediately:

- ODH no longer recommends universal contact tracing
- Priority for contact tracing will be high-risk congregate settings
- schools would no longer have to do contact tracing
- any asymptomatic school-age contacts could continue to attend school as long as they wear a mask for 10 days

We changed our quarantine letter accordingly and updated our school guidance. PCG (state contact tracing group) is continuing business as usual for now, but that will change soon. We have asked them to continue to attempt to interview school-age positives and staff of nursing homes and other congregate settings. (We will send them those cases as we become aware of them.)

We talked to the CDC Foundation supervisor about Nick's role in light of the new changes. He will continue to be school liaison, but that is not enough to keep him busy for the 3 days/week he is assigned to us. Starting next week, he will also be our liaison for preschools, day cares, and residential drug treatment centers. He is working remotely.

**Test kits:** We have received 3 shipments of antigen test kits from OSU RAD-X program and from ODH. 72 tests were given to County government for use in county offices experiencing case surges. 240 tests were given to STAR Justice to assist with outbreaks. The others are on hold and will be offered to residential drug treatment centers next week.

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**COVID Vaccine:**

- Vaccine traffic has gone way down over the past month – only 83 COVID vaccines given since the past board meeting (mostly boosters), compared to 345 for the previous four weeks. Daily totals in the past 4 weeks have ranged from 0 to 21.
- Only one mobile clinic since last Board meeting (STAR Justice, today).
- Wheelersburg schools have asked us for a mobile clinic for students during the school day without parents present. The Prosecutor’s office has ok’d this from a legal standpoint, we’ll need to make up a special consent form and info form for school clinics. We need to know if the Board wants to approve us doing this.
- Moderna now fully approved for 18 and older.
- Next week FDA will meet about new Pfizer for 6 months – 4 years. We have already ordered our first 100 doses, expected to arrive in the last week of February.
  
- Vaccine totals to date:  
**TOTAL TO DATE: 15116** (increase of 83 since January report)  
Moderna: 9293 (increase of 41)  
Pfizer: 4581 (increase of 34)  
Janssen: 1060 (zero increase)  
Pedi Pfizer: 182 (increase of 8)  
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First doses: 6349 (increase of only 9)  
Second doses: 5976 (increase of 25)  
Third doses for immunocompromised: 21 (zero increase)  
Boosters: 1760 (increase of 49)

**Flu:**

**Flu Cases:** We have only had one case of hospitalized flu reported to us this flu season. (Non-hospitalized flu cases are not reportable.)

**Flu Shots:** So far, we’ve given 878 flu shots this season. This is a little more than last year but about 140 doses behind compared to pre-pandemic levels. We still have plenty of flu vaccine.

**Other:**

Assisted Children’s Services Board with data for grant they are writing.

7. **Environmental Report – Gareth Bennett, Director**
8. **Motion to approve attendance, out of county travel, reimbursement of mileage and miles for Food Safety Forum on February 2, 2022 for Leah Terry and Zach Elswick. Motion to approve – Sean Sturgill; Second – Dr. Adams. All voted in favor.**
9. **Motion to approve Payment Requests for work completed in the Septic Repair/Replacement Program for:**

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**Little's Excavating of the Tri-State, LLC – Contract 22 - \$1,190.00**

**D&D Enterprises – Contract 9 - \$17,169.43**

Motion to approve Payment Requests – Dr. Adams; Second – Sean Sturgill. All voted in favor.

Garet present to the Board a Letter that will be brought to the attention of the Township Trustees concerning issues with the court system to provide more stringent orders upon those we bring in to the court. Letter will be included with these minutes.

Due to recent surveys on our state mandated programs we will have to make these programs top priority, thereby, limiting the time spent in the Nuisance Program. We will be spending more time in the state mandated programs and less activity in the Nuisance program. Those who submit complaints will have to provide complete contact information, otherwise the complaint will not be accepted.

The Board is in agreement with these actions.

**10. Deharts – Barbara Ave.**

Garet spoke with the Dehart's concerning the drainage issue on their property. After conducting 5 water samples, 3 came back with high enough counts to be considered septic. However, due to the location of the Dehart home and the neighboring properties homes, it was determined that we would not be able to figure out where the septage is coming from. We have conducted dye test and the water samples had very low counts, even for those that were considered septic. The installation of a curtain drain was suggested to the Deharts. They are favorable of this solution.

**11. Health Commissioner's Report – Dr. Martin**

Dr. Martin recently attended the Scioto County Emergency Planning Committee Meeting.

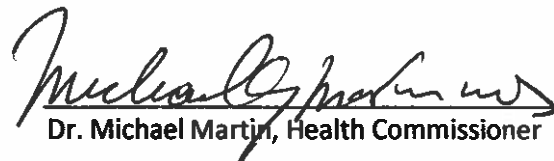
Todd Childers of the Coast Guard was present.

Dr. Martin also informed the Board that the Scioto County Health Coalition will no longer be functioning.

Scioto Connect will be working with us for accreditation. Scioto Connect's tracks and has involvement with unintentional overdose deaths, drug use, treatment and prevention activities within the county and state.

**12. Meeting Adjourn 1:00pm. Motion to adjourn – Dr. Adams; Second – Sean Sturgill. All voted in favor.**

  
Laura Miller, President

  
Dr. Michael Martin, Health Commissioner

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