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April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### Board of Health Agenda

Meeting Called to order:

1. Approve Minutes.
2. Review and Approve - Financial Reports.
3. Review - COVID Expenses.
4. Approve - Grant Writing Class for Amber Gustin.
5. Approve - Notary Cost - Amber Gustin
6. Review and Approve - Furniture Cost.
7. Approve - Over Time Reduction.
8. Review – Resolution of Portsmouth City Council Concerning SB98.
9. Nursing Report.
10. Environmental Report –
  - Payment Request for Septic Repair/Replacement Program – Breech’s Septic & Excavating Contract #14 - \$6007.00
11. Health Commissioner’s Report.

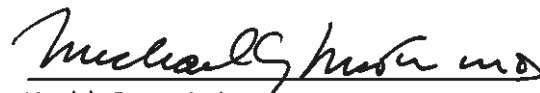
  
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Laura Miller, President

  
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Christy Sherman

  
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Sean Sturgill

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## SCIOTO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

**April 8, 2021**

Board Members in Attendance: Laura Miller, Christy Sherman, Dr. Walker, Sean Sturgill

Also in Attendance:

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

### Meeting called to order– 12:10pm

1. **Approve the minutes of previous board meeting.** Motion to approve – Christy Sherman; Second – Sean Sturgill. All voted in favor.
2. **Approve Financial Report and payment of the bills.** Motion to approve – Sean Sturgill; Second – Christy Sherman. All voted in favor.
3. **Review COVID-19 Expenses** – WE have submitted a January Reimbursement request to the county but we have not received any funds yet. Preparing to send February Expenses. I (Melissa Spears) have asked Heather Cunningham if she has any information about the Reimbursements, she said that she hasn't received anything from the Commissioners. Laura Miller advised to ask if there is CARES limits or possible no CARES funding. Dr. Adams; Second – Sean Sturgill. All voted in favor.
4. **Approve Amber Gustin to register for Grant Writing Classes.** Motion to approve – Dr. Walker; Second – Christy Sherman. All voted in favor. (Christy Sherman also volunteered to be available to review any written grants before sending them in as she has written grants previously.)
5. **Approval for Amber Gustin to become Notary.** Motion to approve – Christy Sherman; Second – Dr. Walker. All voted in favor.
6. **Review and approve the invoice for the furniture for the new office.** Motion to approve – Sean Sturgill; Second – Christy Sherman. All vote in favor.
7. Approval of the reduction of overtime pay to 25 hours per pay. Any hours over 25 will be turned in as Comp time. Motion to approve – Christy Sherman; Second – Dr. Walker. All voted in favor.
8. **Accepted the Resolution from Portsmouth City Council in regards to SB 98 into the Board minutes.**
9. **Nursing Report** – Tracey Henderson, Director

### COVID-19:

#### Cases:

Total for County and City combined as of 4/8/2021 is 6443 cases (4882 for Scioto County and 1561 for Portsmouth City. This is a total of 295 new cases in the past month (compared to 420 new cases the month before). For comparison, between the January and February Board meetings there were 1042 new cases.

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New case numbers are still pretty low – around 10 new cases a day – but statewide numbers are increasing, as well as numbers in surrounding states, so we expect numbers here to rise again.

### Contact Tracing

- The State contact tracing pool has now ceased operations, which have been handed over to a private company. This private company is assisting us but it's been a somewhat rough transition. It has taken them awhile to get up and running, and there have been some problems, but they are getting better. We still get quite a few calls from people who say they have never been contacted (positive cases and contacts that need to be quarantined), and we continue to work with the CT team to address those problems.
- Travis Reline, our State CT pool team leader funded by the CDC foundation who has helped us since the first case surge last fall, completed his contract time in Ohio at the end of March. He helped a lot with the transition before he left. We sent him with a thank you gift for his extremely valuable service.
- Morgan remains our person in charge of our end of the contact tracing operations on a day-to-day basis. She will continue to be housed at the EMA until we move to the new building. She enters all cases into ODRS, notifies the CT team of any issues, does local follow-up with schools, congregate settings, businesses, etc., and handles phone calls related to contact tracing. She sends orders to those who don't have email or who say they haven't received their orders from the CT pool. She also prepares the weekly covid case numbers report for our county nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and DD group homes.
- We are no longer using part-time contract contact tracers (and haven't for awhile), with one exception: Heather Bowen still comes in for a little while on weekends to enter new cases. (This is necessary because the CT team works 7 days/week but they can't work on cases if we don't enter them.)
- Because case numbers are down, at least for now, we have gone back to quarantining non-household contacts as well as household contacts, and we have resumed using the full case interview form. We had to do this to be able to use the CT team, as they have implemented standardized procedures statewide.
- Schools are still doing their own contact investigations for exposures in school settings, and providing quarantine those contacts.

### COVID Vaccine:

- We have been distributed vaccine for about 3.5 months. As of last night, we have administered 8065 doses of vaccine. (This compares to 5635 a month ago, 3167 two months ago and 595 three months ago.) This is over 5 times as many vaccines as we give in a typical non-outbreak year.
- Moderna: 5513  
Pfizer: 2338  
Janssen: 214  
First doses: 4591 (does not include Janssen)  
Second doses: 3260

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- Demand for first doses has decreased significantly. Since the last board meeting, we have tried to increase our vaccine numbers by the following means:
    - Using the online scheduling system required to the State, in addition to scheduling by phone line
    - Providing walk-in clinics and promoting them through social media and on the radio
    - Providing evening clinic hours once a week
    - Providing 2 special evening clinics for 16-17 year olds with our remaining Pfizer vaccine.However, our Dose 1 numbers are very low – only 106 this week (excluding today 4/9).
  - In light of the low demand, we have asked the State to decrease our weekly allocation from 300 to 100 doses. Currently we have about 150 Dose 1's on hand, with another 100 doses to arrive on Monday. Other local providers have also reduced their allocations or transferred out vaccine – I believe we are the only ones receiving new vaccine next week.
  - Starting next week, we are reducing our Dose 1 clinic hours to one morning a week and one evening a week to save on staff time. These will be hybrid appointments (people may schedule, but walk-ins welcome). We are also planning one Saturday clinic (10 am – 2 pm) just to see if that might catch more people. We will continue to take walk-ins during Dose 2 clinics as well. The next 2 weeks will be very busy with Dose 2's, but by the last week in April, Dose 2 numbers will decrease significantly.
  - Once Dose 2 clinics slow down, we plan to reach out to large employers to see if they want us to do clinics at their workplaces. Also, Melissa is going to reach out to township trustees to offer to do mobile clinics in townships – but only if they can guarantee us a certain number of arms. May also consider reaching out to large churches that might be open to onsite clinics – suggestions? (But that would likely involve overtime.)
  - Vulnerable populations – In addition to homebound and nursing homes, we did a mobile clinic for residents at Star Community Justice this morning. Next week, we will be receiving info from the State later in April on certain zip codes and census tracts they consider “vulnerable.” Also emailed Fuhmann's re vaccinating the migrant population, and we will contact Taylor Lumber.
  - We are currently working with 1 nursing home (Best Care) and 3 assisted living facilities (Minford Retirement Center, Randall Residences, and Country Living) for their ongoing COVID vaccine needs. We also provided or offered assistance to the other 7 facilities during their time of transition to private pharmacy vaccine maintenance programs.
  - Homebound – We received 200 doses of Janssen vaccine to use for homebound people, nursing home residents, and others that may be difficult to get back for 2<sup>nd</sup> doses. Our homebound list is small – received names from the Area Agency on Aging and people calling in. We only have 5 remaining to take shots to. Next week I will reach out to County home care agencies to get their lists of homebound who want vaccine.
10. The Board agreed to not participate with Lawrence County Health Department in the Get Vaccinated Grant for this year.
11. Approval for pay increases for Morgan Flocker and Vickie Patrick. During the course of the COVID Pandemic they have taken on more responsibilities and have advanced to Public Health Nurse II. They will both have their yearly salary increased by \$5,000 and to have retro pay back to the date of

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- advancement. Morgan Flocker – December 21, 2020 and Vickie Patrick – February 24, 2021. Motion to approve – Christy Sherman; Sean Sturgill. All voted in favor.
12. Tracey Henderson presented the situation of left over COVID-19 vaccine from a clinic. The Board advised that the clinic was to go to the designated hour. If a vial has to be opened and no other people have arrived for the clinic; and if we have exhausted our contact lists and no nursing homes are in need of the vaccine then we are to waste the vaccine. We are not to stay around for an hour or more trying to find someone to take the vaccine. (This is the day-time clinic) The evening clinic we are not to spend any extra hours trying to identify someone to come in and get the vaccine. Do go out to homes after dark. Vaccine is to be wasted.
13. **Environmental Report – Garet Bennett, Director**
- The Board approved payment to Breech's Septic and Excavating for work completed for the Repair/Replacement Program of Failing Septic Systems \$6,007.00. Motion to approve – Dr. Walker; Second-Christy Sherman. All voted in favor.
14. **Health Commissioner's Report – Dr. Walker Martin**
- Dr. Walker advised the Board of the passing of SB 22. It passed and became effective January 23. This Bill provided legislative oversight for the Governor and the Director of Health. It also deals with local boards of health overstepping their authority. The bill states that a client cannot be quarantined or isolated with a medical diagnosis. The Scioto County Health Department has not done anything outside of the regular orders. We have stayed within the guidelines of the law.
15. **Motion to Adjourn – Dr. Walker. Second – Sean Sturgill. All voted in favor.**
- Meeting adjourned – 1:00pm.**



Laura Miller, Board President



Dr. Michael Martin, Health Commissioner

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