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July 9th, 2021

Board of Health Agenda

Meeting Called to order:

- ✓ 1. Approve Minutes.
- ✓ 2. Review and Approve - Financial Reports.
- ✓ 3. Review - COVID Expenses.
- ✓ 4. Review/Revisal/Approve – Work from Home Policy
 - ✓ • Approve Electronic Meetings
 - ✓ • Home Visiting Protocol – BCMH
- ✓ 5. Review/Approve pay increases.
- ✓ 6. Review/Revise and/or Approve – 2022 Estimated Budget.
- ✓ 7. Approval of ending Overtime Pay.
- ✓ 8. Review/Approve MOU for County Commissioners for the uninterrupted, continuous electrical power until a generator has been installed and refrigeration/freezer units have been installed.
- ✓ 9. Environmental
 - ✓ • Approval of payment to Breech’s Septic and Excavation for work completed in the Repair/Replace Program for Failing Septic systems in the amount of \$6614.00
- ✓ 10. Nursing Report.
 - Discussion for use of \$100.00 money cards for COVID Vaccines.
- ✓ 11. Environmental Report
- ✓ 12. Health Commissioner’s Report.



Laura Miller, President



Sean Sturgill



Dr. Jerod Walker



Christy Sherman



Dr. Aaron Adams



Health Commissioner,
Board of Health Secretary

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SCIOTO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

July 9, 2021

Board Members in Attendance: Laura Miller; Christy Sherman; Sean Sturgill;

Also in Attendance:

Dr. Martin, Melissa Spears, Tracey Henderson

Meeting called to order– 12:05pm

1. **Approve the minutes of previous board meeting.** Motion to approve with changes – Sean Sturgill; Second – Christy Sherman. 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. **Reviewed and accepted into the Minutes – the COVID-19 Expense Report.**
4. **Reviewed and updated several policies that were created in pandemic. We are updating these polices to in order to fit them into regular department activities and scheduling.**
 - **Working from Home Policy.** Motion to approve – Christy Sherman; Second – Sean Sturgill. All voted in favor.
 - **BCMh – In Home Meeting Recommendations** – Motion to approve –Sean Sturgill; Second – Christy Sturgill. All voted in favor.
5. **Motion to approve individual pay increases for Freda Corey – increase of .70 per hour; Traci Maloney – increase of \$1.69 per hour; Amber Gustin – increase of \$1.45 per hour; Tracey Henderson – increase of \$2.17 per hour. Rates become effective 1st day of next pay cycle.** Motion to approve – Christy Sherman; Second – Sean Sturgill. All voted in favor.
6. **Review and approve the 2022 Estimated Budget.** Motion to approve – Sean Sturgill; Second – Christy Sherman. All voted in favor.
7. **Cease all payment of Overtime. Health Department has returned to compensatory time awarded as time an half in time not monetary payment.**
8. **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the County Commissioners for the uninterrupted, continuous electrical power until a generator has been installed and refrigeration/freezer units have been installed at new location.** Motion to accept and sign – Christy Sherman; Second – Sean Sturgill. All voted in favor.
9. **Environmental Report – Garet Bennett, Director**

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Approval of payment for work completed in the WPCLF Repair/Replacement Program for tailing Septic Systems to Breech's Septic and Excavation in the amount of \$6,614.00. Motion to approve Sean Sturgill; Second – Christy Sherman. All voted in favor.

10. Nursing Report – Tracey Henderson, Director

COVID-19:

Cases:

Total for County and City combined, per the Ohio Disease Reporting System as of 6/30/2021, is 6800 cases (5174 County, 1626 City). This represents a total of 59 new cases in June (52 County, 7 City). This is about 1.9 new cases a day for June. (Note that these numbers are different – about 200 cases lower - from the numbers we have been getting from the Ohio Disease Reporting System and our regional epi report. The difference may be explained by SSU students and others who were diagnosed here but subsequently went home or moved to another jurisdiction.

So far in July (through yesterday, we have had 17 new cases (County-City combined), an average of 2.1 new cases per day.

Changes to Isolation and Quarantine Orders:

- Due to Senate Bill 22 and the fact that Ohio is no longer in a state of emergency, we were informed that PCG, the contact tracing group that is doing our COVID positive and contact interviews and issuing orders, is no longer able to issue isolation and quarantine orders on our behalf effective Monday, July 12.
- The Prosecutor's office is looking into what this means for us. Maggie told us that we still have the authority to issue isolation orders for those medically diagnosed with COVID-19 and issue quarantine orders for contacts of those with medical diagnosis of COVID. She is clarifying whether or not a positive test constitutes a medical diagnosis of COVID.

Board agreed to continue issuing orders for COVID-19 positives and contacts for Isolation and Quarantine. PCG will send a list of contacts to the health department and they (PCG) will let people know they will be sent orders from the health department.

COVID Vaccine:

- 1 Mobile clinic since last Board meeting: Caresource Health Fair at Potter's House (only 7 clients, all from one residential treatment center). Next mobile clinic is 7/16 at STAR Justice (we go there monthly).
- We continue to do homebound shots when requested. There are very few. City is referring all vaccine requests (including their homebound) to us.
- We continue to do COVID vaccines in clinic on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Friday mornings. We schedule appointments (phone and online through state VMS system) and also take walk-ins. Up to now, we have been offering all 3 vaccines during every clinic. In an attempt to minimize wastage, especially of Moderna which has 10 doses per vial, we will attempt to schedule

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Moderna appointments on limited days. However, if we get walk-ins who want Moderna, we won't turn anyone away. We will continue to stock all 3 vaccine types for the time being.

- Vaccine is still stored in old office at Courthouse while we are waiting for a generator to come in. Vaccine temps are checked at the beginning and end of each day. Each clinic day, we will bring over 1 vial of each type of COVID vaccine we are giving that day in our temperature-controlled cooler. Any other shots, we'll have to go over to the Courthouse to get the shot each time someone comes in. All shots will be administered in the new office clinic.
- We have been giving vaccines for 29 weeks. Vaccine totals to date:
TOTAL: 10979 (increase of 544)
Moderna: 7641 (increase of 219 – half at STAR)
Pfizer: 2890 (increase of 274)
Janssen: 448 (increase of 51)
First doses: 5284 (increase of 132 – does not include Janssen. This low number is quite concerning.)
Second doses: 5179 (increase of 361)
- Upcoming vaccination events:
 - Vaccines at FAIR - (J&J and Pfizer, IF we can get them). We will try at the fair and see how it goes, if KDMC and SOMC are not doing vaccines at the fair.
 - 3 school districts have expressed an interest in back-to-school COVID immunization events: Valley, New Boston and Minford. I will contact the superintendents next week to see what they are looking for and we will do our best to do mobile clinics at their schools.
- Gift Cards as Incentives:
 - ODH just sent notification that we can use grant funds to purchase \$100 gift cards (must be retail, not cash cards) to give to anyone getting a FIRST dose of vaccine (or J&J). There are apparently a lot of restrictions from ODH. The City HD will be willing to assist us in terms of releasing grant money for this and publicity, but they are no longer providing COVID vaccines. The Board needs to decide whether or not we should move forward with this incentive program.
 - Caresource is providing gift cards for Medicaid clients enrolled in any managed care plan who get a first COVID shot. They will be coming to our clinics to give out these gift cards.

Other:

Fair: We will be working the first aid house/cooling station at the county fair as usual, Monday – Friday during our normal business hours. We will send one nurse per day.

CMH: As of July 1, ODH increased the maximum eligibility age for the CMH Treatment Program to 22 (up from age 21). We will be contacting all clients who aged out if the last year or are soon to age out, to inform them and to assist them with the paperwork necessary to re-apply or continue their coverage.

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

Dr. Martin was on the AOHC Phone Conference this morning. Part of the discussion was the cards for the \$100.00 for vaccines. A lot of the health departments do not plan to use the cards because they do not have the funds. COVID-19 funds can be used for this, they City Health Department said they would help us, but they will not be doing it.

Laura Miller also stated that we would have to keep close track of participates who receive cards because we cannot charge administrative fees for these vaccines. There are a lot of stipulations for these cards.

Dr. Martin and Melissa Spears met with the County Commissioners on July 8, 2021 to discuss the reimbursement of COVID-19 related expenses since the beginning of the year. We have been assured we will receive assistance, just not sure of the date.

Dr. Martin also submitted for the minutes a copy of his testimony on House Bill 248.

12. **Motion to Adjourn – Sean Sturgill; Second – Christy Sherman. All voted in favor.**

Meeting adjourned – 1:35pm.

Christy Sherman
President
Laura Miller, Board President

Michael Martin
Dr. Michael Martin, Health Commissioner

Pro Tem

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June 17, 2021

Compensatory Time and Procedure Refresher

On July 9, 2021 COVID Overtime Payments will cease and we will return to earning Compensatory (Comp) Time as per before COVID-19. Since it has been a while since we have used Comp Time and as some employees may not be familiar with the procedures I have included Section 2.7 from the Employee Policy and Procedure Handbook.

SECTION 2.7: COMPENSATORY TIME/OVERTIME POLICY AND PROCEDURE

A. Compensatory Time

Any employee who is requested by his/her supervisor to work in excess of forty (40) hours in any standard work week shall take compensatory time at the rate of time and a half. For purposes of computing compensatory time, sick leave, holidays, and vacation leave shall be counted as hours worked. The employee must take compensatory time off in lieu of overtime pay, for any overtime worked, such compensatory time shall be granted by/his Supervisor/Director/Health Commissioner, at a time mutually convenient to the employee and Department, as set forth in the ORC section 124.18.

All hours in excess of 40 hours in a work week are considered overtime and must have prior approval as such. Overtime hours must be scheduled by the supervisor and/or administration and should only be utilized when adequate time to meet the needs of the department cannot be obtained within a 40 hour work week.

No employee shall begin work prior to his or her scheduled work hours or continue to work after his or her scheduled work hours, without prior approval of the administrative supervisor.

All compensatory time that is accrued within the calendar year must be used in that calendar year.

Once the employee has compensatory time due, the only method of payment is by taking the compensatory time.

PROCEDURE:

- a. Approval must be given by Supervisor/Director before overtime hours may be worked.
- b. Overtime hours are to be designated as "compensatory time" only at the time of approval.

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- c. Overtime/ Compensatory sheets are to be filled out and signed by the employee after working the overtime event and signed by the Supervisor to validate actual time worked.
- d. Overtime sheets shall be submitted within 5 days of the event.
- e. Overtime shall be paid as compensatory time only.
- f. To take compensatory time off, a leave application must be submitted.
- g. Employees must sign the leave applications.
- h. Supervisors must approve the request by signing the leave applications.
- i. The Business/Fiscal Director will verify that compensatory time exists for the employee making the request. If compensatory time has not been earned, the Business/Fiscal Director will not approve the request.
- j. All appropriate approvals must be made PRIOR to the time being taken off. If they are not obtained prior to the time being taken off, disciplinary action may be taken.

Provide a copy of your approved Overtime/Compensatory hours earned after each event to the Fiscal Officer so that a current record is on file. Compensatory time is kept on file internally within the Health Department and not reported to Payroll. The Fiscal Officer is responsible for the final approval of taking the time off so they will need record of all time earned.

Please sign, date, and make a copy for your records. This original copy will be kept thin your Personnel File.

Signature

Date

A copy of the Compensatory Time Sheet is attached.

COMPENSATORY LEAVE REQUEST FORM

(For Use of Comp Time That Has Already Been Earned)

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Name of employee _____

Requested date of leave _____ to _____

Total number of Comp Time hours to be used _____

Signature of Employee

Date

Signature of Supervisor

Date

Signature of Fiscal Officer Approval

Date

Please submit this form to the Fiscal Officer with the Supervisor Signature PRIOR to time being taken off.

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HB 248: To Prohibit Required Vaccination Status
Opponent Testimony: [NAME]
Ohio House Health Committee
June 15, 2021

I appreciate the opportunity to provide opponent testimony on House Bill 248. I am **gravely concerned** by this legislation, as it would significantly weaken the robust public health framework that protects us from the devastation of many vaccine-preventable diseases. HB 248 does much more than prevent mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations, as it would actually apply to ALL vaccinations. This bill would **decimate our progress in public health in the past century** and hinder our efforts to fight communicable diseases in the years to come.

Thanks to vaccines, we live in a safer, healthier place than our ancestors. Vaccinations are truly one of public health's greatest success stories. Through continued scientific breakthroughs, we continue to be spared from a multitude of setbacks and losses. **HB 248 is deeply troubling**, as it would give more diseases (some far deadlier and more contagious than COVID-19) the opportunity to run rampant, generate exorbitant, avoidable health care expenses, and most importantly, **cost us lives**.

UNICEF reports an estimated 20 million children's lives worldwide were saved by measles vaccinations between 2000 and 2016. Global polio cases have rapidly declined by over 99.9% in just over 30 years due largely to vaccinations. Additionally, a study published earlier this year found that an estimated 69 million lives will be saved by vaccinations against 10 major pathogens between 2000 and 2030.

Vaccines are a direct contributor to economic gains, too. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that for every \$1 spent on childhood vaccination programs, our country saves about \$10.90 in health care costs, and that routine vaccination of children born between 1994 and 2018 has saved our country close to \$406 billion in medical costs and \$1.88 trillion in total society costs. Studies by CDC researchers have found that in a typical flu season, influenza imposes an estimated \$87.1 billion economic burden on the country, and health care facilities requiring flu vaccinations among their employees can reduce patients' risk of contracting influenza or influenza-like illness by 42%.

Through vaccinations we not only provide critical protection for infants, young children, and immunocompromised individuals, but we keep ourselves, our families, and our neighbors safe. We have come take the success of vaccinations for granted as we all benefit from their protection every single day. Because of vaccines, we live our daily lives largely safe from many diseases that once spread through the population unchecked. We cannot afford to risk weakening that protection with HB 248. Vaccinations do not take away our freedoms; vaccinations give us freedom.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns, and once again, I urge the committee to reject HB 248 to keep Ohioans safe and avoid dangerous consequences for our state.