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May 14th, 2021

Board of Health Agenda

Meeting Called to order:

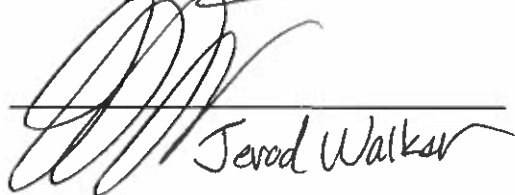
- ✓ 1. Approve Minutes.
- ✓ 2. Review and Approve - Financial Reports.
- ✓ 3. Review - COVID Expenses.
- ✓ 4. Approval to enter into the H2Ohio Grant Agreement for the repair/replacement failing septic systems up to the amount of \$150,00.00
- ✓ 5. Approval and signing of Resolution to Restrict Out Site Sewage Disposal systems within Riverstone Subdivision Wheeler's Mill Rd, Minford.
- ✓ 6. Nursing Report.
- ✓ 7. Environmental Report –
 - Approval of Tentative Award of Contracts for Repair/Replacement of failing Septic Systems Program.
- ✓ 8. Health Commissioner's Report.



Laura Miller, President



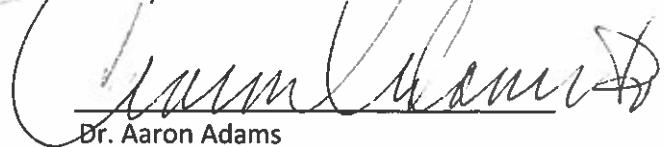
Sean Sturgill



Jerod Walker



Christy Sherman



Dr. Aaron Adams



Health Commissioner,
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SCIOTO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

May 14, 2021

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

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 with changes – Christy Sherman; Second – Dr. Walker. All voted in favor.
2. **Approve Financial Report and payment of the bills.** Motion to approve – Christy Sherman; Second – Dr. Adams. All voted in favor.
3. **Approval of the H2O HSTS Grant from Ohio EPA to Repair and Replace Failing Septic Systems.** We will receive \$150,000 which is in addition to the WPCLF funding of \$150,000.
Motion to approve – Christy Sherman; Second – Dr. Adams. All voted in favor.
4. **Discussion with Board of Failing Septic Systems in Riverstone Subdivision – Wheeler’s Mill Rd.**
Melissa Spears - Several systems within this subdivision have sewage on the ground. This subdivision was approved in 2007 under old sewage treatment rules. I have requested a copy of the subdivision approved plans from the county engineer but as of yet have not received them. This subdivision has a lot of clay within the soil and makes it difficult to suggest a system. Generally, a septic tank with leaching has been approved. We have approved deeper trenches with additional gravel in order to improve leaching.
OhioEPA will not approve an NPDES for any subdivision approved in 2007 and beyond. Plus there is no good free flowing ditches or streams to discharge these systems too. Also for this to happen for some of the homes easements would have to be obtained.
A father of one of the residents John Blair (son – Chris Blair) has called demanding that something be done concerning the failing system at his son’s home. He stated that the system started failing within the year. This was also validated by me as I went to home at the request of John Blair. The installer Bill Gerlach stated that he was not responsible for anything as he installed the system according to the Health Department so he would not do repairs. John Blair believes that the county should make this right and that I being the county and the health department should be held accountable and he wants a guarantee of the system. I told Mr. Blair that there is no guarantees as we have no idea how the homeowner treats the system once it has been installed. John Blair stated that I did not know what I was doing and that I should lose my job. He stated that he would dig up the system to prove that I had no idea about what I was

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doing and he wanted me fired. I instructed Mr. Blair that any further communication from him to this department would be through the County Prosecutor's Office.

I feel that this area does have problems, I also feel that no more lots should be sold for residential use until we can figure out what will work on these lots for sewage. At this point all soil evaluations should require a soil scientist and design done through those designers listed on the OHD website.

That being said I also feel that the best solution for those homes already there would be an onsite sewage treatment plant. At some point within the next couple years all these properties will be facing serious and expensive sewage related issues. I have drawn up a draft resolution concerning these issues for review of the Board.

Laura Miller – Has the Resolution been reviewed by legal yet?

Melissa Spears – No, I have not had a chance to submit it to the County Prosecutor's

Laura Miller – Let's submit for review then table this until we get a statement back from the Prosecutor's Office.

5. Nursing Report – Tracey Henderson, Director

COVID-19:

Cases:

Total for County and City combined as of 5/12/2021 is 6673 cases (5071 for Scioto County and 1602 for Portsmouth City). This is a total of 230 cases in the past month (compared to 295 cases in the previous month.) New cases continue to come in, between 5-10 cases a day.

Contact Tracing

- So far we have seen 7 breakthrough cases of fully vaccinated people. 2 of them had samples sent to ODH lab, and those samples showed the UK variant. 3 vaccinated with Pfizer, 2 with J&J, 2 with Moderna. 6 of 7 were symptomatic. All PCR tested at SOMC. (1 tested again at KDMC next day, negative, but this one had symptoms.)
- In addition, 2 positives from SOCF (NOT vaccinated) had samples sent to ODH lab, and those also showed UK variant.

COVID Vaccine:

- We have been distributed vaccine for about almost 5 months. As of last night, we have administered 9952 doses of vaccine. (This compares to 8065 a month ago – so we have given 1887 in the past four weeks. For comparison, we give about 1600 total vaccines in a typical non-outbreak year. So vaccines are still consuming 100 percent of Tracey and Vickie's time. We will hit the 10,000th COVID vaccine milestone on Monday and will invite press, with a small gift for the person who gets the 10000th shot.
- Vaccine totals to date:
Moderna: 7146
Pfizer: 2403
Janssen: 371

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First doses: 4915 (does not include Janssen)

Second doses: 4660

- Demand for first doses is way down (75 last week including 31 at Star Justice, only 34 this week so far).
- On Monday May 10, we moved our daily clinics upstairs to save on staff. We have scheduled and walk-in clinics M-F, 9 am to 3 pm, with Moderna.
- We have offered 2 special clinics for J&J (day and evening) in the past two weeks. Good response last week (74) but poor response yesterday (only 33).
- We are offering a Pfizer clinic for ages 12 and over on Monday May 17. It filled very quickly. We do have a few slots left, so please spread the word and have them call our scheduler asap if they want a Monday time slot. We ordered another 120 doses of Pfizer, planning for another clinic the following week, but demand may be less due to more providers offering it (Dr. Turjoman, SOMC Peds, CVS).
- We finally received our ultrafreezer this morning. We hope to get it up and running this afternoon, check it over the weekend, and have it ready for our next Pfizer shipment on Tuesday.
- We offer homebound vaccine visits to those who are truly homebound. Very little response (less than 20). Have talked with both Caresource and Molina and asked them to send us lists of homebound who want vaccine. Have received small list from AAA7.
- Continuing to do stragglers and new residents at nursing homes and assisted living as requested.
- Have offered to go to worksites and organizations for clinics. Reached out to several churches, no takers. Spoke to State staff from the Governor's office whose job it is to link businesses and organizations wanting clinics with providers, told him we are available, he will reach out to our businesses and contact me if any are interested.
- Spoke to person who has contact with the migrant population at Fuhrmann's Orchards. He will get the word out about vaccines when their migrant population comes in.
- ODH wants us to reach out to jail population and offer them J&J. But they also said there will be no new J&J shipments for the next few weeks. We will touch base with the jail in late May or early June.
- Due to decreased demand at evening clinics, we are discontinuing evening clinics. May make special arrangements on a case-by-case basis for those who can't come for Dose 2's during daytime.

6. Environmental Report – Garet Bennett, Director

Approved a Tentative Award of Contracts Resolution for the WPCLF Repair/Replacement of Failing Septic Systems. Motion to approve – Christy Sherman; Second- Dr. Adams. All voted in favor.

7. Health Commissioner's Report – Dr. Martin

Dr. Martin shared the draft resolution of the County Commissioner's that would reallocate CARES Funds sitting in other county line items into the Health Department for reimbursement of some of our costs. \$34,062.73 of which was within the COVID_19 Public Buildings sub-grant for the renovations of the Annex and the purchase of the generator. \$41,613 from other county line items to be used as reimbursements for COVID-19 related expenses.

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Dr. Martin also informed the Board that the Ohio Budget Committee Bill passed through the House with changes. This bill had been introduced to abolish city health departments and force the county health departments to absorb the additional area. The bill now states that the City health departments must do feasibility studies and then submit these to the county health departments and to the county trustees, who will determine if this would be considered. The bill is sitting in Senate at this time.

Due to board members prior set schedules the regular Board of Health Meeting has been moved to June 4, 2021 at 12:00pm.

8. **Motion to Adjourn** – Christy Sherman; Second – Sean Sturgill. All voted in favor.
Meeting adjourned – 1:00pm.



Laura Miller, Board President



Dr. Michael Martin, Health Commissioner

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