

**MINUTES OF
June 16, 2020
WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**

The regular monthly meeting of the Warren County Board of Health was held Tuesday June 16, 2020 in the first floor conference room of the Warren County Health District, 416 South East Street, Lebanon, Ohio. President, A phone conference line was also utilized for the meeting allowing anyone who is not feeling well or prefers to not attend in person to still join the meeting and also to keep the number of participants, physically in the meeting room, less than ten. In preparation for the meeting the room was set up with the tables at a minimum of 6 feet apart with one chair at each table. Notices were posted informing public that they could still join the meeting remotely by dialing into the posted conference line number. Mr. Dick Staten called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Members Responding to Roll Call:

Mr. Dick Staten, Dr. Stephen Barr, Mr. Dominic Brigano and Mr. Ed Porginski were present in person at roll call. Mr. Adam McClanahan, Ms. Holly Boyd, Mrs. Terrie Zajo, and Mrs. Liz Tincher were present on the conference line at the time of roll call. Mr. Staten confirmed a quorum was present. Dr. James Sosnowski entered the meeting shortly after roll call

Others Present:

Duane Stansbury, Health Commissioner; Tammy Cranmer, Administrative Assistant; Chris Balster, Director of Environmental Health, Dianna Glenn, Director of Nursing, and Brenda Joseph, Director of Finance were present in person. Present on the call in conference line were Dr. Scott Swope, Medical Director and Mr. Adam Nice with Warren County Prosecutors Office.

Open Meetings Act Statement Read

Mr. Stansbury read the following statement “The Board of Health meeting will take place with some or all of its members and guests appearing by phone conference. A phone conference is necessary due to the need to comply with the Ohio Department of Health executive orders with regards to social distancing and restraining from meeting in groups of 10 or more. Further, this meeting is being conducted consistent with House Bill 197, which states members of a public body who attend meetings or hearings by means of teleconference, must be considered present as if in person at the meeting or hearing, must be permitted to vote, and must be counted in determining whether a quorum is present.”

Minutes of May 19, 2020 Board of Health Meeting Approved (motion #51-2020)

Minutes of the May 19, 2020 Board of Health meeting were approved as written. Motion to approve came from Dr. Barr and was seconded by Mr. Brigano. The motion carried with the following response to a roll call vote:

Mrs. Tincher – aye; Mr. Staten – aye; Mrs. Zajo – aye; Mr. Brigano – aye;
Mr. McClanahan – aye; Dr. Barr – aye; Ms. Boyd – aye; Mr. Porginski – aye

June 2020 Monthly Expense List Approved (motion #52-2020)

The June, 2020 Expense List was presented to Board members for their review. Dr. Barr made a motion to approve the expense list, as presented, and Mr. Brigano provided a second to the motion which carried with the following result of a roll call vote:

Mrs. Tincher – aye; Mr. Staten – aye; Mrs. Zajo – aye; Mr. Brigano – aye;
Mr. McClanahan – aye; Dr. Barr – aye; Ms. Boyd – aye; Mr. Porginski – aye

Financial Review To Date

There were no questions in reference to the financial reports. Dr. Barr inquired if the health district is feeling the impact of increased work load with Covid-19. Mr. Stansbury said yes, there has had to be overtime and we have received three of the four grants to assist us in covering this added cost.

~Dr. Sosnowski entered the meeting at this time, 6:07 pm

Administrative Report

At this time Mr. Staten turned the meeting over to Mr. Stansbury for Administrative Report items

Addresses Approved as Water Pollution Control Loan Funding Projects (motion #53-2020)

Mr. Balster presented the Board with potential projects he and his staff recommend be approved as projects into the EPA sponsored Water Pollution Control Loan Funding (WPCLF) Program. He explained each system was failing and that each homeowner had submitted the required documentation to determine their eligibility for funding coverage through the program. Upon a motion from Dr. Barr, a second from Dr. Sosnowski, and the following response to a roll call vote, the homeowners of the following addresses were approved to be funded partially or wholly by the Water Pollution Control Loan Funding Project for repair or replacement to their failing home sewage treatment systems: 8576 Butler Warren Road was approved for 85% loan forgiveness, 5059 Cox Smith Road was approved for 85% loan forgiveness, and 1733 E. Foster-Maineville Road was approved at 100% loan forgiveness.

Health and Wellness Plan and Day for Wellness Approved for 2020-2021 (motion #54-2020)

Board members were presented with the 2020-2021 Wellness Plan and the Day for Wellness policy/certificate for the period July 1, 2020 through June 31, 2021. Upon a motion from Dr. Barr and a second from Dr. Sosnowski, the following is a result of a roll call vote approving the plan for the following year:

Mr. McClanahan – aye; Dr. Barr – aye; Ms. Boyd – aye; Mr. Porginski – aye; Dr. Sosnowski – aye;
Mrs. Tincher – aye; Mr. Staten – aye; Mrs. Zajo – aye; Mr. Brigano - aye

Voted to Enter into Executive Session (motion #55-2020)

Dr. Barr made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending or imminent court action among Board members, Dr. Swope, Mr. Stansbury, and Mr. Adam Nice with the Prosecutor's Office. Dr. Sosnowski seconded his motion and the following is a result of a roll call vote:

Ms. Boyd – aye; Mr. Porginski – aye; Dr. Sosnowski – aye; Mrs. Tincher – aye; Mr. Staten – aye;
Mrs. Zajo – aye; Mr. Brigano – aye; Mr. McClanahan – aye; Dr. Barr – aye

Returned to Regular Session Board of Health meeting (motion #56-2020)

At 7:03 pm Dr. Barr made a motion to return to regular session of the Board of Health meeting. Ms. Boyd seconded his motion and the following is a response the roll call vote:

Mr. Porginski – aye; Dr. Sosnowski – aye; Mrs. Tincher – aye; Mr. Staten – aye; Mrs. Zajo – aye; Mr. Brigano – aye; Mr. McClanahan – aye; Dr. Barr – aye; Ms. Boyd – aye

Voted to Approve Co-signing a Letter Opposing House Bill 671 (motion #57-2020)

Mr. Stansbury informed Board members of House Bill 671 which would generally prohibit a local board of health from issuing an order, or it would limit an order, to prevent or restrict disease when the Department of Health has issued an order for the same epidemic. He shared, with them, a letter he had drafted opposing the House Bill in which he stated that local Boards of Health issue isolation orders to persons who are known to have a communicable disease to restrict such person to their residence or other suitable place, to prevent exposure of other persons which could lead to them developing the disease. Tuberculosis, Measles, Ebola, and Mumps are just a few communicable diseases that Warren County and other local health districts have had to issue isolation orders. He stated that limiting these orders to only 14 days will put our communities at risk and further; isolation orders are a critical tool for boards of health and local health districts to prevent the exposure and spread of diseases. Mr. Stansbury asked if Board members would like him to include them as co-signers on the letter. Board members all agreed to do this. Dr. Barr made a motion to cosign Mr. Stansbury's letter opposing House Bill 671 and Ms. Boyd offered a second to his motion. The following is a result of a roll call vote:

Mr. Porginski – aye; Dr. Sosnowski – aye; Mrs. Tincher – aye; Mr. Staten – aye; Mrs. Zajo – aye;
Mr. Brigano – aye; Mr. McClanahan – aye; Dr. Barr – aye; Ms. Boyd – aye

Other Business

- Board members received monthly reports from the Epidemiologist, Director of Nursing and Director of Environmental Health
- Mr. Stansbury informed the Board that the National Guard has started doing COV ID-19 testing in congregate care facilities, nursing homes, skilled nursing, long term care etc , throughout Ohio. They will be testing all staff in these locations and based on an assessment they may test some of the residents. He added that they will also begin having “pop-up” test sites.
- The Ohio Department of Health is doing a statistically significant survey of Ohioans on the prevalence of Covid-19. ODH is sending out 12,000 post cards to Ohioans and of those 1200 people will be randomly selected to participate in the survey. These participants will be tested for Covid-19 antibodies. The goal is to statistically show the prevalence of Covid-19 in Ohio.
- Mr. Stansbury told Board members he, Chris Balster, and Dustin Ratliff have met with schools and are assisting them on how they can make plans and prepare for school to return, given the Governor allows it. He said Warren County schools are staying pretty consistent on their plans for return.

With no further business to discuss Mr. Staten dismissed the Board of Health meeting at 7:12 pm.



James Staten,
President



Duane Stansbury, R.S., M.P.H.
Secretary

