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NICOLE BUSH BALAKOS, HEALTH COMMISSIONER

February 18, 2020

The regular monthly Board of Health meeting was held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at 8:15 a.m. in the Community Room, 2nd Floor, Trumbull Towers Building, 500 Market Street, Steubenville, Ohio.

Present:

Board Members:
Frank L. Petrola, M.D.
Terry Bell
Michalene King, Ph.D., R.N.
Patrick Macedonia, M.D.

Staff:

Nicole Balakos, Health Commissioner
Jane Culp, M.D., Medical Director
Marc Maragos, Registered Sanitarian
Stephanie Chester, R.N.
Jack McGuire, Registered Sanitarian
Hannah Piko, R.N., Nursing Director
Carla Gampolo, Registered Sanitarian
Jane Klug, Administrative Assistant
Tamika Jones, Accreditation Coordinator
Jodi Norris, Interim Fiscal Officer/Special Projects
Kelly Wilson, Fiscal Officer

Absent:

George VanWeelden, D.O.

Prosecutor:

Emanuela Agresta

Guests:

See sign-in sheet

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Frank L. Petrola called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dr. Petrola stated that there was no public participation scheduled for today's meeting. Guests in attendance are denoted on the sign-in sheet. After the roll call was taken, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.



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<i>Action</i>	<i>Accept January's Minutes</i>	<i>Vote Detail (Roll Call)</i>
Motion-2020-10	Dr. King moved and Dr. Macedonia seconded a motion to accept the January minutes with corrections as noted by Dr. King on the draft. The corrections were given to Kelly Wilson to be made. Motion passed unanimously.	1 st - King 2 nd - Macedonia Petrola – Aye VanWeelden – absent Bell – Aye King – Aye Macedonia - Aye

January 2020 Expenses

<i>Action</i>	<i>Accept January's Expenses</i>	<i>Vote Detail (Roll Call)</i>
Motion – 2020-11	Dr. King moved and Dr. Macedonia seconded a motion to accept January's expenses. Motion passed unanimously.	1 st - King 2 nd - Macedonia Petrola – Aye VanWeelden – absent Bell – Aye King – Aye Macedonia – Aye

January 2020 Finance Report

Dr. Macedonia questioned whether the numbers include carryover from 2019 and how much. Jodi Norris, Interim Fiscal Officer, responded yes and Health Commissioner Balakos stated that she believed it was 25% carryover. Dr. Macedonia would like the information provided at the next meeting.

<i>Action</i>	<i>Accept January's Finance Report</i>	<i>Vote Detail (Roll Call)</i>
Motion-2020-12	Dr. Macedonia moved and Mr. Bell seconded a motion to accept January's Finance Report. Motion passed unanimously.	1 st - Macedonia 2 nd - Bell Petrola – Aye VanWeelden – absent Bell – Aye King – Aye Macedonia - Aye

Dr. Macedonia presented a question regarding the draft of the By-Laws. He asked for clarification on the terms of office. Could a person actually serve on the Board for twenty years? The By-Laws state four terms which is twenty years. Health Commissioner Balakos responded yes, that is correct. Our accreditor recommends having a Board that is a mix of tenured and fresh



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individuals. Dr. Macedonia proposed adding wording to the By-Laws stating that reappointment to the Board is not automatic and it requires approval by the District Advisory Council. Health Commissioner Balakos agreed and stated she will update the By-Laws before preparing for signature.

<i>Action</i>	<i>Accept Consent Agenda</i>	<i>Vote Detail (Roll Call)</i>
Motion – 2020-13	Mr. Bell moved and Dr. Macedonia seconded a motion to approve all items listed under the Consent Agenda. This motion includes the approval of the Board to add a sentence in the By-Laws that reappointment to the Board of Health is contingent upon approval by the District Advisory Council. Motion passed unanimously.	1 st - Bell 2 nd – Dr. Macedonia Petrola – Aye VanWeelden – absent Bell – Aye King – Aye Macedonia – Aye

Health Commissioner’s Report

Health Commissioner Balakos delivered the Health Commissioner’s report to the Board. A copy of the report is attached hereto and made part of the official minutes.

Medical Director’s Report

Dr. Culp presented the Medical Director’s Report for January. Dr. Culp thanked Stephanie Chester, Director of the WIC Program, for all of her work when she had been alone in the office. Dr. Culp held an in-service with the nurses on January 23. Dr. Culp reviewed the meningitis vaccines and all of their indications and how they are to be used for the health department. National Public Health Week is April 6-12, 2020 and there was discussion on ideas to take into consideration on how the health department could celebrate. Nurse Kim Slivka, who does BCMH, recently completed BCMH training. Nurse Slivka is currently following up with patients who need to have their re-approvals done for the year. There are approximately 30 active children on the program at this time. Dr. Culp believes there are 60-70 who remain on the program, but are not currently active. Nurse Slivka follows all of these cases. If she receives any referrals, she performs follow up on them.

At the January 21, 2020 Board meeting, Dr. Culp was asked to follow up on what she can do to provide some additional STI education. Dr. Culp reported that she had developed some fact and information sheets that she will be sending to all providers. During her review of statistics, she found that most of the health departments are not the source where the statistics are coming from. Primary care, express care clinics, and emergency rooms seem to be reporting the majority of the numbers. Dr. Culp wants to make them aware of chlamydia cases being increased in women and gonorrhea cases being increased due to men having sex with men. These are the biggest increases Dr. Culp is seeing at this time.

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Dr. Culp will be conducting another in-service with the nurses on Thursday, February 20. Dr. Culp will be reviewing tuberculosis and all of the updates from the CDC that were effective in May of 2019.

As far as influenza, Dr. Culp reported that we are currently in week six of 2020. Even though it is actually week eight, she pointed out that the statistics are always two weeks behind. A total of 13,000 new cases were reported throughout the United States, with 924 hospitalizations. Dr. Culp reported that there are plenty of flu vaccines still available at the health department. Currently, H1N1 is the type of flu being seen. However, last year at this time is when we started seeing a spike in H3N2. It is thought that the vaccine received in October is only effective for three months for H3N2 and that is why we will most likely see that spike. Dr. Culp does not see a problem with giving the elderly a second influenza vaccine. March of 2019 was our bad month for H3N2. We are not experiencing numbers like last year, but it is on the rise. For children, Influenza B is the most common. Two mortalities have been reported in Ohio for Influenza A.

In regard to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) there are 15 cases in the United States. Cruise ship participants were evacuated. They are not yet in the CDC stats at this time. The general risk for the U.S. is very low. There were two person to person transmissions. Everyone since January 21 has been on active surveillance. Before that, it was retroactive, meaning if you came into China, you were stopped at the gate to ask if you had a fever or a cough. From January 21 on, it is all active surveillance. All flights have been diverted through eleven airports in the U.S. Dr. Culp said there is really no risk to the general population. The news media has updated everybody.

Dr. Culp reported about a mausoleum that has been in disrepair and that they need a permit from the health department for those individuals who had death certificates that indicated that they had an infectious disease. Dr. Culp reported that there is no permit from the health department. There is no permit from ODH. However, she did find a permit from Michigan. She also provided the Ohio Revised Code. Five of the death certificates she has seen so far have some type of infectious disease. She does not think it is a problem performing a disinterment for this mausoleum. Everything will be re-interred in the same cemetery. A disinterment was performed in Hamilton County, Ohio for a fentanyl overdose. Dr. Culp stated that they did not need a permit from the health department for that and all they did was write a letter. She does not want to write a letter for every death certificate and asked the Board to approve a letter with all of the names listed. Dr. Macedonia asked why we were doing all of this and Dr. Culp stated that it is required because on the death certificate infectious disease is listed as the cause of death. There are 31 death certificates, some of which are illegible because they were sent electronically. Dr. Macedonia asked if there's any harm in performing the disinterment and Dr. Culp stated no. The cemetery wants to move the bodies in early spring and she does not want the health department to be the hold up. A funeral home will be doing the disinterment. The permits become the property of the cemetery.



<i>Action</i>	<i>Approve Dr.Culp to Issue Permit for Disinterment</i>	<i>Vote Detail (Roll Call)</i>
Motion – 2020-14	Dr. Macedonia moved and Dr. King seconded a motion to approve the disinterment and reinternment with all required paperwork completed and filed through court by Dr. Culp. Motion passed unanimously.	1 st - Dr. Macedonia 2 nd – Dr. King Petrola – Aye VanWeelden – absent Bell – Aye King – Aye Macedonia – Aye

After the motion regarding disinterment, Dr. King asked Dr. Culp if the letter she is sending out for the STI’s was being sent to physicians. Dr. Culp reported she is trying to get a master list from Trinity of their providers. Dr. King asked Dr. Culp how she intended to educate the general public since not everyone goes to the doctor. More specifically, how are we reaching those in their teens and early 20’s? Dr. Culp stated she would send to school nurses and the department of corrections. Dr. Culp isn’t sure if it’s non-compliance with treatment that results in re-infection or what the cause is for the high numbers.

Nursing Report

Nurse Hannah Piko gave the Nursing Report. Nurse Piko reported that department is fully stocked with child immunizations and that we are in the process of reenrolling in the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. The process is all online this year, which is new. Our adult vaccines are fully stocked and flu vaccines are still available. Anyone wishing to get a second dose of the flu vaccine is welcome to do so.

One initial visit has been completed for the Get Vaccinated Grant with Dr. Matthews.

Nurse Piko attended the emergency preparation training (PODS) for an offsite clinic last week along with Health Commissioner Balakos and Sam Ivkovich, PHEP.

Nurse Piko discussed the outreach that has been done. She visited Pugliese West for a healthy eating presentation for the preschool children. February 14 was National Condom Day. The nursing division prepared condom bouquets and distributed them at various locations downtown. The promotion was very well received by the downtown businesses. Upcoming events include National Public Health Week from April 6-12 and STI Awareness Week April 12-18.

Dr. Macedonia asked Nurse Piko if we are treating without knowing in regard to STI’s. Nurse Piko explained that we refer patients to the women’s health clinic. Dr. Culp stated that we do not have the set up here to accommodate. Dr. Macedonia asked what prevents us from doing so? Health Commissioner Balakos stated that we did not have some of the necessary equipment and space to do so.



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WIC Report

Stephanie Chester reported on the Imagination Library initiative she has been working on in conjunction with the United Way of Jefferson County. Imagination Library is a program started in 1995 by Dolly Parton and is a book gifting program that mails free books to children from birth to age five. The WIC department is helping the moms sign up when they are at the department; or, they can go through the United Way web site. Parents, grandparents and teachers can also sign the child up for the program. One concern is that when individuals move the book won't be forwarded to the new address and that the books are just destroyed. The Jefferson County library is working with the post office to see if they can get the books back versus being discarded. If the books are returned, they can be redistributed.

The WIC year ends in September. Keep in mind that the reports are three months behind. The numbers are down for December; however, the breastfeeding numbers remain pretty stable. Nurse Chester also reported that March is National Nutrition Month.

Environmental

Jack McGuire discussed a nuisance complaint regarding the Barton property located at County Road 1 in Yorkville. The matter ended up in court and Attorney Agresta asked for a judgement ordering the owners to clean up the property. The judge ruled in the health department's favor. They have ten days to clean up the property. The health department will provide the dumpster and the owners will fill it up. These types of incidents become the problem of the health department only when they become a health hazard. Dr. Macedonia is concerned about setting a precedent by paying for the cost of the dumpster. Mr. McGuire stated that the cost of the dumpster will be reflected on the property owner's taxes.

Mr. Bell stated that he sees a lot of these types of properties in Jefferson County and pointed out a property on State Route 43. Marc Maragos replied that the health department, sheriff, and state patrol have also tried to do something about the property Mr. Bell was referring to. Mr. Bell talked about the Ohio Revised Code and about properties that have multiple automobiles that sit but the owner claims the vehicles are classic and are going to be fixed. We could at least require fencing or that these items be covered. These types of properties fall into the category of junk yards. Mr. Bell stated that it can be done because one township in the county did it.

Mr. Maragos then discussed the Apex landfill. There are still odor complaints being filed. Mr. Maragos stated that the health department is now doing odor patrols evening and weekends trying to cover all times. For example, someone was out there on Friday evening (Feb. 7th) and Sunday evening (Feb 9th). Dr. Macedonia asked if anything was found on those inspections. Mr. Maragos responded that no, there was no odor detection.

Mr. Maragos spoke about the water testing information obtained for Crossridge. Mr. Maragos contacted four laboratories. The lab Mr. Maragos found most helpful was Ream and Haager out of Dover, Ohio. The total cost is \$350 for test sampling and then \$255 for their field technician

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to collect the sample. Standards Laboratories was \$886.70 and they are based in Wheeling, WV. Test America is another one that is but is more of a challenge because they are further away.

Mr. Maragos has been in contact with the Ohio EPA about the water sampling issue and inquired when the next one would be conducted. The Ohio EPA would not commit. The Ohio EPA stated that their goal is every decade. The last one was done in 2010. Dr. Macedonia asked about the run off and whether it is being tested. Mr. Maragos stated that we are not testing around the tank because that's soil. We would do testing in the creek itself if the Board would agree on that. Mr. Maragos stated that there are classified wetlands between the leachate tank and Crossridge. Carla Gampolo stated that the way the location is situated; it is a watershed so ultimately any surface water coming off the facility goes downhill and all ends up in Crosscreek. She stated that what Dr. Macedonia is referring to is not surface testing but soil testing which is entirely different. Mr. Maragos said that where Crossridge/C & D is located is a major drop down from where leachate tank is. We had photos of potential leachate into Crosscreek.

Additional discussion took place about soil testing versus surface water testing. Dr. Macedonia asked if the health department tested soil. Mr. Maragos responded no. Mr. Maragos also said that he will research it because it is not easy to find someone to test soil. Dr. Macedonia stated that we need baseline information. Mr. Maragos asked if we do baseline study, what exactly do the numbers mean. Dr. Macedonia stated that it would show a difference from year to year. A test would be a snapshot in time. For example one day it's raining when testing done and then the next year it is not. If the testing isn't done regularly and taking the conditions into consideration, it would provide valid information. Dr. King mentioned that using a college student to do the research could be a possibility. Dr. Macedonia thinks we are coming up with good ideas and should continue discussing and that we should approach the President of Franciscan University and discuss the possibility of having a student take on this research project. Dr. Macedonia commented on the letters written in regard to the landfill opposition and that there were many good ones.

Dr. Macedonia raised a question on the odor detector. Health Commissioner Balakos stated that we are on the list for a Jerome Meter and it is currently being calibrated.

Accreditation

Tamika Jones, Accreditation Coordinator, delivered the Accreditation report to the Board. A copy of the report is attached hereto and made part of the official minutes.

PHEP

Sam Ivkovich was not in attendance at today's meeting, but his report was included in the Board packet and is attached hereto.

Old Business

Health Commissioner Balakos performed the second reading of the environmental fees (attached hereto).



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<i>Action</i>	<i>Second Reading of Fees</i>	<i>Vote Detail (Roll Call)</i>
Motion – 2020-15	Dr. King moved and Dr. Macedonia seconded a motion to approve the fees as read by Health Commissioner Balakos. Motion passed unanimously.	1 st - King 2 nd - Macedonia Petrola – Aye VanWeelden – absent Bell – Aye King – Aye Macedonia - Aye

Health Commissioner Balakos read an e-mail from the EPA, which was included in the Board packet under correspondence. Dr. Macedonia asked Attorney Agresta where we stood and could we get a court order. Attorney Agresta stated that she has contacted the attorney to schedule inspections; however, she never received a reply. The visiting judge has still not held a status conference. Attorney Agresta asked for it in writing and was told no. The Attorney General was contacted and they stated that it is all at the discretion of the visiting judge. All three of the defendants have requested a change of counsel. Dr. Macedonia stated that all conversations regarding the matter should be documented.

Health Commissioner Balakos stated that she did not send a letter to the Attorney General and the Governor which the Board had approved her to do at the January meeting. She felt that it may impede the investigation. Mr. Bell then motioned to rescind the motion 2020-05 to write the letter to the Attorney General and Governor until the judge has the status hearing.

Dr. Macedonia opposed the motion because he feels that we need to continue to send letters to keep the issue at the forefront. Health Commissioner Balakos commented that she believes that rescinding the motion from January is the right thing to do at this time since we are working as partners in the investigation. Dr. Macedonia stated that we are a public entity and we need to disclose our opinions. We should be heard. Marc Maragos commented that we are in constant communication with the EPA roughly two to three times per week. Dr. Macedonia wants us (the Board) to be heard and doesn't want to be silent. We should continue to hammer them. Health Commissioner Balakos reminded the Board about the letter she sent in January that the EPA did not respond to.

<i>Action</i>	<i>Rescind Motion 2020-05 to write letter to AG/Governor</i>	<i>Vote Detail (Roll Call)</i>
Motion – 2020-16	Mr. Bell moved and Dr. King seconded a motion to rescind motion 2020-05 made at the January Board of Health meeting authorizing Health Commissioner Balakos to write a letter to the Attorney General and the Governor. Motion passed.	1 st - Bell 2 nd - King Petrola – Aye VanWeelden – absent Bell – Aye King – Aye Macedonia – Nay



New Business

Health Commissioner Balakos reviewed the correspondence regarding office space. A letter was drafted up to be sent from Dr. Petrola to the Commissioners to consider carpet for the space the Health Department was acquiring at the end of the month when the current tenant vacates. She also attached the resolution from a meeting held on 8/28/2014 where it stated that the health department would trade the truck the health department owned for carpet in the health department space.

<i>Action</i>	<i>Commissioner’s Letter Requesting Carpeting</i>	<i>Vote Detail (Roll Call)</i>
Motion – 2020-17	Dr. Macedonia moved and Dr. King seconded a motion to permit Health Commissioner Balakos to send a letter on behalf of the Board to the Commissioners requesting flooring. Motion passed unanimously.	1 st - Macedonia 2 nd - King Petrola – Aye VanWeelden – absent Bell – Aye King – Aye Macedonia – Aye

The next business discussed was the Solid Waste Contract. Health Commissioner Balakos wanted to remind the Board that we are not required to be on the approved list with the EPA. We are permitted to give it back to the EPA and allow them to manage. Dr. Macedonia stated that he does not want to give up the authority. He was bothered by the tone of the contract. Health Commissioner Balakos stated that the contract is different from the prior one. We will not get any funding until the contract is signed. Tire inspections will now be performed monthly. She was also questioning the mosquito sprayer; however, the contract states no equipment. The Board suggested that Health Commissioner Balakos work with Attorney Agresta on the contract and if they were comfortable on the terms that they were in agreement of signing the contract.

<i>Action</i>	<i>Solid Waste Contract Approval after Health Commissioner & Attorney Agresta Consult</i>	<i>Vote Detail (Roll Call)</i>
Motion – 2020-18	Dr. Macedonia moved and Dr. King seconded a motion to give Health Commissioner Balakos the authority to approve/sign the Solid Waste contract only if after review that she and Attorney Agresta are in agreement. Motion passed unanimously.	1 st - Macedonia 2 nd - King Petrola – Aye VanWeelden – absent Bell – Aye King – Aye Macedonia – yes



<i>Action</i>	<i>Enter Executive Session</i>	<i>Vote Detail (Roll Call)</i>
Motion – 2020-19	Dr. King moved and Mr. Bell seconded a motion to go in to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Motion passed unanimously.	1 st - King 2 nd - Bell Petrola – Aye VanWeelden – absent Bell – Aye King – Aye Macedonia – Aye
<i>Action</i>	<i>Exit Executive Session</i>	<i>Vote Detail (Roll Call)</i>
Motion – 2020-20	Dr. King moved and Mr. Bell seconded a motion to come out of Executive Session and enter back in to the Regular Board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.	1 st - King 2 nd - Bell Petrola – Aye VanWeelden – absent Bell – Aye King – Aye Macedonia – Aye

No action took place in the Executive Session.

<i>Action</i>	<i>Adjournment</i>	<i>Vote Detail (Roll Call)</i>
Motion – 2020-21	Dr. Macedonia moved and Dr. Petrola seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.	1 st - Macedonia 2 nd - Petrola Petrola – Aye VanWeelden – absent Bell – Aye King – Aye Macedonia – Aye



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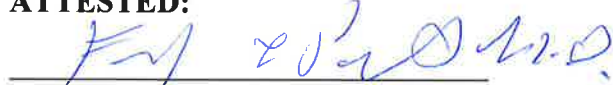
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The next meeting of the Board of Health is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 8:15 a.m. in the Trumbull Towers Building, 2nd Floor.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

ATTESTED:



Dr. Frank L. Petrola



Nicole Balakos, Health Commissioner