

Washington County Board of Health

Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2010

Board Members	Present	Staff	Present
Wilbert Antill	Yes	Kathleen Meckstroth	Yes
Richard Daniell	Yes	Jeannie Farnsworth	Yes
Dr. Todd Myers	No	Valerie Betkoski	Yes
Bob Powell	Yes	Ken Robinson	Yes
Jim Rodgers	Yes		
Steve Johnson, Alt.	No		

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Washington County Board of Health was called to order by President, Wilbert Antill.

Mr. Rodgers moved to approve the minutes of the October Board meeting. Second, Mr. Daniell. Motion carried.

Ms. Farnsworth presented the financial report. Overall, the financial reports show that the carry over for 2010 is lower than in previous years and that the General Fund has considerably lower revenues than had been expected. Plumbing program shows promise and has a greater balance than in previous years. This is due primarily to the addition of a contract with Monroe County. It is expected that this fund will grow with additional building in the three counties currently served. BCMH billing is below projections but it is hoped that this will increase before the end of the year.

Reconciliation reports were made available to the Board for review.

Mr. Daniell moved to approve the budget action items of 10/13, 10/19, 11/2, and 11/4. Second Mr. Powell. Motion carried.

Mr. Powell moved to approve the list of bills to be paid. Second Mr. Rodgers. Motion carried.

Dr. Meckstroth presented the Health Commissioner's report. In addition to the written report, she informed the Board of changes in the Health Care Reform that may affect the Health Department. These relate to insurance coverage and to the number of individuals that may be eligible for Medicaid. In addition, she stated that prevention monies within the Act will be a big part of future funding for local public health and that the health department needs to be part of this direction. She further discussed the on-going issue with board of health members as employees. At this point the attorney for the Ohio Association of Boards of Health is preparing a white paper on the issue. An attorney general's opinion is vague as to whether board of health members is employees.

Ms. Betkoski presented the public health nursing report. Medicaid increases are possible with increases in enrollment. This may have an impact on our immunization rates. Several physicians are now referring patients to the health department for childhood immunizations as they are no longer providing these in their offices. The health department is still providing influenza vaccine but the response has been slower this year.

Several refunds were presented for approval. These were immunizations given by the health department and then paid by the patient. In both cases, insurance companies also paid for the immunizations and the amount needs to be refunded to the patient. Mr. Powell moved approval. Second Mr. Rodgers. Motion carried.

Mr. Robinson presented the environmental health report. A new subdivision is being considered near Barlow that may have 140 ½ acre lots. Individual septic systems are being considered. However, there is concern that the size of the lots may not allow for this. The property located near Harmar on route 7 was discussed. Mr. Daniell moved and Mr. Rodgers seconded that this issue be turned over to the county prosecutor for further action. Motion carried.

Out of County travel:

Ms. Betkoski would like to attend a semi-annual Nursing Director's meeting to be held in Columbus in December. Mr. Powell moved and Mr. Daniell seconded that the health department would cover the cost of registration and one night lodging for this event. Motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business:

A policy on driver eligibility was presented for review and approval by the Board. This policy was necessary for insurance coverage. Mr. Rodgers moved approval. Second, Mr. Powell. Motion carried.

A records retention policy had been previously discussed but never formally approved by the Board. Mr. Powell moved approval. Second Mr. Rodgers. Motion carried.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the status of the Dental Clinic. The dentist is looking to retire on November 18, but will remain with the clinic and renew his liability insurance should the clinic remain open. At this point funding just does not exist to meet the expenses of the clinic. New funding may be received in 2011, but there is no way to advance funds at this point in time. Mr. Powell moved to close the clinic effective November 18, 2010 and to review funding for possible re-opening after January 1. Second, Mr. Rodgers. Motion carried.

Dr. Meckstroth presented the 2011 budget for current funds established by the Health Department. These did not include either grant funds or the General Fund that had been approved in March. After the presentation, the Board decided to table further decisions until the December meeting.

Mr. Daniell moved the Board into Executive session at 10:10 to discuss the health commissioner's contract. Second Mr. Powell.

Mr. Antill	Aye
Mr. Daniell	Aye
Mr. Rodgers	Aye
Mr. Powell	Aye

Mr. Rodgers moved the Board from executive session at 10:30 p.m. Second Mr. Powell.

Mr. Antill	Aye
Mr. Daniell	Aye
Mr. Rodgers	Aye
Mr. Powell	Aye

Further discussion and decision on the health commissioner's contract was tabled until the December meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Meckstroth, Secretary

Wilbert Antill, President