

Washington County Board of Health
February 12, 2008
Meeting Minutes

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Washington County Board of Health was called to order by President Wilbert Antill at 7:02 p.m. Board members present: Wilbert Antill, Richard Daniell, Bob Powell, Alternate, Steve Johnson. Board members absent: Jim Rodgers, Dr. Todd Myers. Staff present: Valerie Betkoski, Ken Robinson, Jeannie Farnsworth, Dr. Kathleen Meckstroth.

Mr. Powell moved that the minutes of the January meeting be approved as distributed. Second Mr. Daniell. Motion carried.

Ms. Farnsworth presented the fiscal report. January is always a slow time for revenue collection. Grant payments have been received for all grants due this quarter. The general fund is low but \$11,000 had been advanced to the PHI grant. Since that grant has now received its quarterly payment, this amount will be returned to the general fund. Dr. Meckstroth has requested an advance from the County Commissioners against the expected county allotment.

Graphs were also presented to illustrate the plumbing and BCMH funds.

Mr. Danielle moved that the list of bills be approved for payment. Second Mr. Powell. Motion carried.

Ms. Betkoski presented the nursing report. Court Witschey is busy with CVH initiatives and has distributed copies of the L.I.F.E. program newsletter. A new 12-week session of "The Biggest Loser" began February 11. Nursing has been short staffed due to illness. Mr. Daniell asked if the health department had shingles vaccine available. Ms. Betkoski responded that it was available, but because of the cost (\$146 per dose) the health department was taking names and bringing patients in only when there were enough clients to use an entire vial of vaccine.

Mr. Robinson presented the environmental health report. Kelly Miller, sanitarian, has resigned to take a position with the Marietta City Health Department. Her last day will be February 14. There will be an installers meeting on March 6 at Washington State Community College beginning at 7 p.m. Several companies with approved systems are already committed to present at the program.

A telephone conference call was held with the septic program at ODH to explain some of the requirements affecting Washington County. Sand filters are not approved at this point. There is no allowable discharge without the issuance of an NPDES permit.

Food license applications have been mailed. One manufactured home park has not paid for this year's license. Two parks need to submit late payments.

Dr. Meckstroth presented the health commissioner's report as distributed. Included with her written report was an update on the dental clinic and response to questions concerning its sustainability. Currently billing is up to date and the new grant has been received. Without grants from ODH or other sources, this clinic would have a problem with sustainability. Anyone wanting to make a donation to the clinic may do so through the Health Department or through the Marietta Community Foundation where a designated fund has been established.

The following out of county travel was presented for approval:

OEPA/AOHC Workshop, February 27, Columbus (Meckstroth)
Registration \$75.00, time and travel

TB Annual Update, March 14, Columbus (Betkoski)
Registration \$25, time and travel

Midwest Workshop, March 24 – 27, Columbus (Robinson, Lane)
Registration \$20/day, Per Diem, time and travel

Mr. Powell moved approval of travel. Second Mr. Daniell. Motion carried.

Unfinished business:

Semi-public small flows inspection program—Mr. Robinson was in contact with Ross County which had administered the program at one time. Ross Co Health Department no longer administers the program because it was difficult to get accurate information on systems from the OEPA. The Board decided to table any decision on this program indefinitely.

Dr. Meckstroth discussed the new immunization rate of \$10 per immunization that was to go into effect on March 1. Because of rates within other health departments in the county and because the cost may deter clients from obtaining childhood vaccines, she requested that the Board consider delaying implementation of the new rate until at least July 1. Mr. Powell moved that the implementation be delayed until at least July 1. Second Mr. Daniell. Motion carried.

New Business:

With the resignation of Kelly Miller, the health commissioner met with Ken Robinson, Director of Environmental Health to determine the need to hire a new sanitarian at this time. After reviewing the position and the workload in environmental health, it was recommended that the Board consider hiring an environmental clerk for this program rather than another sanitarian. Mr. Daniell moved that an environmental clerk be hired with a salary beginning at \$8.10 per

hour with a raise possible in 6 months following a satisfactory probationary period. Second Mr. Powell. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Meckstroth, Secretary

Wilbert Antill, President