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Pike County Board of Health Minutes**September 10, 2019****MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Joey Collins, DVM, Chairman
Traci Thornsbury, APRN, FNP-C
Debra Huffman, Lay Person
Laura Ashby-Jones, DO
Mary Anne Belcher, OD
Reggie Hickman, Judge Exec. Proxy
Paul Maynard, MD
Dr. James Justice

Members Not Present

Diana Thacker
Stephanie Wallace
Philip Elswick

OTHERS PRESENT:

Cindy Hamilton, Interim Director
Christopher Webb
Jim Cecil
Shaun Collins
Suetta Clevinger
Stephanie Bentley
Julie Chaney
Jackie Cole
Suzanne Coleman
Dewanna Rogers
Rebecca Williams

Call to Order

Dr. Joey Collins called the meeting to order at 6:03. It was noted that a quorum was present.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made to accept the agenda by Dr. Mary Anne Belcher and a second by Dr. James Justice. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of June 11, 2019 and July 23, 2019 Minutes

A motion was made by Reggie Hickman to accept the minutes of the June 11, 2019, meeting and the July 23, 2019, meeting. A second was made by Dr. James Justice; motion carried unanimously.

“Leading our Community in Prevention”

Financial Update

Jim Cecil, Director of Administrative Services, gave the financial update. Board members were given a copy of the Board of Health account balances and a listing of the expenditures paid since the June board meeting. Mr. Cecil requested a motion to approve the expenditures which totaled \$320,337.

A motion was made by Dr. Paul Maynard to approve the expenditures and a second was made by Dr. James Justice; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cecil provided the board with a copy of the final Revenue and Expense report for the FY18-19. He explained that the closeout was complete and due to the accounting requirements by the state, the year ended with a surplus of \$216,367.

Mr. Cecil explained there were some areas that exceeded the budgeted amounts. The medical supplies went over budget by \$126,196 as a result of the Hepatitis A outbreak and the amount of vaccines purchased. He added that the health department received insurance reimbursement for the building repairs in the amount of \$131,759 that put us over in that category as well.

Board members were provided with a copy of the Statement of Changes in fund balances. This reflects the net increases and decreases created during the closeout process in the various health department fund balances. The overall cumulative net change in all the fund balances including the taxing district was an increase of \$305,041.65. The decrease in the health department was anticipated and allowed our fund balances to remain within reasonable amounts recommended by the Auditors.

Audit

Mr. Cecil stated the financial audits of the health department and taxing district for FY 18-19 were completed on August 30, 2019. He explained that in the exit meeting, the auditors were very pleased with everything that was reviewed. The final written audit report is expected to be completed by the end of October and will be presented at a future board meeting.

Old Business

Reduction in Workforce Policy and Plan Update

Cindy Hamilton, Interim Director, gave the board a copy of the updated Reduction in Workforce Policy and Plan. She explained that the recommended language changes that were requested by the board at the June 11, 2019 meeting were made.

A suggestion was made by Dr. Paula Jones to add the definition of “appointing Authority to the plan. After discussion, it was decided that the policy would be brought back to the board after the changes had been made.

Heating and Cooling System Update

Jim Cecil gave an update on the heating and cooling system and roof replacement. He stated the electrical work would begin the week of September 16, 2019, and the materials for the project are still about 3 weeks away from being delivered.

Retirement Update

Cindy Hamilton gave an update on the retirement situation. She stated that HB1 was passed in special session in July and did give health departments the one year reprieve they were hoping for. She explained that the bill does allow for health departments to opt out, and they can request an estimate from KERS for the cost of doing so. The cost for the request is based on the number of current and former employees and has to be submitted before December 31, 2019.

Mrs. Hamilton explained that if the board of health decided to opt-out, the board would have to submit a resolution to the retirement board between April 1, 2020, and May 1, 2020.

After much discussion, the board determined that an estimate was not needed.

A motion was made by Dr. Mary Anne Belcher to not request an estimate for the cost of opting-out. A second was made by Dr. James Justice; motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Vaping Alert

Julie Chaney, Health Educator, provided the board with information that was received from the Department for Public Health and the CDC concerning cases of severe pulmonary disease related to e-cigarette use or vaping. Mrs. Chaney explained that the cause of the illness has not been determined yet. She added that all cases do have a history of e-cigarette use within the past 90 days and many of the cases report use of THC; however, 10-20% report no use of the THC.

She reported that there had been 450 cases reported since August 27, 2019, with 5 deaths, one each in California, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, and Oregon. Kentucky has 2 possible cases and 3 under investigation. She stated they expect the numbers to increase in the next few weeks, adding that the median age of cases is 19 with most being male.

Our health department has shared all information on our website, emailed city and county schools systems, and conducted an interview with Mountain Top News.

Mrs. Chaney explained to the board that she conducts classes in the schools on tobacco use in general and e-cigarettes. She gave examples of how the kids think there is nothing wrong with vaping or juuling and it is just flavoring like in candy. She stated the kids say if it makes them cool or popular that they don't care if it is dangerous. She added that some students have indicated they know 4th graders that are vaping.

East Kentucky Marina Waves Waterpark

Mrs. Hamilton informed board members of the information James and Tereshia Thomas, owners of East Kentucky Marina, Waves Waterpark, presented to the Pike County Fiscal Court on August 6, 2019, concerning the permitting process for their waterpark.

She explained that the presentation was upsetting to many employees of the health department. It made our health department appear incompetent, and one of our employees appear incompetent and rude.

Mrs. Hamilton explained that after reviewing the facts of the situation, she had found that much of the information provided by the Thomases was inaccurate and felt it very unfortunate that the health department was portrayed in such a negative manner and in such a public forum.

She added that she and Jackie Cole, Environmental Director, had met with Deputy Judge Hickman on Wednesday, September 4, and presented the facts of the situation to him and wanted to share their findings with all members of the board.

Mr. Cole shared video clips from the fiscal court meeting with the board and provided documented facts to counter many of the claims made by the Thomases.

Personnel:

Executive Session for Discussion of Personnel Issues

A motion was made by Debra Huffman at 7:42 for the board to move into executive session with a second by Dr. James Justice. Motion was carried unanimously.

Return from Executive Session

A motion was made by Dr. Paul Maynard at 8:05 to return the board from executive session with a second by Mrs. Debra Huffman. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Collins, Chairman of the Board, made the motion to accept the recommendation made by the interview committee and offer Tammy Riley the Public Health Director II position. A second was made by Dr. Mary Anne Belcher; motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

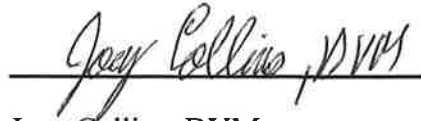
A motion was made by Debra Huffman to adjourn and second by Dr. Paul Maynard; motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cynthia Hamilton". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a solid horizontal line.

Cynthia Hamilton
Interim Director
Secretary to Board

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joey Collins, DVM". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a solid horizontal line.

Joey Collins, DVM
Chairman of the Board