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Lawrence County Board of Health January 18th, 2023, Minutes

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM. Board Members present included: Randy Lambert (President), Mark Dickess, and Brenda Shipley. Also present was Debbie Fisher (Administrator), Zach Schweinsberg (Fiscal Officer).

Approve Minutes

Mark Dickess made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Brenda Shipley seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed. Randy Lambert asked if anyone would like to make a public comment. No members of the public were present.

Financial

Mark Dickess asked if there was anything extraordinary in the financial reports. The Fiscal Officer summarized some changes made in the presentation of financial reports to the Board of Health. Mark Dickess made a motion to approve the financials and bills and salaries. Brenda Shipley seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was passed.

Environmental

The Board of Health reviewed the Environmental Health Report. Mark Dickess made a motion to accept the environmental health report for December, 2022. Brenda Shipley seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Next, the Board of Health discussed whether to take legal action to compel the Lawrence County Auditor's Office to pay Little's Excavating of the Tri-State LLC (Little's) for the WPCLF project in relation to Beverly Clay. Randy asked that the minutes show that the Lawrence County Auditor's Office has indicated that they do not feel comfortable paying Little's for the septic installation at Beverly Clay's residence without a writ of mandamus from the court. The Lawrence County Prosecutor has indicated that Lawrence County Auditor's Office and Lawrence County Health Department each need to hire outside counsel since he represents both parties. Mark Dickess made the motion to hire outside legal counsel to represent Lawrence County Health Department in this matter. Brenda Shipley seconded the motion. Randy Lambert abstained from the motion. The motion passed with two voting in favor and one abstention.



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Personnel

Next, the Board of Health reviewed personnel items. A disclosure was provided concerning a referral to the Auditor of State's Office by the Fiscal Officer concerning potential theft of time. During a financial review, at least three separate instances were noted where Elizabeth Sergent charged Lawrence County Health Department and Jackson County Health Department for the same period of time worked.

Next, the Board of Health reviewed the change in job position for Camryn Zornes from contact tracer / administrative assistant to health educator, as well as a new pay rate of \$15/hr. Randy Lambert asked if \$15/hr was typical for this position. The Fiscal Officer said yes. Brenda Shipley made a motion to approve the change in job position and pay rate for Camryn Zornes, effective 01/07/2023. Mark Dickess seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Other Reports

Randy Lambert asked for a motion to receive and file the reports for vital statistics, burial permit fees, accreditation / PIO, car seat / cribs, children & medical handicaps, immunizations, reproductive health, maternal & child health, covid-19 enhanced operations, public health workforce, covid vaccine, covid and infectious disease, and public health emergency preparedness. Brenda Shipley made the motion to receive these reports. Mark Dickess seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Continuing Education

The Board of Health reviewed the history of public health in Ohio. The materials presented were an adaptation from Mercer County Health Department's orientation guide.

Miscellaneous

Debbie reported to the Board that a pediatric resident of Lawrence County had been admitted to Cabell Hospital for mercury toxicity.

Debbie also reported that Ohio House Bill 463 was discussed at a Health Commissioners Meeting that she attended. At the meeting, it was recommended that local health departments reach out to their local state representative to discuss local issues that may impact public health.



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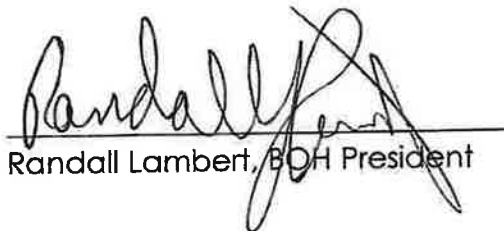
Debbie asked the Board of Health if the Board had any by-laws that it followed. Randy Lambert asked the Fiscal Officer to search for any prior copies of the by-laws used by the Board of Health.

Adjournment

Brenda Shipley made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mark Dickess. All were in favor. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 4:19 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for 02/22/2023 at 4:00 PM in the Conference Room of Lawrence County Health Department.

Minutes Approved by:



Randall Lambert, BOH President

2-22-2023
Date

