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The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hancock County Board of Health was held on February 4, 2020 at 4:00PM in the Hancock County Commissioners office. Chair Plesa conducted roll call all members present. Medical Director, Dr Chris Rhody and Administrator, Jackie Huff were employees in attendance. Carolyne Baker and Chelsea Everly sanitarians were present. Commissioner Joe Barnabei was absent.

The Chair asked if all members had reviewed the minutes from the 12-3-2019 meeting. Chair asked if there were any questions or objections to the minutes. Having heard no objections, the minutes were approved.

The Chair asked the members to review the financials. Asking if any objections or questions regarding the financials as presented. Hearing no objections, the financials were approved and to filed for audit.

Chair ask that the record reflect that the invoices were approved and signed by the members before and throughout the meeting.

No Public Comments

Old Business: New floors installed and look good. Thank you to Commissioner for this update to the department.

P-Card discussion took place on whether to participate or not. The percentage of billables would probably not meet the minimum to receive the percentage of interest. The board choose not to pursue currently.

Certified Food Protection Manager certification discussion took place. Clarification to the public is ongoing to explain it is a higher certification than Serv Safe and Hancock Food Handlers cards. Some challenges occurred with the Chinese and the Spanish speaking populations, so methods are being developed to help them with the dialect. Other inquiries have been from the long- term care facilities with a dietary certified protection certificate. This was explained to them that it is not the correct certification. The information on the correct course was provided to them. Letters were sent to all food establishments with the new code requirements and how to take the course/test for the certified Food protection Manager certification.

New Business: Discussion of renewal and motion to extend the contract of Dr Rhody for another year as the Health Officer of the Hancock County Health Department. Motion was made and approval by all board members was acknowledge. Contract renewed for another year.

Second a motion was made to increase the monthly rate from \$800 to \$850 for the Health Officer all agreed. Motion passed, Dr. Rhody rate of pay will be \$850 monthly.

Department reports:

Discussion on the Community Needs Assessment and Strategic plan for the Health Department is early in process and Jackie Huff ask the board to be involved in the ongoing development of each plan. The health department is working with the Local Health Association and the other regional departments to do a survey and compiling of that information.

Coronavirus -Wheeling did a press release on Friday and stated they are monitoring some students that have traveled out of state. None of these students have symptoms. We will be following the CDC guidelines. Travel to and from China and display respiratory type illness or symptoms with fever.

Recommended that people be diligent in handwashing and if you have not yet get your Flu shots.

Clinical and Environmental reports are included and on target for numbers.

Environmental -Clarification was asked of the Board on a Mountaineer smoking issue that had arose in an inspection of the Speakeasy bar. They were allowing smoking and stated to the inspector that it was allowed. They had no machines imbedded in the bar. It was noted as violation on the inspection report. Chair Plesa affirmed that smoking was not permitted at any food service area that did not have video lottery machines imbedded in the bar. Further communication will be relayed to Mountaineer CEO, Jason Pugh on the regulation.

Mobile home permits- two not to date on application and permit. The department will revoke permits.

Outreach for the Harm reduction van location and time changes. Lawrenceville from 1:00 to 2:30 on Tuesdays and Weirton on Thursday 1:00-2:30. Grant moneys are finally coming in and almost to date.

Chair Plesa asked if a reinspection's have taken place in the schools specific to the mold and had the schools addressed those issues. Chelsea Everly stated that to date the mold issues were resolved upon inspections and further regular inspections would be forthcoming.

The scheduled date for the April meeting was incorrectly stated as the Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. The corrected date of the next meeting is Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM.

Discussion on Medical Cannabis- July 1, 2019 the regulation was adopted by the legislature for medical cannabis. The applications and process will be handled through the state Bureau office of medical cannabis. The regulation states that the local boards of health shall issue or not a statement of approval to have a facility located within our county. The county commission does not have to do any action. Discussion took place on what to approve. Jackie would be attending a meeting Thursday in hoping to get more information on the approval process. Dr Rhody stated he could not think of a health reason to say yes or to say no to the approval. Chair Plesa recommended to await what legislature are presently passing on the topic and to see what further direction might be given. The board will await further direction by the Bureau to make a motion. If needed before the next meeting they would address in special meeting.

No further business to discuss the chair moved to adjourn. Sam DeCapio seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted for Dr Rhody D.O., Health Officer