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Before the meeting plans submitted by Weirton investment were reviewed for compliance with the clean air amendment. The Board approved the plans as submitted.

The rescheduled regular meeting of The Hancock County Board of Health was held on December 14, 2018 at 12:00 PM at the Hancock County Commission office. Chair Plesa opened the meeting with roll call. Sam DeCapio attended via conference call. Other members present were Anthony Pavalis, and two new members Nicole Glass and Sandra Haspel. Jackie Huff, Administrator was in attendance and Dr. Christopher Rhody interim Health Officer.

Chair Plesa wanted the record to reflect that the invoices submitted for approval would be reviewed and approved at the end of the meeting.

Chair Plesa then ask for motions to approve the October 9th, October 10th and October 12th minutes. Anthony Pavalis made the motion to accept the minutes. Sam DeCapio seconded the motion the motion carried, all members in attendance voted in affirmative.

Chair Plesa then asked for a motion to approve the profit and loss statements submitted by Jackie Huff. Anthony Pavalis moved to approve the financials. Nicole Glass seconded the motion the motion carried. All members voting in the affirmative. Financial will be filed for audit.

Chair then made a motion to amend the agenda to place public comment to end of agenda. Chair then was informed no one had wished to address the Board. The motion was withdrawn.

Old Business:

2019 Board of Health meeting dates were provided by Jackie Huff for approval. The time of the meetings will be 4:00PM. Date of meetings were the first Tuesday of the corresponding months. Anthony Pavalis motioned to accept the meeting dates and time. Nicole Glass seconded the motion. The motion passed with all members voting in the affirmative. The dates and times will be posted on the website and on Facebook for all to view. Attached is the list of dates: February 5, 2019, April 2, 2019, June 4, 2019, August 6, 2019, October 1, 2019 and December 3, 2019.

New Business:

Nomination and Vote for Vice Chair- At this time the Chair nominates Anthony Pavalis as Vice Chair for the Hancock County Board of Health. Then asked if there were any other nominations? No other nominations were brought before the Board. The Chair then asked for a second on the nomination that was motioned? Sam DeCapio seconded the motion. Anthony Pavalis abstained from vote. All other members voted in the affirmative. The motion was approved, and Anthony Pavalis will be the Vice Chair.

Next agenda item was to approve compensation for Dr. Rhody, interim local health officer. Chair expressed his gratitude to Dr. Rhody for his service and time as the interim local health officer.

MOTION FOR PAYMENT TO DR. RHODY

WHEREAS, by vote taken at an emergency meeting on October 12, 2018, the Board of Health unanimously agreed to appoint Dr. Christopher Rhody as the interim public health officer for the Hancock County Health Department until a permanent health officer is appointed;

AND WHEREAS, the appointment of Dr. Rhody was conditioned upon the approval of the West Virginia Bureau of Public Health (hereinafter WVBPH) pursuant to West Virginia Code §16-2-12;

AND WHEREAS, on October 16, 2018 the WVBPH approved the appointment of Dr. Rhody as interim public health officer for the Hancock County Health Department;

AND WHEREAS, Dr. Rhody has served faithfully in the position of interim public health officer and executed the powers and duties thereof pursuant West Virginia Code Â§16-2-12 and Â§16-2-13

THEREFORE, the Chair moves that in consideration for the performance by Dr. Christopher Rhody of the aforementioned duties that he be compensated in the amount of \$800 per month, to be paid retroactively beginning on October 16, 2018.

Second motion came from Anthony Pavalis. The motion was voted and all signified by stating aye. Motion approved.

MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF PERMANENT Local Health officer

Pursuant to West Virginia Code §16-2-12 the Board of Health is vested with the duty and authority to appoint a local health officer;

In this regard, the Chair moves for consideration and hiring of Dr. Christopher Rhody, D.O. as permanent public health officer for the Hancock County Health Department. The appointment of Dr. Rhody is conditional upon the approval of the West Virginia Bureau of Public Health pursuant to West Virginia Code §16-2-12 and his appointment as permanent shall not take effect until his appointment is approved by the West Virginia Bureau of Public Health. Pending said approval, Dr. Rhody shall continue to serve as interim public health officer and be compensated in the amount previously approved by this Board (i.e. \$800/month).-Do I have a second for this motion? Anthony Pavalis seconded the motion.

The members voted in the affirmative. The motion to hire Dr. Christopher Rhody, D.O. as public health officer for the Hancock County was approved.

The chair moves that the employment of Dr. Christopher Rhody, D.O. as permanent public health officer be done on a contract basis, said contract to be voted upon during the first meeting of this Board in 2019. Pending the approval and execution of said contract, Dr. Christopher Rhody shall continue to act as public health officer for Hancock County and be compensated in the amount previously approved by this Board (i.e. \$800/month). Do I have a second for this motion? Nicole Glass seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and all members signified by stating aye. Motion that the employment of Dr. Christopher Rhody, D.O. as permanent public health officer for the Hancock County Board of Health to be done on a contract basis, with said contract to be voted on during the first meeting of this Board in 2019 has been approved.

Sam DeCapio asked to be excused at this time.

Program Reports from the staff:

Jackie Huff reported that the audit report was provided to the Board. The report was without any findings. Some discussion took place on what the audit reported. Chair Plesa thanked Jackie Huff for her work on the audit process.

Legionella outbreak was next and Chair Plesa thanked all the staff that worked diligently on the outbreak.

Jackie Huff presented some information on the outbreak with case definitions and findings. The outbreak resulted in 6 confirmed cases with 8 probable, 6 probable Pontiac fever and 6 suspect cases. The CDC and State assisted in the investigation. The patient interviews, environmental assessment, lab testing. We looked at surrounding cooling towers, which were determined as low risk. Environmental samples were taken and sent the results returned a negative result. Most of the areas were already hypo chlorinate and labs results were questionable. Mountaineer had conducted some lab sampling on their own and positive for a different strain of legionnaires was found in the grandstand restrooms.

Early findings and recommendation:

Hot tub

- WV DHHR and HCHD should recommend that the racetrack cease operation of the hot tub until it is brought up to code for commercial use
- This includes meeting standards such as installing an automatic chlorination system, conducting regular maintenance with pH and chlorine testing, and installing a dedicated air exhaust system
- WV DHHR and HCHD should follow-up to ensure these measures are carried out on site

HVAC systems

- WV DHHR and HCHD should recommend the racetrack repair or replace existing air handling systems and exhaust fans serving the first-floor jock room. Bring all systems serving that space up to current code standards.
- Seal the crack between the 1st and 2nd floors (above the hot tub room and kitchen) to eliminate that potential air path between the two spaces.

Water system

- WV DHHR and HCHD should recommend that the racetrack optimize their water system to ensure residual disinfectant is detectable throughout and water temperatures at the distal sites are outside of the Legionella growth range
- In addition, the racetrack should consider performing a water system flush of the clubhouse building prior to public use due to potential for stagnation
- The racetrack should also consider consulting specialist with Legionella experience to remediate the Grandstand building due to prior positive Legionella test results
- WV DHHR and HCHD should recommend the racetrack to institute a comprehensive water management program for all buildings on the campus. This plan should include routine testing of disinfectant residual, pH, and temperatures at multiple sites throughout the water system.

Employee Health

WV DHHR and HCHD should recommend that the racetrack have continued vigilance for any respiratory-associated illness in employees in the coming weeks and months and especially when warm weather returns to the area.

The final reports are pending and awaiting approval by the CDC and the State and the BOH. Mountaineer removed the hot tub and follow-up to facility is in the near future.

Further education with health care providers and facilities will be done. To help with the protocols for suspected legionella.

Some discussion took place on health departments role. The department role is ongoing and will be following up.

Liability Insurance risk inspection was completed and submitted. The Defensive Driving course was completed by all employees.

Clinical Reports were included in the board's information folders.

Two clinicians have been retained to be used per diem as needed for covering the RNs days not in office.

Environmental reports were included in the boards folders. Other plans were submitted for approval for the clean air amendment. It was noted that all LVLS that intend to be compliant are already smoking. Plans need sent by the facilities for approval to be compliant. Gumby's/Geno upon inspection need new doors in the Carolina Ave and Rt 30, also all self-service food and beverage items need removed. The plans submitted by the same group need to have permanent walls to be compliant. Chair Plesa stated he has received complaints on the Chester VFW and that they are smoking without enclosing room and entrance and exit area to deck needs address. He would be interested in going on inspection with us to see the layout of the VFW. Hollywood Café is in process of building walls has contacted Mr. Plesa and he will inform us of the progress. 20 ft clearance of entry for smoking issue will be addressed. December 20 or 21st will be possible date to view the VFW. The Coffee Bean contacted Chair Plesa on 12-13-2018 and they were smoking already and had not submitted plans officially. Upon conversation with Chair the will construct a wall and become compliant.

Enforcement of those violating the regulations was discussed. The Board wishes to pursue legally those in violation. In the past the department was not able to due this with the Prosecutors office not able to take the time to deal with. Chair Plesa is looking at options to do this more fully and forcibly.

As the plans continue to come in Jackie Huff informed the Board that she will continue to forward for their review and comments.

Outreach: The Harm Reduction Van is out and about on Tuesday through out Hancock County. Various locations and times are posted on Facebook and Website. They are offering FLU shots and Hepatitis A on the van presently.

Hepatitis A vaccine is available to the Community for any persons 18 years or older.

Dr. Rhody stated he was happy to be here.

Jackie Huff brought to the Board the increment pay policy that need to be updated and approved by the Board. After reviewing the policy a motion to accept the increment policy was made by Nicole Glass. The motion was seconded by Anthony Pavalis. All voted in affirmative. The motion to accept the policy was approved.

Next meeting date is February 5, 2019 at 4:00PM

With no further business to discuss the motion to adjourn was made by Anthony Pavalis and seconded by Nicole Glass. The meeting was adjourned.

