

BROOKE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

Brooke County Courthouse

Monday, August 28, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

Present: Michael Bolen, Jane Rush, Dr. DePetro, Sylvia Taylor, John Cunningham, Joe Ierise, Vicky Gallo and Judith Martich.

Sylvia Taylor called meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes of May 22, 2017 meeting approved.

Correspondence:

- Letter from Brooke County Schools that their funding was cut and they are unable to contract with us this year.

Administrative Report, Michael Bolen:

- New TV for County Commissioners Conference Room was purchased with Threat Preparedness grant funds.
- Finances are back in black.
- Upgraded copier, IT server and network port with Threat Preparedness grant funds.
- New vehicle purchased
- State Aid maintained this year
- Not sure how decisions on affordable care will impact us.
- Assisted with recent flooding in Ohio, Marshall and Wetzel-Tyler Counties.
- Child was viciously attacked by two pit bulls. No rabies vaccination records. As recommended by County Commission the dog was ordered to be put down.
- Increase in reportable diseases from 2015 to 2017. Average 12-15 environmental cases per year. Over 45 have been reported already this year. Lyme Disease on increase. Outreach this summer to children about ticks.
- Litigation update—County Commission has been dismissed from lawsuit. It is anticipated that the Health Department will be dismissed also.
- Narcan kits distributed to first responders in Brooke County. Local health departments in West Virginia have received Narcan kits through a grant from WVU. Over 30 law enforcement officers have been trained. Risk of officers exposed to fentanyl. Kits packed with safety gear have been purchased with Threat Preparedness funds and distributed to first responders.
- Needle Exchange Program/Harm Reduction—high potential for Hepatitis B Outbreak. Upper Ohio Valley Harm Reduction Coalition formed (Brooke, Hancock in West Virginia and Jefferson County Ohio). Seeking grant and private funding to start program to start purchasing supplies. Program to begin in September at Northwood in Weirton. Attended Harm Reduction training in Charleston. Chad Napier, Prevention Educator HIDTA was a presenter and was contacted to speak to Brooke County middle schools this fall.
- Health Department was approached to rent out space for a suboxone clinic. The Board was not in favor of this request.
- Solid Waste Authority has lost funding for recycling program in Brooke County. Possibility that the health department could apply for the funding.

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New Business:

- Expenditure report was reviewed and approved.
- Credit Card Policy for state p-card. State policy was reviewed and adopted. Motion was made by Vicky Gallo. Motion seconded by Joe Ierise. Motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting, Monday, November 27, 2017.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Taylor
Chair