

BROOKE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

Monday March 22nd, 2021 7:00 p.m.

Present: Joe Ierise, Mary Blum, John Cunningham, Jennifer Cross, Carrie Estrada, Michael Bolen, April Eltringham, Dr. Deptro
Guest: Warren Scott, Justin Dixon

John Cunningham called Meeting to order at 7:05pm

Public comment: Justin Dixon approached the board in regard to opening a social lounge that would allow Hookah to be smoked from 9pm until closing. He has had success in his business in other states such as Texas. The board at this time would need more information such as a plan review to move forward with anything.

The Board went into discussion about Mr. Dixons plans to smoke hookah at a facility and with much thought it has been decided not to entertain any idea of Hookah being smoked in any facility.

Mary Blum motioned to approve minutes from meeting held in November 2020 and Jennifer Cross second that motion.

Correspondence: PEIA 2022 Finance Plan for active employees and WV CORP reimbursement letter. Office Manager April Eltringham also presented to board the Public Retirement System contribution rate did not change and remains at 10%.

New Business

1. Welcome New Board Member Carrie Estrada
2. Review and approval of Expenditure Report, motion to approve Mary Blum, second to approve Joe Ierise
3. Conflict of Interest Resolutions all turned in and signed by board members.
4. Re- appointment of Chair John Cunningham, Mary Blum motioned, Jennifer Cross second. Re-appointment of Co-Chair Joe Ierise Mary Blum Motioned, Jennifer Cross second. They also made motion to re-appoint health officer Dr. Depetro.
5. The Board was all in favor to approve the organization structure chart.

Administrative Report:

COVID Cases are declining

The Health Department is conducting COVID-19 testing every Tuesday.

39% of the county's population has been vaccinated and the department continues to work diligently to get the vaccines out.

Nursing homes and long-term care facilities have been vaccinated.

The department worked with Bethany College on vaccinations for staff.

Office Manager April Eltringham is currently working on an online scheduling system for residents to make scheduling more efficient.

The Department is vaccinating homebound individuals in the county.

With the extra clinics, office supplies, equipment, and staff the department is finding themselves in deficit for the first time in four years in which they have had a surplus.

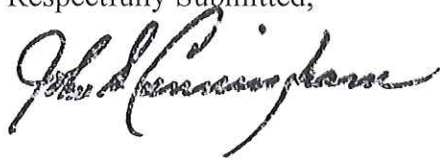
Grants coming in and being extended should help this.

Harm reduction is in jeopardy with the new SB334 bill.

Bill SB349 will also limit local health with businesses that they don't permit, Administrator Michael Bolen believes this has to do with the board's decision to stop out of state residents from buying liquor at the county's stores to limit exposure of COVID-19 to its residents. Also mentioned was bill SB12, this allows the county commission to have authority over the board's decisions.

Joe Ierise motion to adjourn at 8:28pm, Newcomer Carrie Estrada Second that motion

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Cunningham".

John Cunningham, Chair