

**GREENE COUNTY
BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
July 10, 2025**

The Greene County Board of Health met in regular session on Thursday, July 10, 2025, in Conference Room 124 of the health district office. The meeting convened at approximately 6:30 p.m. In attendance: Jane Clifton, President; Todd Dudley, Scott Hammond, Connie Helmuth, Marty Larson, Angelia Mickle, DNP; Ratna Palakodeti, M.D, Timothy Roop, Andrew Root, and Nancy Terwoord. Excused: Sylvia Ellison, William Harden, and David Thompson. Employees in attendance: Melissa Howell, Health Commissioner; Noah Stuby, Deputy Health Commissioner; Shadrick Adams, Olivia Detty, Donna Jenkins, and Stephanie Sanders. Excused: Jennifer Barga and Kevin Sharett, M.D.

With quorum, Ms. Clifton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and introduced our guest presenters, Donna Jenkins and Stephanie Sanders, both Public Health nurses at GCPH.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA/MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Ms. Clifton introduced the consent agenda, amended agenda, and the meeting minutes for June 5, 2025.

#25-07-10-02 Ms. Helmuth moved to approve the consent agenda, amended agenda, and the June 5, 2025, meeting minutes. Mr. Roop seconded the motion. The motion was carried by acclamation.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Clifton asked Deputy Health Commissioner Stuby to review the Greene County Resolution of Necessity for the 2025 Levy that was introduced at last month's meeting.

Deputy Health Commissioner Stuby discussed the renewal of the levy. If approved by the board, the renewal would be placed on the ballot for a 0.8 mill operating levy and would be for a five-year term. All that is needed by the board is a vote. The minutes from this meeting need to reflect that the board approved the passage of putting the language on the ballot for the renewal levy. If approved, it will be presented to the county commissioners, who will be responsible for drafting the language and placing it on the ballot.

#25-07-10-03 Ms. Terwoord moved approval of the Greene County Resolution of Necessity for the 2025 Levy. Ms. Mickle seconded the motion. The motion was carried by acclamation.

Ms. Clifton asked Mr. Adams to speak about a variance request for 1324 Fairground Road, located in Xenia, Ohio.

Mr. Adams shared that the homeowner, Aaron Snyder, had applied for a variance request to build a garage within eight feet of the first leaching line of his sewage treatment system. Due to the lot line of his property, he is unable to move it further away.

The building would be installed to minimize disturbance to the leach lines, and plans are in place to divert surface water drainage away from the leach field. Environmental Health recommends approval of this variance as there is no significant threat to public health. Mr. Adams also noted that the homeowner handled this correctly by consulting the Health Department, as he could have attempted to build without doing so.

#25-07-10-04 Mr. Larson moved approval of the variance request for 1324 Fairground Road, Xenia, Ohio. Mr. Roop seconded the motion. The motion was carried by acclamation.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Deputy Health Commissioner Stuby reviewed the June income and expenditure report, the June voucher summary, and the appropriation transfers and fund transfers/temporary advances. Deputy Health Commissioner Stuby satisfactorily answered all questions.

#25-07-10-01 Mrs. Helmuth moved approval of the income and expenditure report, voucher summary, appropriation transfers, and fund transfers/temporary advances. Mr. Larson seconded the motion. The motion was carried by acclamation.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Ms. Clifton asked Deputy Health Commissioner Stuby to speak about the addition of the Data Analyst position within the Planning, Promotion, and Preparedness department that was introduced at last month's meeting.

Deputy Health Commissioner Stuby explained that this new Data Analyst position was proposed to better align with one of the current accreditation coordinators' responsibilities to analyze health data required by a community health assessment. If approved, the existing coordinator, Justin Moon, will be moved into this new role, and no new hiring is needed.

#25-07-10-05 Ms. Terwoord moved approval for the addition of the Data Analyst position to be filled by Justin Moon. Mr. Roop seconded the motion. The motion was carried by acclamation.

Health Commissioner Howell shared that we received a report from the Accreditation Board. Everything in the report indicates that we are largely demonstrating all that is stated. There was only one area that was slightly affected, primarily due to the impact of COVID-19 and the tornadoes. The report is available for review, and we fully expect that at the Accreditation Board's meeting in August, GCPH will be reaccredited.

PRESENTATION

GCPH Public Health Nurses, Donna Jenkins and Stephanie Sanders, gave tonight's presentation, "Family Connects Ohio."

Ms. Jenkins and Ms. Sanders discussed what Family Connects Ohio (FCO) is, who is eligible for the program, and how the program receives referrals. They also explained the components of a home visit, resources they share with clients, and shared firsthand stories of how this program positively impacts the lives of both babies and mothers.

The presentation lasted 25 minutes.

GOVERNANCE REPORTS

Governance Committee – No report.

Performance and Evaluation Committee – No report.

Planning and Finance Committee – No report.


ADDITIONAL BUSINESS (CONT.)

Ms. Terwoord shared that if anyone would like to register for the 2025 NALBOH Annual Conference, please let Ms. Detty know.

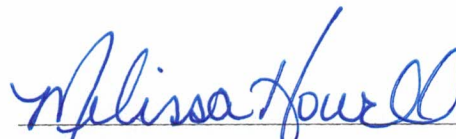
Health Commissioner Howell provided an update on the past month's developments, noting significant changes in federal and state budgets, particularly regarding public health funding. Emergency operations dollars from a COVID-related FEP grant were utilized to implement electronic medical records in public health, with a total of approximately \$200,000 now being redirected to other funding sources.

Greene County's tobacco education project lost approximately \$130,000 in state funding due to budget cuts, but efforts in tobacco education will continue through new partnerships. Youth vaping is a growing concern, and ongoing work will address this issue. National and state associations are collaborating on public health issues, and the governor has made tough but generally favorable decisions regarding the state budget.

There being no further business, the Greene County Board of Health meeting for July 11, 2025, adjourned at approximately 7:21 p.m.



Jane Clifton, President



Melissa Howell, Secretary