

**PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
MEETING SUMMARY  
June 11, 2020**

The regular monthly meeting of the Putnam County Board of Health was held Thursday, June 11, 2020, in the waiting room of the Putnam County Health Department with the following members present: J. Stephen Sandy, MD, Mr. Matthew Herman and Mr. Joe Burkhart. Present from the Putnam County Health District were: Health Commissioner and Director of Putnam County HomeCare and Hospice Kim Rieman, Director of Environmental Health Brandi Schrader, Director of Nursing Sherri Recker, Hospice Coordinator Kris Bellman, HomeCare Coordinator Melissa Ladden, and Fiscal/HR Director Jodie Lammers. Medical Director Dr. Jacinta Eickholt was in attendance. Putnam County Commissioner Michael Lammers was also present for the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Matthew Herman.

Mr. Burkhart made a motion to approve the May 14, 2020 Board of Health meeting minutes, seconded by Dr. Sandy. Motion carried.

Ms. Rieman requested that the discussion for the potential revision of the vacation policy be tabled until a full board was present.

**Putnam County HomeCare and Hospice**

Mr. Burkhart made a motion to approve the expenditures for May 2020, seconded by Dr. Sandy. Motion carried.

There were no Then and Now Resolutions.

There were no Appropriation Transfers.

**Agency Update**

Ms. Bellman and Ms. Ladden referred to the information in the PCHH Agency report.

Since our last meeting, two nursing homes allowed our agency to send our aides into their facilities, thus decreasing the number of aides that were laid off.

**Business Meeting**

Following the May Board of Health Meeting, the leadership staff discussed four options for COVID Supplement pay. Ms. Lammers compiled the figures and presented the information to the Board of Health for consideration. Dr. Sandy motioned to approve Option #1 which represents an equal amount for all staff regardless of patient contact, seconded by Mr. Burkhart. Motion carried.

**Putnam County Health Department**

**Fiscal Business:**

Dr. Sandy made a motion to approve expenditures for June 2020, seconded by Mr. Burkhart. Motion carried.

There were no Then and Now Resolutions.

There were no appropriations.

There were no transfers.

### **Environmental Division Business:**

The Environmental Health Monthly review as well as the Operation and Maintenance Report were included in the packets.

Ms. Schrader shared that the calls and emails regarding enforcement and education for the reopening of businesses and events have decreased and that Environmental Health Staff are beginning to perform inspections in their assigned programs.

### **Nursing Division Business:**

Mr. Burkhart made a motion to rescind the compensation plan approved at the May 2020 meeting for the staff completing contact tracing on the weekends, seconded by Dr. Sandy. Motion carried.

Ms. Recker shared that staff will be in the schools for Kindergarten screenings later this month. In addition, staff are beginning to make plans for vision screenings once school begins. The schools have been informed that we will not be conducting scoliosis screenings.

Ms. Recker spoke briefly about the Contact Tracing Grant that the department has received from ODH. Since COVID began, all of our nurses and the Health Commissioner have been trained in Contact Tracing and our department has been able to manage the caseload. There will likely be a time where we will need additional help and this grant allows for the hiring or contracting for additional assistance. Ms. Recker will look into this more and bring a plan to the next Board of Health Meeting.

Ms. Recker shared that our revenue for our immunization clinics is much lower than previous years. The nursing division will be having additional clinics throughout the summer so that there are ample opportunities for children to be vaccinated.

### **Administrative Business:**

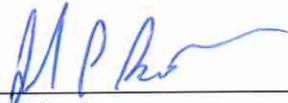

Ms. Rieman shared that the Governor's Office as well as the Ohio House of Representative and the Senate have approved counties to have fairs. Our department is working with the Putnam County Fair Board to make plans for a safe fair.

Ms. Rieman met with Putnam County School Superintendents on June 5 to begin discussing the 2020-2021 School Year. The next planning meeting is scheduled for July 8.

There has been some interest among Health Commissioners throughout the state to ask the Governor to allow for regional decision making when determining how to move forward with COVID-related decisions. The proposed concept reviews local case data as well as hospital-related data to determine risk in each county. More information will be shared at the next Board of Health Meeting.

Mr. Burkhardt made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Sandy. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Above are the notes of the meeting held on this date by the Health Commissioner of the Putnam County Health Department and they are not an exact transcription.

  
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