



District Health Department & Home Health Agency
Serving Harrison, Nicholas, Scott & Bourbon County Home Health

MINUTES

WEDCO BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Monday, April 15th, 2019

WEDCO District Health Department
Conference Room

Cynthiana, Kentucky

6:00 P.M.

Dr. Bennett, Chairman
Judge Barnett, Vice Chairman

Members Present:

Harrison County

Alex Barnett, Judge Executive
Dr. Derek Clarke

Nicholas County

Becky Reid
Judge Roscoe Higginbotham

Scott County

Jared Hollon, Judge Designee
Sherry Taylor, RN
John M. Bennett, MD

Members Absent:

Harrison County

Brett Hines, OD

Nicholas County:

Scott County:

Staff and Guests Present: Dr. Crystal Miller, Rachel Kendall, William Thomas, Lorrene Rawlins, Sherrie Tibbs, Savannah Tucker, Debbie Whitson, Ronda Walton, Kathie Tucker

With a roll call showing a quorum present, Dr. Bennett called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Miller asked the board for a motion to approve minutes from Monday, November 19th, 2018.

MOTION #1

Motion was made by Dr. Clarke to approve the minutes from Monday, November 19th, 2018. Judge Barnett seconded the motion.

Roll Call

Dr. Derek Clarke – Yes
Judge Barnett – Yes
John Bennett, M.D. – Yes
Jared Hollon – Yes

Judge Higgenbotham – Yes
Becky Reid – Yes
Sherry Taylor – RN - Yes

No further discussion. Motion passed without opposition.

With no further old business to discuss, the meeting moved forward with agenda business concerning progress of WEDCO’s environmental program, presented by William Thomas, WEDCO’s Director of Environmental Services and Preparedness. Mr. Thomas outlined changes to the food code that increased the amount of points deducted during inspections for critical violations.

The meeting moved forward to new business and the next agenda item with asked for a motion to approve closing the Nicholas County Clinic two days per week due to lack of patients and an increasing need to move staff to other clinics in order to better serve the communities.

MOTION #2

Motion was made by Becky Reid to approve the motion to close the Nicholas County Clinic two days per week due to lack of patients and an increasing need to move staff to other clinics in order to better serve the communities. Jared Hollon seconded the motion.

Roll Call

Dr. Derek Clarke – Yes
Judge Barnett – Yes
John Bennett, M.D. – Yes
Jared Hollon – Yes

Judge Higgenbotham – No
Becky Reid – Yes
Sherry Taylor – RN - Yes

Judge Higgenbotham expressed concern that residents of Nicholas County would not have the same access to care. He was reassured by Sherrie Tibbs and Crystal Miller that some services would still be available over the phone, the residents could still be seen at other facilities, and that the clinic would not be closed for two consecutive days.

The next order of business asked for a motion to approve the Home Health 2016-17 end of year report, presented by Lorrene Rawlins, WEDCO's Director of Nursing. Mrs. Rawlins explained that the transition to EMR using NDoc had been successful. She also expressed that she expected the Home Health Program to continue to grow.

MOTION #3

Motion was made by Judge Barnett to approve the Home Health 2016-17 end of year report. It was seconded by Dr. Derek Clarke.

Roll Call

Dr. Derek Clarke – Yes
Judge Barnett – Yes
John Bennett, M.D. – Yes
Jared Hollon – Yes

Judge Higgenbotham – Yes
Becky Reid – Yes
Sherry Taylor – RN – Yes

No further discussion. Motion was passed without opposition.

The Board was then informed of WEDCO's current financial status by Rachel Kendall. WEDCO remains the most financially solvent health department in the state.

The next order of business was to approve a routine update of the 2019 ICP Policy Manual.

MOTION #4

Motion was made by Judge Barnett to approve the routine update of the 2019 ICP Policy Manual. It was seconded by Becky Reid.

Roll Call

Dr. Derek Clarke – Yes
Judge Barnett – Yes
John Bennett, M.D. – Yes
Jared Hollon – Yes

Judge Higgenbotham – Yes
Becky Reid – Yes
Sherry Taylor – RN – Yes

No further discussion. Motion was passed without opposition.

Dr. Miller briefly addressed the threat of an increase in retirement contribution to 84%. She explained that we will do anything we can to remain in the Kentucky Retirement System, and that while other Health Departments may be forced to close, we will remain financially solvent for the time being, though it will come at a significant cost to the agency. She explained that there is nothing we can do at this point until the Governor follows through on his promise to call a meeting with Kentucky legislators with the intention of finding a solution. She explained that we will remain prepared to pay out the 84% until we are told otherwise.

Dr. Miller then informed the board of the deteriorating state of the district office building. She explained that she and Rachel Kendall had been considering moving the district office staff to our Harrison County facility. She informed them that we do have the office space, but some renovations to the building would have to be done and we would have to find an alternative storage space for some items that have been stored in the district office. Dr. Miller asked for the blessing of the board before she continued with plans to move.

MOTION 5

A motion was made by Becky Reid to approve moving the District Office to Harrison County. The motion was seconded by Sherry Taylor, RN.

Roll Call

Dr. Derek Clarke – Yes
Judge Barnett – Yes
John Bennett, M.D. – Yes
Jared Hollon – Yes

Judge Higgenbotham – Yes
Becky Reid – Yes
Sherry Taylor, RN – Yes

No further discussion. Motion was passed without opposition.

With no further items to discuss, Dr. Bennett called to a motion to adjourn.

MOTION 6

A motion was made by Judge Bennett to adjourn. Becky Reid seconded the motion.


Roll Call

Dr. Derek Clarke – Yes
Judge Barnett – Yes
John Bennett, M.D. – Yes

Jared Hollon – Yes
Judge Higgenbotham – Yes
Becky Reid – Yes
Sherry Taylor, RN – Yes

No further discussion. Motion was passed without opposition.

Meeting adjourned.



Dr. John M. Bennett, Chairman

6-17-19
Date

Crystal Miller
Dr. Crystal Miller, Secretary

6/13/19
Date

