

**Owen County Local Board of Health Meeting Minutes  
Carroll County Health Center  
August 25, 2014—12:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:**

Carroll Bartley  
Christy Johnson  
Dave Jones  
Judge Carolyn Keith, Chairman  
Delbert Keith  
Thomas Marshall  
Gary Minch  
Chris Spurgeon

**Members Absent:**

Matt Parker  
Robert Walker  
Karen Wash

**Staff/Public Present:**

Jackie Brock  
Casey Ellis  
Georgia Heise  
Candice Selph  
Michelle Wilburn

**Welcome:** Chairman, Carolyn Keith, called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. A quorum was present.

**Topic:** Approval of June 26, 2014 Minutes

**Discussion:** Board members were asked to review the minutes from the last meeting in order to verify their accuracy. The minutes were reviewed with no discussion.

**Action:** Gary Minch made a motion to approve the minutes from June 26, 2014. Carroll Bartley seconded. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

**Topic:** New Business

**Topic:** Tax Rate

**Discussion:** Georgia Heise explained the necessity of having another board meeting so soon after meeting in June. The Board was convened the first time due to Adam Edelen's new legislation, mandating that a budget be approved by June 30, 2014. Michelle Wilburn interjected that the new law gave the Board until July 15<sup>th</sup> to pass the budget, but with the understanding that no funds could be expended before the budget was approved. Dr. Heise convened this meeting in order to pass a tax rate so that it could be presented to the Owen County Fiscal Court at the public hearing. Ms. Wilburn reminded the Board that property values are what our tax rates are based on, and directed the Board's attention to the property values sheet located in the board packet. She explained that the sheet showed the August 2013 property values, which is the same sheet that was reviewed last year. Since the 2014 property values for Owen County have not yet been released and there are no major changes anticipated to the current property value rates, Dr. Heise recommended to keep the tax rate

the same at 5.6 cents for every \$100.00 that comes into the county; with 5.4 going towards the operations of the health department. Dave Jones inquired if the property value rates are truly the same as they have always been. Judge Keith was pleased to report that property values did increase slightly this year. She is glad to see this change.

**Action:** Chris Spurgeon made the motion to keep the tax rate at 5.4. Thomas Marshall made the second. The motion to approve the tax rate carried unanimously. Mr. Jones commended Three Rivers for maintaining the current tax rate. This commendation was shared by Judge Keith, who also felt the health department should be applauded for its fiscal responsibility.

**Topic:** Building Maintenance

**Discussion:** Maintenance Supervisor, Jackie Brock, shared three bids with the Board for landscaping at the Owen County Health Center: Interstate Green County, Four Seasons, and House Whisperers. Mr. Brock asked the Board to review those bids included in their packet of information, and sent around pictures of proposed landscaping to accompany the bids. Mr. Jones asked Dr. Heise and Mr. Brock which bid Three Rivers tended to favor. Mr. Brock responded by liking the Four Seasons bid because the types of plants they are proposing to introduce require little maintenance and the bid costs less money. He did point out that \$2,565.88 dollars will be removed from the Four Seasons bid since the agency included tax when the health department is a tax-exempt agency. Judge Keith inquired if knock-out roses were being included in the plan. Ms. Spurgeon responded to the affirmative and pointed them out to Judge Keith in the photograph. Dave Jones commented that he has used Four Seasons at his residence, and that there always seems to be a plant blooming. Mr. Brock added that Four Seasons guaranteed all their plants for a year.

**Action:** Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the Four Seasons landscaping bid for the Owen County Health Center. Mr. Bartley seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion:** Mr. Brock mentioned he had received a request from employees at the Owen County Health Center to remove all the carpet and replace it with tile. Judge Keith agreed this would be a good idea. Mr. Brock plans to get three bids. Dr. Heise suggested forming a committee to make a decision on behalf of the Board so that another meeting would not be necessary. Ms. Spurgeon agreed to serve on the committee, along with Dr. Minch and Mr. Jones.

Mr. Brock mentioned that another committee would be needed to address the Owen County Health Center parking lot. Judge Keith mentioned Jim Evans in Grant County as a possible option for a bid. She said Mr. Brock could get the number from her or from the Owen County Cooperative Extension Office. Another options that were suggested were the Regulars from Northern Kentucky and Brian Young. The Board agreed something needed to be done with the parking lot, and would be interested to see what experts say is needed. Mr. Brock mentioned

that one of the bids to resurface and stripe the parking lot at the Carroll County Health Center was estimated at seventeen to eighteen thousand dollars. The Carroll County Health Center parking lot is much larger than the parking lot at the Owen County Health Center. Judge Keith agreed to serve on the committee along with Mr. Bartley and Christy Johnson. Mr. Brock will report the bids to the committee once they are received. Mr. Ellis pointed out that the dumpster might need to be removed, and that it might be beneficial to concrete the free space that will provide. Mr. Brock mentioned the installers and large trucks would need to be kept off the parking lot also to reduce wear and tear. The Board agreed it would be preferable to keep the cost around \$15,000.00 or less. Mr. Brock felt that this goal is reasonable, and that the Board might want to look at adding additional lighting which might be an additional \$300.00 to \$400.00 dollars.

**Topic:** Strategic Planning

**Discussion:** Dr. Heise shared that Three Rivers has begun another strategic planning process. Strategic planning is an ongoing process that Three Rivers aims to complete at least every three years. As the ground work is being laid, Dr. Heise would like for community members and board members to be involved. The next meetings are scheduled for August 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. and September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. All meetings are held at the District Office Conference Room. Board members were asked to let Candice Selph know if they would like to see what is involved and participate in the process. Judge Keith asked who from Owen County was participating in strategic planning. Dr. Heise asked Ms. Selph, and Ms. Selph responded that Mr. Jones was definitely attending but that Administrative Coordinator, Lindsey Tirey, would know for certain.

Dr. Heise reiterated that all four counties are being considered in this strategic plan. Until recently, Dr. Heise informed the Board that block funding was how many health departments received money. During the 1980s, health departments began providing more clinical services since Medicaid reimbursed health departments so well. Any additional Medicaid money was used to subsidize other health department programs. Now that most Kentuckians have insurance through Kynect, legislators are under the impression that health departments are no longer needed. Dr. Heise agrees that health departments should not be providing clinical services, but it is imperative that the legislators understand that all the money cannot be removed from health departments. There are certain services that the health department is statutorily required to perform. The Kentucky Health Department Association is currently working on their own strategic plan to address these issues for health departments across the state. While it is positive that health care is being funded, it cannot come at the expense of other operations like outbreak control and restaurant inspections. Dr. Heise emphasized that threats like these are why strategic planning is important. It is important for legislators as well as all agencies. Dr. Heise sincerely hopes all the board members and the community will continue to support efforts to improve the health status in their counties. Judge Keith added

that several small, local hospitals are already suffering from the “Obama Plan.” She feels these are scary and uncertain times.

**Topic:** Emergenetics

**Discussion:** This program literally means “emerge from your genetics.” Dr. Heise explained that she is a certified trainer for this program and has conducted the training for the entire Three Rivers staff. This program identifies thinking and behavior patterns unique to each person. Some of the thought and behavior patterns are genetic, while some are learned over time. Generally, four types of thinking and learning patterns exist: structural, analytical, social, and conceptual. Dr. Heise briefly explained each one. In addition, there are also behavioral attributes that are assessed such as expressiveness, assertiveness, and flexibility. Ms. Selph and Ms. Wilburn showed examples of their results to demonstrate what information would be identified. Dr. Heise would like to conduct this training program with all forty-eight board members across the four counties. She plans to complete this training at a December board meeting, with a District Board of Health Meeting at lunch time so that all the local boards can see how the district board is conducted. Judge Keith asked if there was a geographical area that tended to think one way or another. Dr. Heise replied that the Emergenetics program has been done globally, and that these structures of thinking exist cross-culturally. This information is important to learn about ourselves as well as others because it helps us to appreciate how others think. Perspectives are needed from everyone—no one of us is better than all of us together. For example, many organizations design new funding and programs that sound wonderful. However, there is often a disconnect that exists when the idea actually comes to the implementation stage. It takes all kinds of people to be successful in making ideas and programs work.





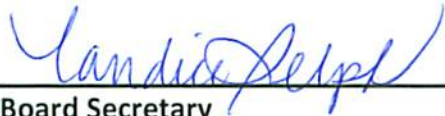
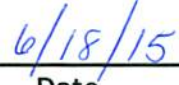
**Topic:** Remarks

**Discussion:** Dr. Heise reminded the Board that Pendleton County Health Educator, Jim Thaxton is currently the Heroin Task Force Coordinator that has been contracted through the Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department to address the heroin issue. The Heroin Task Force includes all four of our counties plus northern Kentucky. Mr. Thaxton’s goal is to corral all the groups together to work for the same purpose. In a small community, Dr. Heise shared that many know the families or people who are dying as a result of this issue. She explained that addressing the problem will require a three-pronged approach: law enforcement, treatment, and prevention. Mr. Thaxton has written a plan that shows how each of the groups are imperative in reaching the goal of controlling and preventing substance abuse. Judge Keith commented that she felt the rural counties were being left out of the process. Dr. Heise noted that the same comment was brought up at the Carroll County Local Board of Health meeting on Friday; and that Judge Tomlinson has asked the group to vary the locations of the meetings in order for the rural counties to better participate.

There are lots of controversial pieces of this issue to consider, such as the needle exchange program and the use of naproxen. The occurrences of discarded dirty needles are increasing, causing a chain reaction of increasing HIV and Hepatitis C rates. The Heroin Task Force is attempting to get laws changed and is looking for funding for treatment facilities. Judge Keith asked Dr. Heise if there was any discussion of a treatment center being located in any of the rural counties. Dr. Heise was unsure. Mr. Ellis commented that the proposed law to charge a seller with a wrongful death suits died last session. Mr. Jones wanted to verify that the use of naproxen became legal. He also asked if the drug issue has increased the crime rate. Judge Keith said all the EMTs have naproxen and that the Campbellsburg Kentucky State Police Post feels like crime has increased. She expressed her concern for EMT safety since the individuals who are given naproxen, usually come back to consciousness ready to fight. Many of them are very strong. Dr. Johnson explained that the EMTs are supposed to wait for police before leaving their vehicles. However, that is not always what is done since they are trained to save lives. Dr. Johnson also indicated that New Horizons was a no-restraint hospital, and that she has personally had to use her own body to restrain some of these patients who become violent.

**Topic:** Adjournment

**Action:** Mr. Jones made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Keith provided a second. The motion passed. All board members signed the three tax documents as proof a tax rate recommendation was made. The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

 Board Chairman	 Date
 District Director	 Date
 Board Secretary	 Date