

**Owen County Local Board of Health Meeting Minutes**  
**District Office Conference Room**  
**October 1, 2015**  
**12:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:**

Matt Cull  
Judge Casey Ellis  
Christy Johnson  
Dave Jones  
Gary Minch  
Matt Parker  
Chris Spurgeon  
Karen Wash

**Members Absent:**

Carroll Bartley  
Delbert Keith  
Tom Marshall  
Janet Wright

**Staff Present:**

Georgia Heise  
Justin Pittman  
Candice Selph  
Michelle Wilburn

**Community:**

Dan Brenyo  
Robert Walker

**Welcome and Remarks:** Chairman, Judge Casey Ellis, called the meeting to order at 12:12 p.m. A quorum was present.

**Topic:** Recognition of Mr. Robert Walker

**Discussion:** Dr. Georgia Heise welcomed former Owen County Local Board of Health member, Mr. Robert Walker, to the meeting. In appreciation and recognition of Mr. Walker's forty years of service to the Owen County Local Board of Health and the District Board of Health, Dr. Heise presented a plaque to Mr. Walker on behalf of the Board. Mr. Walker expressed his appreciation and thanks, and the Board responded in kind.

**Topic:** Approval of June 18, 2015 Minutes

**Discussion:** Board members were asked to review the previous meeting's minutes contained in their packet. The minutes were reviewed with no discussion.

**Action:** Karen Wash made the motion to approve the June 18, 2015 minutes. Dr. Christy Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Topic: Old Business**

**Topic:** New Horizons

**Discussion:** Dr. Heise shared with the Board that she had recently been interviewed by Channel 9 news from Cincinnati regarding the closing of New Horizons hospital; and the relocation of several Owen County doctors associated with the hospital's medical practice. Dr. Heise shared with the Board that she was not fully aware of the current status or situation surrounding the hospital's bankruptcy proceedings. However, she explained to the Board that Carroll, Gallatin, and Owen counties are served by TRIAD, a federally-qualified health center (FQHC). The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of New Horizons, Bernie Poe, worked diligently to provide a FQHC to

serve Owen County, and was a founding leader for TRIAD. However, New Horizons and TRIAD did not always agree. Therefore, these organizations discontinued their relationship. TRIAD has been working on funding for a building in Owen County, and has currently secured some monies toward that project. In the interim, Three Rivers is discussing renting them some space in the Owen County Health Center for their practice while waiting on the development of their new building.

Judge Ellis shared that Owen County is hoping to develop an urgent care center and reestablish the medical offices.

**Topic:** Senate Bill 192

**Discussion:** Dr. Heise directed the Board's attention to several documents in their packet. The first document included a policy and "Recommended Procedure" for Syringe Access Exchange Programs (SAEPs) that had been developed and passed by the District Board of Health on September 9, 2015. In the last line of the policy, Dr. Heise pointed out that the recommended procedures by the District Board could be amended or modified as necessary to meet the needs of the local community.

The other two documents included the actual Senate Bill 192, as well as the "Best Practices Procedure." Dr. Heise reminded the Board that the "Best Practices" procedure was currently in effect in Pendleton County. The Fiscal Court approved a SAEP to be run through the health center, which began on September 28, 2015.

Dr. Heise began by explaining the differences between the two procedures. Overall, the "Recommended Procedures" adopted by the District Board are more restrictive in nature, while the "Best Practices" are more adaptive.

Dr. Heise reminded the Board that whatever policy is decided upon must also be passed by the Fiscal Court and/or the City Council, depending on where the SAEP is conducted. The SAEP can also be adjusted as necessary if certain processes are not functioning as desired. Currently, Pendleton and Gallatin counties have voted to implement the "Best Practices" protocol. She also reminded the Board that the R.C. Durr Foundation has provided Three Rivers \$75,000.00 to help fund our SAEP programs.

**Action:** Mr. Jones made the motion to adopt the "Best Practices" protocol, evaluating the program after six (6) months of data has been received. Dr. Johnson provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

**Topic: New Business**

**Topic:** Remembering Carroll Bartley

**Discussion:** Dr. Heise expressed her sadness at learning the news of the passing of Owen County Board Member, Carroll Bartley.


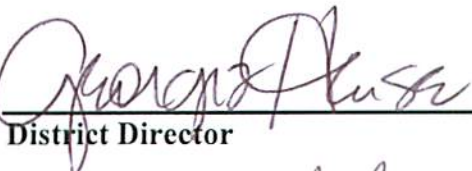
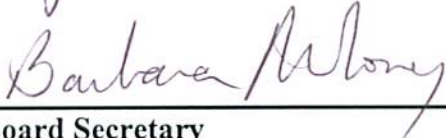
**Action:** Dr. Johnson suggested placing an announcement in the *Owenton News Herald*, expressing our condolences and sadness; and recognizing him for his service on the board and to the community. The Board verbally approved the suggestion.

**Topic:** New Board Member

**Discussion:** With the passing of Mr. Bartley, Dr. Heise reminded the Board that a new member needed to be appointed. Potential members must live in the county, regardless of where they work. The statutes say that certain professions should be represented, if possible. Mr. Bartley filled the "Engineer" position, but it could be filled by a lay person if an engineer could not be found. Since the Board is such an important part of health policy work, Dr. Heise emphasized that board members should be engaged and willing to work.

**Topic:** Adjournment

**Action:** Dr. Cull made the motion to adjourn. Dr. Johnson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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Board Secretary	Date