



# Kanawha-Charleston Board of Health

Wednesday, March 02, 2022

108 Lee Street East  
Charleston, WV 25301  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Board Room



## MEETING NOTES

### 1. Call to Order—President Mr. Jeremy Nelson

The meeting was called to order with the President, Mr. Jeremy Nelson, presiding.

### 2. Roll Call—Kandy Forsythe

Ms. Forsythe called the roll.

Dr. Dara Aliff-Lao	Present via Zoom
Ms. Lillian Morris	Present
Ms. Danita Nellhaus	Present
Mr. Jeremy Nelson, President	Present
Dr. Arthur Rubin	Present

The President noted the presence of a quorum.

### 3. Moment of Silence

The President called for a moment of silence for those who have died from COVID-19 and first responders who have responded to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### 4. Report of the President—Mr. Nelson.

**a. Approval of minutes** –With no further discussion, approval of minutes for the January 20, 2022, Board of Health meeting Upon motion by Dr. Rubin seconded by Ms. Morris the question was put: Shall the minutes of the January 20, 2022, Board of Health meeting be approved? Motion carried. No further questions.

**b. Remembrance and Moment of Silence** - Mr. Nelson stated that we have a lot to remember in our fellow board member, Paul Nusbaum, that recently passed. His celebration of life was a true reflection on his life. Mr. Nelson further stated that you did not know whether to laugh or cry. Mr. Nelson asked for a moment of silence for Paul Nusbaum.

**c. Establishing the “Dr. Rahul Gupta Outstanding Public Health Leadership Award”** – Mr. Nelson mentioned the establishment of the “Dr. Rahual Gupta Outstanding Public Health Leadership Award to be approved by the board.

Dr. Young stated that for over 100 years, Kanawha-Charleston Health Department (KCHD) has been able to accomplish so many wonderful things and we need to highlight some of the good points. Dr. Gupta also served as the

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Executive Health Director/Health Officer for KCHD. Dr. Gupta's leadership got us through the water crisis. It was the first time we got to show what great things KCHD and public health has done for the community. Dr. Young further stated that we have a responsibility to acknowledge those who put in the hard work to help the public. This award will be given on an annual basis, given by the board of health. The board has come up with the first person to be honored with the award, "Mr. Paul Nusbaum". Dr. Young stated that Mr. Nusbaum had years of service in the community. Mr. Nusbaum's heart and soul was always in public health, and we should recognize his good work. For our friend Paul, he should receive the inaugural award.

Upon motion by Dr. Rubin to establish on an annual basis, the "Dr. Rahul Gupta Outstanding Public Health Leadership Award", with Mr. Paul Nusbaum as first recipient, seconded by Ms. Nellhaus. Motion carried.

Mr. Nelson stated that Mr. Nusbaum's family will be honored and what a great way to remember him.

Ms. Morris asked what the award will consist of. Dr. Young stated that it will be a plaque that will hang here at KCHD and one plaque will also be given to each family.

Dr. Rubin asked if we had sent a letter or discussed the creation of this award, with Dr. Gupta. Dr. Young stated that she had discussed this with Dr. Gupta and he was honored.

**d. Discussion of the search for the next Executive Director/Health Officer –**

Mr. Nelson asked that the board go into executive session at 4:41 p.m.

Executive session concluded at 5:25 p.m. and all returned to the board room.

Mr. Nelson stated the board had reached an agreement with a candidate, and once accepted by the board, we will move forward with that candidate.

Upon motion by Dr. Rubin to approve Dr. Steve Eshenaur as the next Executive Director/Health Officer, seconded by Ms. Nellhaus. Motion carried.

Mr. Nelson stated that the transition will take place in the coming months between Dr. Young and Dr. Eshenaur. We look forward to a smooth transition. Mr. Nelson called Dr. Eshenaur to let him know the board voted in favor of hiring him and were excited to do so. Dr. Eshenaur stated he is looking forward to serving the public and each board member introduced themselves. Dr. Young told Dr. Eshenaur that he is going to work with a wonderful group of people and Mr. Nelson concluded the phone call by stating the board will be in touch.

**5. Public Comment**

No public comment.

**6. Old Business**

No old business.

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**7. Adjournment**

Upon motion by Dr. Rubin seconded by Ms. Morris the question was put, "Shall the meeting be adjourned?" Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sherri Young', written over the printed name.

Sherri Young, DO, FAAFP  
Board Secretary