



# Florence County Health Department

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## **Florence County Public Health Ethics Committee** **Meeting Minutes**

Jury Room  
Florence County Courthouse  
Thursday  
March 21, 2019  
1:00pm

1. **Call to order/Roll Call** – Present: Jessica McCoy (District Attorney Office); Donna Trudell (County Clerk); Annette Seibold (FCHD Health Officer); Sara Jerue (FCHD AA); and Ann Price (FCHD PHN)
2. **Approval of amended agenda** M/S: Trudell/McCoy, unanimously approved.
3. **Review of Public Health Ethics Committee**- Price gave brief overview of the purpose and reason for Public Health Ethics Committee and shared the principles of the ethical practice of public health document. Also shared was literature on law and ethics in population health.
4. **Review of Public Health Ethics-Current trending issues** – Seibold and Price shared current trending issues of communicable disease and the multi-state outbreak of measles; safe drinking water initiative by new administration and making water testing equitable for Florence County residents, and gifts offered to RS staff before/during/after inspections. RS and HD staff have agreed to decline all gifts at this time.
5. **Communicable Diseases: Pertussis Outbreak Florence County** –Seibold reviewed previous outbreak information and the WI DHS Guidance. Also presented were some current ethical situations that have arisen due to a client’s vaccination status (vaccinated vs. non-vaccinated); immunocompromised individuals affected; and potential ethical isolation violations/concerns. Herd immunity was also defined and explained to the committee in regards to the increasing number of individuals choosing to not vaccinate
6. **Board Member Concerns/Future Agenda Items** - None mentioned at this time
7. **Adjourn:** M/S: Trudell/McCoy, unanimously approved.