

Geauga County General Health District
Board of Health Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2012, 7:00 p.m.
Geauga County Health District Office
470 Center Street, Bldg. 8, Chardon, OH 44024

I. Call to Order

Mr. Timothy Goergen, President Pro-Tempore, called the monthly meeting of the Geauga County Board of Health to order at 7:00 p.m. The Board held a moment of silence for the people killed in Newtown, Connecticut.

Board members present: Mr. Timothy Goergen, Mrs. Christina Livers, and Dr. Janet O'Hara, Mr. J. David Benenati and Mr. David Gragg were not present.

Staff members present: Robert Weisdack, Health Commissioner and Dan Mix, Personal Health Services Director.

Others present: There were no others present.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Goergen asked everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

III Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Livers moved to approve the minutes for the November 13, 2012 regular Board of Health meeting. Dr. O'Hara seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; and Dr. O'Hara, yes.

IV. Current Expenses/Financial Report

Dr. O'Hara moved to approve the Current Expenses November 8, 2012 to December 12, 2012. Mrs. Livers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; and Dr. O'Hara, yes.

V. Environmental Health Program Update

a. General Information

Mr. Weisdack presented a seminar on fracking on November 28, 2012 at the Auditor's Association meeting. The association sent Mr. Weisdack a thank you letter expressing their appreciation. Mr. Goergen read the letter to the Board.

Mr. Weisdack reviewed the number and type of sewage installation permits so far this year.

He recently received a report from ODH, which showed that it costs \$353,163.00 to run their sewage program.

Mr. Weisdack received information via email from committee members stating that the sewage rules should be ready to be sent out by December 31, 2012.

A recent article in the newspaper has stated that State Representative Bob Hagan has proposed a bill that would give local governments more control on the oil and gas well drilling in their communities. This bill, if passed, will keep well drilling out of highly populated areas by allowing the local governments to issue permits. Permits are now issued through ODNR.

There is a group of health commissioners, which oppose the Public Health Futures report. It appears that some of the smaller health districts may be forced to combine with larger health districts. Senator Ecklund has indicated that he does not support this report.

The Manufactured Home Park program has been taken over by the Manufactured Home Park Commission as of December 1, 2012. They have sent a document asking for verification of the amount of funds left in the MHP fund.

Mr. Weisdack informed the Board that he has been appointed to two committees by the Geauga County Commissioners.

VI. Personal Health Services Update

a. Public Health Emergency Preparedness

Mr. Mix reported that security assessments have been completed for all current POD sites for 2012 with the assistance of the Geauga County Sheriff's Department. This is a requirement that needs to be completed for the annual SNS Assessment.

Training has been completed with the KSU Geauga Campus Nursing students, which discussed the closed POD process. We recently signed an MOU with Kent State Geauga to assist the Geauga County Health District by becoming a closed POD site in the future.

We currently have POD supplies to equip four open PODS in Geauga County.

The FORT (Food borne Outbreak Response Team) continues to meet to review and update current food borne outbreak policies. Meetings are held monthly and will move to quarterly meetings after that.

The Board was asked to approve the Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) Contract with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health for FY2013. The contract was reviewed and approved by the prosecutor's office. As part of this contract, the Geauga County Health District will be responsible for several activities.

The Board was also asked to approve the CRI Budget in an amount not to exceed \$15,095.00.

b. Nursing Services

There has been a slight increase in flu vaccine requests since new reports indicate an early rise of flu-like illnesses in the southern United States.

The nursing staff is working on credentialing with private insurance companies to expand our ability to bill through Quadax. Mr. Mix stated that the staff is searching for the most efficient ways to document the necessary information required for billing.

The first Infant Mortality Summit meeting was held in Columbus recently. Ohio is the 11th worst state in the nation for infant mortality. Indiana is also in the top ten. The goal is to reduce the Infant Mortality rate by 88. Mr. Mix described some of the methods they are planning to use to reach that goal.

Mr. Mix reported that the Nursing, Infectious Disease and Emergency Preparedness departments wished the Board a happy holiday season and thanked them for their service.

c. WIC

The WIC caseload for November was 831, which is a 1% increase since October.

Mr. Mix reported on the EH scanning project. He stated that 90% of the inactive files have been removed from the office. The company indicated we would have a one-business day turn around on file requests. This has been challenging. He stated he was surprised at the number of requests for information that is received.

Mr. Mix stated that he spoke with the company and they have started scanning the files. He indicated that the website where we could access the files would be up and running by the next meeting.

The Board discussed the possibility of assessing a rush fee to the people who request the information in the files within a short time period. Mr. Weisdack indicated he would look into it.

VII. Old Business

There was no old business.

VIII. Executive Session

Mrs. Livers moved to adjourn for Executive Session at 7:36 pm to discuss pending litigation. Dr. O'Hara seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; and Dr. O'Hara, yes. The meeting reconvened at 7:38 pm. Mr. Goergen stated that no action would be taken because of the discussion of pending litigation.

IX. New Business

Mrs. Livers moved 12.12-a to approve the contract with the City of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County Board of Health for the Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) grant for FY2013. Dr. O'Hara seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; and Dr. O'Hara, yes.

Dr. O'Hara moved 12.12-b to approve the CRI FY2013 budget in an amount not to exceed \$15,095.00. Mrs. Livers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; and Dr. O'Hara, yes.

Dr. O'Hara moved 12.12-c to approve the 2013 contract with Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District. Mrs. Livers seconded the motion. The contract remains the same at \$15,000.00. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; and Dr. O'Hara, yes.

Dr. O'Hara moved 12.12-d to approve the closure of the Geauga County Health District office on December 24, 2012 consistent with the requirements of the Geauga County Board of Commissioners. Mrs. Livers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; and Dr. O'Hara, yes.

Mrs. Livers moved 12.12-e to authorize the health commissioner to sign the Manufactured Home Parks statement declaring that we do not have funds in excess of \$2,000.00. Dr. O'Hara seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; and Dr. O'Hara, yes.

X. Other Business

There was no other business.

XI. Meetings

The regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., in the meeting room of 470 Center St., Bldg. 8, Chardon, Ohio.

XII. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Board, **Mr. Goergen adjourned the meeting.**

Respectfully submitted,

Robert K. Weisdack, R.S., M.A., M.P.H.
Secretary of the Board

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