

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

I. Call to Order

Mr. J. David Benenati, President, called the monthly meeting of the Geauga County Board of Health to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board members present: Mr. J. David Benenati, Mr. Timothy Goergen, Mrs. Christina Livers and Dr. Janet O'Hara. Ms. Melanie Eppich was not present.

Staff members present: Robert Weisdack, Health Commissioner, Daniel Mix, Personal Health Services Director and Michael Tusick, Registered Sanitarian.

Others present: There were no others present.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Approval of Minutes

The Board tabled the minutes for the November 14, 2011 regular Board of Health meeting.

Mrs. Livers moved to approve the minutes for the December 19, 2011 regular Board of Health meeting with a correction on page 5, under Community Health assessments where the word "finings" should be changed to "findings". Mr. Goergen seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; and Dr. O'Hara, abstained.

IV. Current Expenses/ Financial Report

Mr. Goergen moved to approve the Current Expenses December 12, 2011 to January 9, 2012. Dr. O'Hara seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; and Dr. O'Hara, yes.

V. Environmental Health Program Update

It appears that ODH is not willing to work with the local health departments with regards to the proposed sewage rules.

Mr. Weisdack reviewed the number and type of sewage disposal permits issued.

a. 2012 Budget Update

Mr. Weisdack reported that the health district has lost \$36,000.00 out of the 2012 budget. This is due to the amount of foreclosures in Geauga County and the fact that the property taxes are not being paid to the Auditor. Mr. Weisdack stated he would be watching this situation very closely.

b. General Information

Senator Eklund is scheduled to visit the Geauga County Health District on January 23, 2012. Senator Ecklund took Tim Grendell's position as senator. Mr. Weisdack will be talking to the senator about the sewage

rules and about fracking and injection well issues. Mr. Weisdack asked the Board if there were any other topics that they would like him to address with Senator Eklund.

Mr. Goergen suggested talking to the senator about streamlining the delegation of authority from the state to the local health districts about regulatory compliance.

VI. Administrative Hearings

a. Christopher Kanieski; Dragan Sugar; Bonnie Bachina; Richard & Eileen Murray; Adam & Martha Kauffman; Eric & Melissa Lewis; Kevin Koerlin ; David Paterniti; James & Tammy McBean; Michael & Christine McGuire; Obie Smith; Mark & Kristie Nelson; and Renee Deluca

None of the above mentioned were present. Mr. Tusick was sworn in by Mr. Benenati and stated his experience.

Mr. Tusick stated that this is an alleged code violation to the properties owned by Christopher Kanieski, 10775 Bell St., Newbury Twp.; Dragan Sugar, 8550 Fairmount Rd., Russell Twp.; Dragan Sugar, 8562 Fairmount Rd., Russell Twp.; Bonnie Bachina, 17053 Hart Rd., Montville Twp.; Richard & Eileen Murray, 16018 Madison Rd., Middlefield Twp.; Adam & Martha Kauffman, 17469 Madison Rd., Parkman Twp.; Eric & Melissa Lewis, 17245 Messenger Rd., Auburn Twp.; Kevin Koerlin, 16510 Mumford Rd., Troy Twp.; David Paterniti, 7581 Oak Hill Dr., Chester Twp.; James & Tammy McBean, 15130 Regents Way, Hambden Twp.; Michael & Christine McGuire, 17620 Reynolds Rd., Parkman Twp.; Obie Smith, 15405 Old Rider Rd., Burton Twp.; Mark & Kristie Nelson, 9835 Tudor Pl., Hambden Twp.; and Renee Deluca, 10226 Widgeon Dr., Auburn Twp.

These cases are in regards to section 3701-29-22(A) of the Geauga County Health District Household Sewage Disposal System Regulations that states, "An evaluation of a residential sewage system must be completed prior to the transfer of ownership of any parcel with said system. The evaluation shall be conducted by a member of the Health District and if necessary corrective action(s) required shall be accomplished within the time period(s) directed." Discussion followed.

Mr. Goergen moved that a code violation exists on the properties owned by Christopher Kanieski, 10775 Bell St., Newbury Twp.; Dragan Sugar, 8550 Fairmount Rd., Russell Twp.; Dragan Sugar, 8562 Fairmount Rd., Russell Twp.; Bonnie Bachina, 17053 Hart Rd., Montville Twp.; Richard & Eileen Murray, 16018 Madison Rd., Middlefield Twp.; Adam & Martha Kauffman, 17469 Madison Rd., Parkman Twp.; Eric & Melissa Lewis, 17245 Messenger Rd., Auburn Twp.; Kevin Koerlin, 16510 Mumford Rd., Troy Twp.; David Paterniti, 7581 Oak Hill Dr., Chester Twp.; James & Tammy McBean, 15130 Regents Way, Hambden Twp.; Michael & Christine McGuire, 17620 Reynolds Rd., Parkman Twp.; Obie Smith, 15405 Old Rider Rd., Burton Twp.; Mark & Kristie Nelson, 9835 Tudor Pl., Hambden Twp.; and Renee Deluca, 10226 Widgeon Dr., Auburn Twp. Mrs. Livers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; and Dr. O'Hara, yes.

Mrs. Livers moved that Christopher Kanieski, 10775 Bell St., Newbury Twp.; Dragan Sugar, 8550 Fairmount Rd., Russell Twp.; Dragan Sugar, 8562 Fairmount Rd., Russell Twp.; Bonnie Bachina, 17053 Hart Rd., Montville Twp.; Richard & Eileen Murray, 16018 Madison Rd., Middlefield Twp.; Adam & Martha Kauffman, 17469 Madison Rd., Parkman Twp.; Eric & Melissa Lewis, 17245 Messenger Rd., Auburn Twp.; Kevin Koerlin, 16510 Mumford Rd., Troy Twp.; David Paterniti, 7581 Oak Hill Dr., Chester Twp.; James & Tammy McBean, 15130 Regents Way, Hambden Twp.; Michael & Christine McGuire, 17620 Reynolds Rd., Parkman Twp.; Obie Smith, 15405 Old Rider Rd., Burton Twp.; Mark & Kristie Nelson, 9835 Tudor Pl., Hambden Twp.; and Renee Deluca, 10226 Widgeon Dr., Auburn Twp. be required to make application, pay for, schedule, and complete a For Sale of Property evaluation and/or obtain the necessary permits and install a new sewage disposal system within 30 days of receipt of Board order. Failure to follow these orders will result in referral to the prosecutor's office for legal action. Mr. Goergen seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; and Dr. O'Hara, yes.

b. Adam & Genevieve Kelly

Neither Adam nor Genevieve Kelly were present. Mr. Tusick was sworn in again by Mr. Benenati.

Mr. Tusick stated that this is an alleged code violation to the properties owned by Adam & Genevieve Kelly, 9895 Cutts Rd., Hambden Twp.

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An evaluation of the system took place on June 25, 2009 and corrective actions were required. The property became vacant and was sold to a mortgage company and then to Mr. and Mrs. Kelly. The new owners have failed to make repairs and schedule a re-inspection of the sewage system.

Mrs. Livers moved that a code violation exists on the properties owned by Adam and Genevieve Kelly, 9895 Cutts Rd., Hambden Twp. Mr. Goergen seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; and Dr. O'Hara, yes.

Mr. Goergen moved that Adam and Genevieve Kelly be required to pay the re-inspection fee, make corrections to the sewage system and schedule a re-inspection of the sewage system within 60 days of receipt of Board order. Failure to follow these orders will result in referral to the prosecutor's office for legal action. Mr. Goergen seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mrs. Livers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; and Dr. O'Hara, yes.

VII. Personal Health Services Update

a. Public Health Emergency Preparedness

The staff met with the regional coordinator of the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) and Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) on January 12, 2012 in preparation of our first CDC SNS assessment. There are several significant changes to the evaluation too that will be used to score our readiness to respond. The target score for all agencies is 79.

The Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) is participating in the Red Cross Shelter Training class. MRC volunteers will learn how to set up and maintain shelters during an emergency response. In March, MRC members will participate in HAZMAT training so they are aware of decontamination procedures and the proper used of safety clothing and equipment.

The Board was asked to approve the MRC contract and budget, which will be used for recruitment, retention, activities and administration. The Geauga MRC continues to strive to build a pool of 100 volunteers in various capacities to assist in emergency response.

b. Nursing Services

The nursing staff hosted a TB seminar by Julia Wire from ODH. There were participants from Geauga, Trumbull and Portage County and Ravenna City.

The nursing staff has completed the annual update of vaccination changes with representatives from Glaxo-Smith/Kline. The staff is also completing their annual training updates from ODH using online video trainings and conferencing. This saves the health district considerable amounts of travel and lost time expenses.

Mr. Mix reported that the staff are preparing to provide a learning environment for 22 Kent State nursing students. At the orientation, students will be presented a broad view of public health efforts, including all divisions. A select group of students will participate in Amish Well Child clinics.

After preparing the mid-year CFHS Amish Well Child Report, it was realized that the health district has seen 42% more Amish children over last year. This has been accomplished by holding two clinics per month.

We are now able to provide care for children up to two-years of age. Any effort to increase this capacity would require additional human and capital resources.

c. WIC

The December caseload was 875, which is a slight increase over November. This mirrors a decrease at the state level resulting from less restrictive requirements from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

Mr. Mix reported that we are still awaiting a final decision on budget cuts for WIC. We have been tentatively notified of a possible 3% cut.

d. Community Health Assessments

As of today, enough surveys have been collected for all age groups to provide a snapshot of the health of the community that can be generalized to the populations. The total number of participants in each survey include Adult- 401 of 760 (53%); Children 0 to 11 years- 491 of 1186 (41%); and Youth 12 to 18 years- 525 (100%).

Mr. Mix stated that there have been many inquiries as to why we only survey a small set of the population. He explained that the cost of surveying the entire population would be prohibitive. A subset of the population considered representative of the community is randomly selected

Mr. Mix stated that an assessment was conducted of the student body at KSU Geauga. These results will not be generalized to any population but will provide a snapshot of the health of the students.

A draft community health assessment will be presented in February. Mr. Mix stated he would be participating in Ashtabula County's draft report meeting. This experience will help them to present the findings in a more efficient manner. The final report will be presented to the community in March at which time we will identify some priorities for Geauga County.

Mr. Mix reported that the State Health Assessment committee would meet soon to finalize the distribution of the work for prioritization. When the committee identified the priorities for Ohio, they realized that many agencies are already working on some of these initiatives. A meeting will be held to determine how to combine the committee's findings into their work to reduce duplication of efforts.

Over the past two weeks, the committee met in Columbus to establish the priorities for Ohio for the next few years. The development of a health improvement plan based on those priorities has begun. This will involve identifying those agencies and committees already working on the issues and aligning the findings of the state health assessment with their work and priorities.

VIII. Old Business

a. Injection Wells

Mr. Weisdack briefly spoke about the public meetings going on in the Youngstown area about the injection wells. There are other counties where there are injection wells that are also experiencing seismic activities. Mr. Weisdack and the Board all expressed their concern about the injection wells.

IX. Executive Session

Mr. Goergen moved to adjourn for Executive Session at 8:15 pm to discuss pending legal cases. Mrs. Livers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; and Dr. O'Hara, yes. The meeting reconvened at 8:17 pm. Mr. Benenati stated no decisions were made because of Executive Session.

X. New Business

Mrs. Livers moved 1.12-a to approve the MRC agreement with the National Association of County and City Health Officials. Mr. Goergen seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; and Dr. O'Hara, yes.

Mrs. Livers moved 1.12-b to approve the MRC budget 2012-2013 in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00. Mr. Goergen seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; and Dr. O'Hara, yes.

Mrs. Livers moved 1.12-c to approve the establishment of additional salary ranges as presented. Mr. Goergen seconded the motion. Mr. Weisdack explained that there are three positions that need salary ranges established; Administrative Assistant, Fiscal Coordinator, Public Health Emergency Planner, and Assistant Public Health Emergency Planner. **Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; and Dr. O'Hara, yes.**

Mr. Weisdack reviewed the 2013 Geauga County Health District Budget and HDAC schedule with the Board. A budget workshop for the Board needs to be established so that Mr. Weisdack can present the preliminary 2013 budget at the regular Board of Health meeting on February 21, 2012 for approval. On February 22, 2012, Mr. Weisdack will present the preliminary budget to the HDAC members at a pre-HDAC meeting. Mr. Weisdack will then present the 2013 Geauga County Health District budget to the Board of Health for final approval on March 19, 2012. The final budget would be presented to the HDAC meeting on March 28, 2012.

XI. Other Business

There was no other business.

XII. Meetings

The regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, February 20, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., in the Atrium of 470 Center St., Bldg. 8, Chardon, Ohio.

XIII. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Board, **Mrs. Livers moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Goergen seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

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

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