

Geauga County General Health District
Board of Health Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2013, 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.

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

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

Others present: Christy Bryant.

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 July 15, 2013 regular Board of Health meeting as presented. Mr. Gragg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, abstain; Dr. O'Hara, yes; and Mr. Gragg, yes.

IV. Current Expenses/Financial Report

Mr. Gragg moved to approve the Current Expenses and Financial Reports, July 11, 2013 to August 7, 2013. Dr. O'Hara seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Dr. O'Hara, yes; and Mr. Gragg, yes.

V. Administrative Hearings

a. Ralph & Lisa White, Brian & Amanda Kish, Giles & Abigail Pearson, Toby & Ashley Medley, Stephen Winters, Huntsburg Twp., Matthew Swanson, Jeffrey Smith, Rocky Luoma, Paul Yeo, Kathleen Laws, Alvin & Wallace Mullet, and Alexandra Gress.

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

Mr. Tusick stated that this is an alleged code violation to the properties owned by Ralph & Lisa White, 11355 Caves Rd., Chester Twp., Brian & Amanda Kish, 14085 Caves Rd., Russell Twp., Giles & Abigail Pearson, 8891 Cedar Rd., Chester Twp., Toby & Ashley Medley, 9749 Cedar Rd., Newbury Twp., Stephen Winters, 17760 Chardon Windsor Rd., Huntsburg Twp., Matthew Swanson, 9718 Cleveland Dr., Auburn Twp., Jeffrey Smith, 6956 Dewey Rd., Thompson Twp., Rocky Luoma, 15131 Georgia Rd., Burton Twp., Paul Yeo, 7621 Mulberry Rd., Chester Twp., Kathleen Laws, 12264 Old State Rd., Claridon Twp., Alvin & Wallace Mullet, 16886 Peters Rd., Middlefield Twp., and Alexandra Gress, 12574 Sperry Rd., Chester 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.

Mrs. Livers moved that a code violation exists on the properties owned by Ralph & Lisa White, 11355 Caves Rd., Chester Twp., Brian & Amanda Kish, 14085 Caves Rd., Russell Twp., Giles & Abigail

Pearson, 8891 Cedar Rd., Chester Twp., Toby & Ashley Medley, 9749 Cedar Rd., Newbury Twp., Stephen Winters, 17760 Chardon Windsor Rd., Huntsburg Twp., Matthew Swanson, 9718 Cleveland Dr., Auburn Twp., Jeffrey Smith, 6956 Dewey Rd., Thompson Twp., Rocky Luoma, 15131 Georgia Rd., Burton Twp., Paul Yeo, 7621 Mulberry Rd., Chester Twp., Kathleen Laws, 12264 Old State Rd., Claridon Twp., Alvin & Wallace Mullet, 16886 Peters Rd., Middlefield Twp., and Alexandra Gress, 12574 Sperry Rd., Chester Twp. Dr. O'Hara seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Dr. O'Hara, yes; and Mr. Gragg, yes.

Mr. Gragg moved that Ralph & Lisa White, 11355 Caves Rd., Chester Twp., Brian & Amanda Kish, 14085 Caves Rd., Russell Twp., Giles & Abigail Pearson, 8891 Cedar Rd., Chester Twp., Toby & Ashley Medley, 9749 Cedar Rd., Newbury Twp., Stephen Winters, 17760 Chardon Windsor Rd., Huntsburg Twp., Matthew Swanson, 9718 Cleveland Dr., Auburn Twp., Jeffrey Smith, 6956 Dewey Rd., Thompson Twp., Rocky Luoma, 15131 Georgia Rd., Burton Twp., Paul Yeo, 7621 Mulberry Rd., Chester Twp., Kathleen Laws, 12264 Old State Rd., Claridon Twp., Alvin & Wallace Mullet, 16886 Peters Rd., Middlefield Twp., and Alexandra Gress, 12574 Sperry Rd., Chester 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 this order will result in referral to the Prosecutor's office for legal action. Mrs. Livers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Dr. O'Hara, yes; and Mr. Gragg, yes.

b. Thomas & Tara DuBois and Brian & Caitlin Osborne

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

Mr. Tusick stated that this is an alleged code violation to the properties owned by Thomas & Tara DuBois, 14989 Auburn Rd., Newbury Twp. and Brian & Caitlin Osborne, 13430 Ledgebrook Ln., Chester Twp. These cases are based on the failure to take corrective action within the time period directed as per Section 3701-29-22 of the Geauga County Household Sewage Disposal System Regulations.

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Mrs. Livers moved that a code violation exists on the properties owned by Thomas & Tara DuBois, 14989 Auburn Rd., Newbury Twp. and Brian & Caitlin Osborne, 13430 Ledgebrook Ln., Chester Twp. Mr. Gragg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Dr. O'Hara, yes; and Mr. Gragg, yes.

Mr. Gragg moved that Thomas & Tara DuBois, 14989 Auburn Rd., Newbury Twp. and Brian & Caitlin Osborne, 13430 Ledgebrook Ln., Chester Twp. be required to obtain the necessary permits and repair or replace the sewage disposal system within 30 days of receipt of Board order. Failure to follow this order will result in referral to the Prosecutor's office for legal action. Mrs. Livers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Dr. O'Hara, yes; and Mr. Gragg, yes.

VI. Environmental Health Program Update

a. Sewage Update

Mr. Weisdack stated that he has not received any information about the proposed sewage rules recently.

Mr. Weisdack reviewed the number and type of sewage disposal system permits that have been issued to date as well as the number of inspections done. Mr. Weisdack has been assisting the staff by taking on some of the inspections himself.

b. Solid & Infectious Waste and C &DD Program Survey

Mr. Weisdack stated that he recently received the findings from the audit of the Solid & Infectious Waste

and Construction and Demolition Debris survey. The report finds that the Geauga County Health District is in substantial compliance again and has been placed on the approved list of health districts authorized to perform inspections for the program.

c. General Information

Mr. Weisdack was sent a companion animal disaster response plan to review from the Department of Emergency Services. It applies to evacuating dogs, cats, birds, cows and horses as well as many other types of animals during an emergency.

Five people have submitted resumes for the sanitarian position. None of the applicants had sewage experience. The applicants who were not registered sanitarians have not applied to become a sanitarian-in-training. It has proved very difficult to fill the sanitarian position. Mr. Weisdack and Herb Shubick will continue to fill in as needed.

The Geauga County Health District Records Retention Policy Committee consists of Mr. Weisdack, Susan Wieland and Mrs. Livers. A meeting is scheduled to discuss and agree to a records retention schedule as required by the Geauga County Archivist. After a decision is made, it will be brought to the Board for final action on the adoption of the schedule.

VII. Personal Health Services Update

a. Public Health Emergency Preparedness

On July 3, 2013, the Department of Health and Human Services announced recently the release of the FY2013 Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) cooperative agreement and Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP). The joint PHEP-HPP funding for FY2013 totals \$916.5 million. The FY2013 PHEP funding was cut by 5.6% from FY2012. This is a \$31 million cut to the Base and Population grants and a \$4 million cut to the Cities Readiness Initiative. FY2013 HPP funding totals \$331.8 million, which is cut of 5.7%. ODH has asked us to prepare for an 8% cut.

b. Disease Surveillance

Mr. Mix stated that the CDC, FDA and local health officials are investigating a Cyclosporiasis outbreak affecting 466 cases in 17 states, including Ohio. The worst affected states are Texas, Iowa and Nebraska. People become infected with this illness by consuming food or water contaminated with the parasite. It is not a communicable disease. The infection can last an average of two months if left untreated.

The outbreak was linked to salad mix supplied to restaurants in the affected states. It is believed that the salad mix is no longer in the food supply because it had a shelf life of 14 days.

c. Nursing Services

During the month of July, the nursing staff provided two Amish Well Child Clinics, 6 children and adolescent immunization clinics, and four Friday-Morning Adult clinics. That included physician visits for 31 children, 398 vaccinations given to 135 children, 27 adult immunizations, 10 TB tests and 57 blood pressure screenings. The nurses also provided 38 vision screenings that resulted in providing glasses for 25 children. There were 11 newborn and 12 BCMH home visits as well. Twenty-four communicable disease investigations were conducted in June.

The Board was asked to approve a contract with VaxCare to provide adult vaccinations.

d. WIC

The WIC caseload for July was 825, which is a 1.5% increase from June.

The Board was asked to recognize August as Breastfeeding Awareness Month in conjunction with the Ohio WIC Program.

e. Administrative

Mr. Mix reported that the Geauga County Health District biennial audit conducted by the State Auditor's office is completed. There were no obvious problems indicated by the auditors. The estimated cost of the audit is \$5,300.00. We should have the results sometime within the next two months.

On August 19, 2013, ODH will audit our grants for the current fiscal year. Any findings could result in a need to repay ODH for misused funds.

Included in HB59 is the requirement that local health departments be accreditation ready to apply by 2018 and accredited by PHAB by 2020. There are allowances for ODH to review the preparedness of the health districts in 2016 to see ready they are to apply to be accredited.

The Ohio Revised Code requires that each local health department conduct a Community Health Assessment every five years. In 2011-2012, the Geauga County Health Assessment cost \$85,000.00, with two-thirds of which was paid by private sector funding. HB 59 maintained the five-year requirement but also requires that by 2016 all health departments in Ohio will be required to collect certain data annually. The purpose of this data collection is to provide data for the State Community Health Assessment. The exact cost will not be known until the standards are adopted in 2016.

VIII. Old Business

a. Levy

Mr. Weisdack reported that the County Commissioners have approved allowing the Geauga County Health District to put the levies on the ballot for November 2013. He is in the process of getting a levy committee together. He has had several volunteers already and welcomed anyone else who would like to join.

IX. Executive Session

There was no need for Executive Session.

X. New Business

Mrs. Livers moved 8.13-a to acknowledge the appointment of Chris Walick as EH secretary effective July 31, 2013. Mr. Gragg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Dr. O'Hara, yes; and Mr. Gragg, yes.

Mr. Gragg moved 8.13-b to acknowledge the hiring of Julianne Hostutler as PHS Secretary effective August 12, 2013 at a rate of \$10.00 per hour with a \$.50 increase upon successful 120-day probationary period. Mrs. Livers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Dr. O'Hara, yes; and Mr. Gragg, yes.

Mr. Gragg moved 8.13-c to recognize August as Breastfeeding Awareness Month. Dr. O'Hara seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Dr. O'Hara, yes; and Mr. Gragg, yes.

Mrs. Livers moved 8.13-d to approve the contract with VaxCare, which allows the company to provide adult vaccinations, including Hep A, Hep B, Tdap, Influenza, Pneumonia, and Tetanus. Mr. Gragg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Dr. O'Hara, yes; and Mr. Gragg, yes.

XI. Other Business

There was no other business to come before the Board.

XII. Meetings

Regular Board of Health Meeting, Monday, September 16, 2013 at 7:00 pm in the meeting room at 470 Center St., Bldg. 8, Chardon, Ohio.

XIII. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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