

Geauga County General Health District
Board of Health Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2014, 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, called the monthly meeting of the Geauga County Board of Health to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board members present: Mr. Timothy Goergen, President, Mrs. Christina Livers, Pro-Tempore, 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: There were no other people in attendance.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Gragg moved to approve the minutes for the December 16, 2013 regular Board of Health meeting. 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.

IV. Current Expenses/Financial Report

Mr. Gragg moved to approve the Current Expenses and Financial Reports, December 12, 2013 to January 15, 2014. 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. John & Wendy Cherney, Daniel & Erwin Miller, Jonas & Barbara Miller, John Hufgard, Joyce Davis, Steven & Carol Wengerd, Allen & Emma Byler, William Mattson, Paul Schiemann, Sharon Lerz, Ricky & Laura Simpkins, David & Janet Gross, and Barbara Gates

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 John & Wendy Cherney, 15787 Auburn Rd., Newbury Twp., Daniel & Erwin Miller, 16943 Bridge Rd., Middlefield Twp., Jonas & Barbara Miller, 16055 Burton Windsor Rd., Middlefield Twp., John Hufgard, 12879 Caves Rd., Chester Twp., Joyce Davis, 13004 Chardon Windsor Rd., Hambden Twp., Steven & Carol Wengerd, 17449 Farmington Rd., Parkman Twp., Allen & Emma Byler, 17060 Hosmer Rd., Parkman Twp., William Mattson, 16720 Jug St., Troy Twp., Paul Schiemann, 11716 Kile Rd., Claridon Twp., Sharon Lerz, 12661 Klatka Dr., Munson Twp., Ricky & Laura Simpkins, 8741 Music St., Russell Twp., David & Janet Gross, 9596 Stafford Rd., Bainbridge Twp., and Barbara Gates, 14686 Woodbury Dr., Newbury Twp.

Section 3701-29-22(A) of the Geauga County Health District Household Sewage Disposal System Regulations 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. Gragg moved that a code violation exists on the properties owned by John & Wendy Cherney, 15787 Auburn Rd., Newbury Twp., Daniel & Erwin Miller, 16943 Bridge Rd., Middlefield Twp., Jonas & Barbara Miller, 16055 Burton Windsor Rd., Middlefield Twp., John Hufgard, 12879 Caves Rd., Chester Twp., Joyce Davis, 13004 Chardon Windsor Rd., Hambden Twp., Steven & Carol Wengerd, 17449 Farmington Rd., Parkman Twp., Allen & Emma Byler, 17060 Hosmer Rd., Parkman Twp., William Mattson, 16720 Jug St., Troy Twp., Paul Schiemann, 11716 Kile Rd., Claridon Twp., Sharon Lerz, 12661 Klatka Dr., Munson Twp., Ricky & Laura Simpkins, 8741 Music St., Russell Twp., David & Janet Gross, 9596 Stafford Rd., Bainbridge Twp., and Barbara Gates, 14686 Woodbury Dr., Newbury Twp. 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.

Dr. O'Hara moved that John & Wendy Cherney, 15787 Auburn Rd., Newbury Twp., Daniel & Erwin Miller, 16943 Bridge Rd., Middlefield Twp., Jonas & Barbara Miller, 16055 Burton Windsor Rd., Middlefield Twp., John Hufgard, 12879 Caves Rd., Chester Twp., Joyce Davis, 13004 Chardon Windsor Rd., Hambden Twp., Steven & Carol Wengerd, 17449 Farmington Rd., Parkman Twp., Allen & Emma Byler, 17060 Hosmer Rd., Parkman Twp., William Mattson, 16720 Jug St., Troy Twp., Paul Schiemann, 11716 Kile Rd., Claridon Twp., Sharon Lerz, 12661 Klatka Dr., Munson Twp., Ricky & Laura Simpkins, 8741 Music St., Russell Twp., David & Janet Gross, 9596 Stafford Rd., Bainbridge Twp., and Barbara Gates, 14686 Woodbury Dr., Newbury 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. John Grabner and Samuel DiCenzo

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

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Dr. O'Hara moved that John Grabner, 16515 Heatherwood Ln., Bainbridge Twp., and Samuel DiCenzo, 8304 Sharp Ln., Chester Twp. be required to make corrections or obtain the necessary permits and install a new sewage disposal system within 60 days of receipt of Board order. Failure to follow this order will result in referral to the Prosecutor's office for legal action. 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.

c. Chad & Mary Riley and Elia Milite

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

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3701-29-02 (D) "No household sewage disposal system or part thereof shall create a public health nuisance."

3701-29-02 (F) "No person shall discharge, or permit to cause to be discharged, treated or untreated sewage, the drainage or contents of a sewage tank, or other putrescible or offensive wastes onto the surface of the ground, into any street, road, alley, open excavation, or underground drain."

3701-29-02 (G) (3) (C) "Fecal coliform- Water samples exceeding 5,000 fecal coliform counts per 100 milliliters in 2 or more samples shall be considered creating a public health nuisance." Discussion followed.

Mr. Gragg moved that a code violation exists on the properties owned by Chad & Mary Rile, 55 Maple Hill Dr., S. Russell Village and Elia Milite, 8834 S. Spring Valley Dr., Bainbridge Twp. 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.

Dr. O'Hara moved that Chad & Mary Rile, 55 Maple Hill Dr., S. Russell Village and Elia Milite, 8834 S. Spring Valley Dr., Bainbridge Twp. be required to make corrections or obtain the necessary permits and install a new sewage disposal system within 90 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.

d. Francesco Di Giannantonio and Kevin & Christy Thompson

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

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VI. Environmental Health Program Update

a. Sewage Update

Mr. Weisdack reviewed the total number and type of sewage permits issued for 2013. He also provided information on the permits issued to date for 2014.

Mr. Weisdack has provided a resolution to the HDAC secretary to distribute to the townships, villages and city. This resolution declares opposition to the proposed sewage rules. We have received one resolution back so far.

There still is no word on whether ODH is going to address any of the comments made regarding the proposed sewage rules. Mr. Weisdack and the staff will be meeting to review the rules to see what changes we can expect. Some of those changes may need action by the Board at a later date.

Mr. Weisdack plans to go to JCARR to provide testimony opposing the proposed sewage rules.

b. General Information

Mr. Weisdack has asked the HDAC secretary to contact any new trustees or council members about having a meeting to review the Ohio Revised Code and what role they play when it comes to the Geauga County Health District budget.

Mr. Weisdack is beginning to develop the 2015 budget and the annual report.

VII. Personal Health Services Update

a. Public Health Emergency Preparedness

The staff is planning a tabletop exercise based on a foodborne outbreak. They continue to prepare for our annual SNS Assessment in March.

The Board was asked to approve a contract with NACCHO for the 2014 MRC grant as well as the budget for that grant.

The Board was asked to also approve the 2014 PHEP budget of \$107,547.00. This represents a 14% increase over projected funds.

b. Disease Surveillance

Mr. Mix reported that the 2013 communicable disease report rate was higher than in 2012.

Flu activity for January 2014 is currently lower than last year. There have been seven reported influenza hospitalizations and regrettably, one death. Activity throughout Ohio is now widespread.

In December, there was a case of foodborne illness reported. Several people became sick after eating at a local restaurant. Unfortunately, there were no food samples or stool samples collected. Upon inspection of the restaurant, no problems were found.

A total of 27 communicable disease investigations were conducted in December.

c. Nursing Services

During the month of December, the nursing staff provided two Amish Well Child Clinics, five children and adolescent immunization clinics, four Friday Morning Adult clinics and four Senior Center clinics. That included physician visits for 30 children, 289 vaccinations given to 109 children, 32 adult immunizations, 73 flu vaccinations, 14 TB tests and 58 blood pressure screenings. The nurses also provided 29 vision screenings that resulted in providing glasses for 20 children. There were four newborn and two BCMH home visits as well.

Last month ODH assured us that we would be provided with adequate vaccines for the Amish community as well as uninsured children and adolescents. They have extended our deadline to July 1, 2014 for providing alternate vaccines for insured and underinsured. We have been working with VaxCare to remedy the situation.

VaxCare has a new program which goes into effect this year that will protect us against uncollected claims. Under the new program, one additional step at time of service will protect us against paying for vaccine costs on uncollected claims.

d. WIC

The WIC caseload for December was 789. This is a 2% decrease since November. Weather and holidays played a factor in the no-shows.

e. Administration

The Board was asked to approve a contract with Time Warner Cable for access to the building. This will allow them to upgrade our current internet service which has been contracted through ODH. This has been approved through the county maintenance department and IT department.

The Board was asked to approve a five year lease agreement with NeoPost for mail processing equipment. Our current equipment is over six years old and the cost for the maintenance agreement has increased dramatically.

f. Accreditation

Mr. Mix stated he has obtained the training CD from the Ohio Association of Boards of Health. As part of HB 59, all Board members must have 1 CEU per year.

Mr. Mix stated that work continues on developing our strategic plan as required by the accreditation-preparedness.

VIII. Old Business

There was no old business.

IX. Executive Session

Mrs. Livers moved to adjourn for Executive Session at 8:01 pm to discuss pending litigation. 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. No action was taken. **The Board returned to executive session to discuss personnel.** The meeting reconvened at 8:21 pm. Mr. Goergen stated no action would be taken as a result of Executive Session.

X. New Business

Mrs. Livers moved 1.14-a to approve the contract renewal with the Ohio EPA for the Semi-Public Sewage Disposal System (House Bill 110) Program. 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 1.14-b to approve the 2014 Medical Reserve Corps contract with NACCHO. 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 1.14-c to approve the MRC 2014 Budget in an amount not to exceed \$3,500.00. 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 1.14-d to approve the right-of-entry agreement with Time Warner Cable to upgrade our internet service. 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.

Mrs. Livers moved 1.14-e to approve the re-hiring of Herb Shubick for 24 hours per week at a rate of \$20.00 per hour for six months. 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.

Mrs. Livers 1.14-f to approve the revision of the 2014 BOH Fund 6002 Budget as presented. 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 1.14-g to approve the revision of the 2014 Sewage Fund 6023 Budget as presented. 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 1.14-h to approve the five-year lease agreement with NeoPost for mail processing equipment. 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 1.14-i to approve the 2014 PHEP budget revision in an amount not to exceed \$107,547.00. 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

Mr. Weisdack reviewed the HDAC schedule with the Board.

XII. Meetings

Budget Workshop, Thursday, February 13, 2014 at 4:00 pm in the Geauga County Health District training room, 470 Center St., Bldg. 8, Chardon, Ohio.

Regular Board of Health Meeting, Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 7:00 pm in the atrium at 470 Center St., Bldg. 8, Chardon, Ohio.

Regular Board of Health Meeting, Tuesday, March 18, 2014 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 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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