

Geauga County General Health District
Board of Health Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2015, 7:00 p.m.
Geauga County Health District Office
470 Center Street, Bldg. 8, Chardon, OH 44024

I. Call to Order

Mr. 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, Mr. David Gragg and Dr. Denis Rubal were present. Mr. J. David Benenati was not present.

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

Others present: Teri Gordon and Dave Mitchell were present.

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 January 20, 2015 Board of Health meeting. Mrs. Livers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes and Dr. Rubal, yes.

IV. Current Expenses/Financial Report

Mr. Gragg moved to approve the Current Expenses and Financial Reports, January 16, 2015 to February 12, 2015. Mrs. Livers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Dr. Rubal, yes

V. Administrative Hearings

a. Erinne & Kim Clausen and David & Terry Mitchell

Erinne & Kim Clausen and David & Terry Mitchell were not present. Mr. Weisdack was sworn in by Mr. Goergen and stated his experience. This case was tabled from the January 2015 meeting.

Mr. Weisdack stated the Environmental Health staff recommends that no action be taken against the property owners at this time. They have started working toward getting an installation permit and installing a new system. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Livers moved that the case regarding an alleged code violation against Erinne & Kim Clausen, 100 Paw Paw Lake Dr., S. Russell Village be tabled and no action be taken against the owners. They have paid for a lot evaluation and are working on installing a system; therefore, they will be brought back before the Board later if needed.

b. David & Terry Mitchell

David Mitchell was present and sworn in by Mr. Goergen. Mr. Weisdack was sworn in again by Mr. Goergen and stated his experience. This case was tabled from the January 2015 meeting.

Mr. Weisdack stated that this is an alleged code violation to the property owned by David & Terry Mitchell located at 112 Paw Paw Lake Dr., S. Russell Village. This case is based on following sections of the Ohio Department of Health and Ohio Administrative Code sections 3701-29 - Sewage Treatment System Rules:

3701-29-06 (E) "A STS or GWRS shall comply with the following performance requirements and prohibitions:"

- (E) (3) "No STS or GWRS or part thereof shall create a public health nuisance, as defined in section 3718.011 of the Revised Code, or safety hazard. No STS or GWRS or part thereof shall cause an exceedance of water quality standards for surface water or drinking water."

This case also pertains to Section 3718.011 of the Ohio Revised Code-Conditions under which a sewage treatment system causes a public health nuisance:

3718.011 (A) For purposes of this chapter, a sewage treatment system is causing a public health nuisance if any of the following situations occurs and, after notice by a board of health to the applicable property owner, timely repairs are not made to that system to eliminate the situation:

(A) (3) An inspection conducted by, or under the supervision of the environmental protection agency or a sanitarian registered under Chapter 4736 of the Revised Code documents that there is ponding of liquid or bleeding of liquid onto the surface of the ground or into surface water and the liquid has a distinct sewage odor, a black or gray coloration, or the presence of organic matter and any of the following:

(A) (3)(b) The presence of fecal coliform at a level that is equal to or greater than five thousand colonies per one hundred milliliters of liquid as determined in two or more samples of the liquid when five or fewer samples are collected or in more than twenty percent of the samples when more than five samples of the liquid were collected. Discussion followed.

Mr. Weisdack reviewed the 2013 test results with the Board. The system is failing significantly.

Mr. Mitchell stated that due to some financial setbacks, he has been unable to put in the system. His plan is to install it in the spring of 2015 and indicated he had 75% of the funding for the system.

Mr. Weisdack gave some recommendations to the Board that would help with Mr. Mitchell's failing system until he can get it installed.

Mrs. Livers moved that case regarding the alleged code violation against David & Terry Mitchell, 112 Paw Paw Lake Dr., S. Russell Village be tabled to the April 20, 2015 meeting to allow Mr. Weisdack and Mr. Mitchell to meet and determine a plan. In addition, the owners are required to pump the septic tanks as soon as possible. Mr. Gragg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Dr. Rubal, yes.

c. Andrew & Ruth Miller

Andrew & Ruth Miller were not present. Mr. Weisdack was sworn in by Mr. Goergen and stated his experience.

Mr. Weisdack stated that This is an alleged code violation to the properties owned by Andrew & Ruth Miller, 17058 Peters Rd., Middlefield Twp.

This case is based on the failure to have a For Sale of Property Evaluation conducted at the time of property transfer as per Section 3701-29-25 of the Geauga County Sewage Treatment System Rules.

3701-29-25(A) "An evaluation of a residential sewage system must be completed at time of transfer of ownership of any parcel with said system. The evaluation shall be conducted by a member of the Health District and if necessary any corrective actions(s) required shall be accomplished within the time period(s) directed." Discussion followed.

Mr. Gragg moved that a code violation exists at the property owned by Andrew & Ruth Miller, 17058 Peters Rd., Middlefield Twp. Mrs. Livers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Dr. Rubal, yes.

Mr. Gragg moved that the owners 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. Dr. Rubal seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Dr. Rubal, yes.

VI. Environmental Health Program Update

a. Sewage Rules Update

A Health Commissioner's meeting is being held on February 19, 2015. The group discusses issues with the sewage rules. The rules are confusing and ODH does not give many interpretations, which makes it very difficult to enforce these rules.

b. General Information

Mr. Weisdack stated that resumes have been coming in for clerical position in EH. We have received few resumes for the sanitarian position. One of the requirements for the sanitarian position is experience in sewage. Interviews will begin soon.

The Annual HDAC meeting will be held on March 24, 2015 in the meeting room of Building 8. Mr. Weisdack will present the Geauga County Health District's 2016 budget at that time. A Board of Health member will also be appointed at that meeting.

VII. Personal Health Services Update

a. Public Health Emergency Preparedness

The staff completed and submitted the 2016 PHEP grant application. The Ohio Department of Health will conduct a Strategic National Stockpile audit later this year after the new process is finalized.

b. Disease Surveillance

Influenza related hospitalizations and activity has peaked and is dropping. The staff conducted 47 communicable disease investigations in January.

c. Nursing Services

During the month of January, the nursing staff provided two Amish Well Child Clinics, 5 children and adolescent immunization clinics, three Friday Morning Adult clinics, and 3 Senior Center clinics. Included were physician visits for 49 seniors at the Department on Aging, 23 children at the well child clinics, 206 vaccinations given to 58 children, 38 adult immunizations, 12 flu shots, 6 TB tests and no blood pressure screenings. The nurses also provided 5 vision screenings that resulted in providing glasses for 5 children. There were 2 newborn and no BCMH home visits. The nurses conducted 17 parochial school visits. Forty-seven communicable disease investigations were conducted in January.

d. WIC

The WIC caseload for January was 767. This is a 5% increase since December.

e. Administration

The Board was asked to acknowledge the hiring of Rebecca Buddenberg as Fiscal Coordinator.

f. Accreditation

Mr. Weisdack continues to have meetings as part of the accreditation process. Some of the meetings are regarding emerging health issues, salary reviews, social media in addition to others. This has taken a great deal of Mr. Weisdack's time as well as staff time.

Mr. Mix stated that as part of the ORC we must fulfill 14 public health indicators. Some are already in place such as disease investigations and child fatality review board. There are four indicators that we are lacking in. Those include tobacco cessation and prevention program, healthy eating/active living program, injury prevention program, and partnering with primary care to improve health. After discussion with the Ohio Department of Health, we found that we actually do have an injury prevention program in place. This is in the form of child restraint services that we offer parent for car seat education. Mindy White is a certified a Car Passenger Safety Technician and provides community car seat checks and provides community education. She works under the program Ohio Buckles Buckeyes. Mr. Mix explained the program and the benefits.

Mr. Mix stated that they will continue to explore the other public health indicators.

VII. Executive Session

There was no reason to adjourn for Executive Session.

IX. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

X. New Business

Mr. Weisdack presented the preliminary budget to the Board. This included changes made at the Board of Health Budget Workshop. A brief discussion ensued.

Mrs. Livers moved 2.15-a to approve the 2016 preliminary Geauga County Health District Proposed Budget as presented. Mr. Gragg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Dr. Rubal, yes.

Mr. Gragg moved 2.15-b to acknowledge the hiring of Rebecca Buddenberg as Fiscal Coordinator effective February 2, 2015 at a rate of \$18.50 per hour with a \$.50 increase upon successful 120 day probation period. Dr. Rubal seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Dr. Rubal, yes.

Mrs. Livers moved 2.15-c to approve the revised Purchase Order Authorization limits as presented. Dr. Rubal seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Dr. Rubal, yes.

XI. Other Business

Mr. Weisdack stated that he received a very nice thank you card from Dr. O'Hara. He passed the card for the Board to read.

XII. Meetings

Regular Board of Health Meeting, March 16, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the meeting room at 470 Center St., Bldg. 8, Chardon, Ohio.

Annual HDAC Meeting, March 24, 2015 at 7:30 pm in the meeting room at 470 Center St., Bldg. 8, Chardon, Ohio.

Regular Board of Health Meeting, April 13, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the meeting room at 470 Center St., Bldg. 8, Chardon, Ohio. The date was changed due to members not being able to attend.

XIII. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Board, **Mrs. Livers moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. Mr. Gragg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Dr. Rubal, yes.**

Respectfully submitted,

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

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