

Geauga County General Health District
Board of Health Meeting Minutes
July 20, 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; Dan Mix, Personal Health Services Director; and Mike Tusick, Registered Sanitarian.

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 June 23, 2015 Board of Health meeting. 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.

IV. Current Expenses/Financial Report

Mr. Gragg moved to approve the Current Expenses and Financial Reports, June 18, 2015 to July 16, 2015. 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.

V. Administrative Hearings

a. Daniel & Nancy Byler, Owen & Kathleen Wengerd, Anthony & Christen Bolden, John & Mary Ondrejcek, Eric Dillen, Scott & Ellen Sherman, David & Patricia Apanovitch, Jessica Szachury & Joseph Mirtel, Christiana Trust, Marvin Miller, Daniel Eiermann, Paul Fissel & Szilvia Eniko, and Mladen & Angela Selar

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 Daniel & Nancy Byler, 14356 Bundysburg Rd., Middlefield Twp., Owen & Kathleen Wengerd, 16920 Chardon Windsor Rd., Huntsburg Twp., Anthony & Christen Bolden, 6121 Clay St., Thompson Twp., John & Mary Ondrejcek, 16461 Haskins Rd., Bainbridge Twp., Eric Dillen, 16525 Joann Dr., Montville Twp., Scott & Ellen Sherman, 9873 Kirtland Rd., Chardon Twp., David & Patricia Apanovitch, 12422 Madison Rd., Huntsburg Twp., Jessica Szachury & Joseph Mirtel, 7655 Mulberry Rd., Chester Twp., Christiana Trust, 9702 North Blvd., Auburn Twp., Marvin Miller, 17877 Peters Rd., Middlefield Twp., Daniel Eiermann, 12344 Rockhaven Rd., Munson Twp., Paul Fissel & Szilvia Eniko, 15310 Shedd Rd., Middlefield Twp., and Mladen & Angela Selar, 10379 Thwing Rd., Chardon Twp.

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b. Gerard & Georgette Mikus, Duane Miller, Matthew Carty and Kiersti Critchfield

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

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c. Thomas & Judith Phelps

Thomas & Judith Phelps were not 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 Thomas & Judith Phelps for the property located at 15645 Harmony Falls Ln., Russell Twp. 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)(1) "Shall be maintained in proper working condition."
 - (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."

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 corrective action(s) required shall be accomplished within the time period(s) directed."

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 order, 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. Gragg moved that a code violation exists on the property owned Thomas & Judith Phelps, 15645 Harmony Falls Ln., Russell 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.

Mrs. Livers moved that by Thomas & Judith Phelps, 15645 Harmony Falls Ln., Russell Twp. be required to make any corrections necessary 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. 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.

VI. Environmental Health Program Update

a. Sewage Rules

Mr. Weisdack stated that there has been no action on Substitute HB64. This bill will allow property owners with functioning septic systems to decline connecting to sanitary sewers if they come to their neighborhood.

There has been no movement on SB118, the bill introduced by Senator Ecklund.

Mr. Weisdack will be meeting with some of the other health commissioners soon to discuss any new developments with the sewage rules.

b. General Information

Mr. Weisdack was asked to do a sewage presentation at the Department of Aging. He is planning to give general information about the sewage rules and then answer any questions the attendees may have.

The first of the new vehicles have arrived. Two Jeep Patriots were picked up this week.

There are three positive rabies cases in the state. They were located in Trumbull and Mahoning counties.

We have received notice that there will be a fall rabies bait drop this year, although the area being targeted has been reduced. This will be done August 19-25, 2015. The Geauga County Health District will assist with tossing baits.

VII. Personal Health Services Update

a. Public Health Emergency Preparedness

The staff attended the regional Ebola Planning meeting and RMRS meeting in Lake County, the PPE training in Brooklyn and the State EPI meeting recently. They will be participating in the annual CRI Exercise this month in Cleveland.

On July 6, 2015, the Department of Health and Human Services announced more than \$840 million in grants to improve and sustain emergency preparedness of state and local public health and health care systems. The Hospital Preparedness Program will get \$228 million and the PHEP program will get \$611 million in 2015. These allocations are the same as 2014, so we can expect level funding as well.

b. Disease Surveillance

The disease count for June was 29. Eighteen of those cases were STDs.

c. Nursing Services

During the month of June, the nursing staff provided 2 Amish Well Child Clinics, 6 children and adolescent immunization clinics, 4 Friday Morning Adult clinics, and 4 Senior Center clinics. Included were visits for 102 seniors at the Department on Aging, 32 children at the well child clinics, 415 vaccinations given to 126 children, 24 adult immunizations, and 11 TB tests. The nurses also provided vision screenings that resulted in referrals for glasses for 39 children. There were 4 maternal/ newborn visits and 8 BCMH home visits. Twenty-nine communicable disease investigations were conducted.

The staff hosted 40 Kent State University Geauga nursing students for a community health training.

Nine Geauga County Health District staff members completed CPR and AED training recently.

Mr. Mix reported that two adult vaccines would be offered at Friday morning clinics. The vaccines will now include Prevnar 13 and Zostavax.

The Ohio Department of Health published its 2015 report on the burden of chronic disease in Ohio. Heart disease, stroke, diabetes and many cancers are the most common, costly and preventable of the health problems. Ohio ranks 40th in overall health in the United States, while spending the 18th highest on healthcare. Ohio ranks among the worst for cancer, cardiovascular death and diabetes. Geauga has the lowest age-adjusted death rate at 360.8 per 100,000 while Scioto County is the highest with 678.8 per 100,000.

Mr. Mix stated that the greatest risk factors for premature death and chronic disease include tobacco use, poor diet, insufficient physical activity and heavy alcohol consumption. Ohio high school students have a high prevalence of chronic disease.

d. WIC

The WIC caseload for June was 734, a 1% decrease from May.

Gauga WIC began distributing the Ohio WIC Farmers Market coupons in June. The program allows WIC participants to use coupons at participating local farmers to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables.

The Board was asked to approve the 2016 WIC grant budget not to exceed \$206,787.00.

e. Administration

Mr. Mix stated that we are currently undergoing our fiscal audit by the State Auditor's office. This year we were required to prepare our own financial statements. This has been most challenging. Mr. Goergen stated he did not feel comfortable with this process. He stated that normally, an outside entity would generate those statements. He stated he would rather the health district went through an outside accounting firm to provide those statements.

Mr. Weisdack stated he would speak with the Geauga County Auditor about this process.

We will not have the results of the audit until August 17, 2015. Mr. Weisdack and Mr. Mix stated they do not anticipate any major problems with the results.

f. Accreditation

The Partnership for a Healthy GEAUGA continues to hold report-back meetings to discuss progress on action steps that were identified. Many are showing progress.

Our contract health educator has made great strides on the project to survey primary care physicians on mental health, alcohol and other drug screenings. A draft survey has been sent to the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction. They have a training officer who can introduce physicians to a tool called Screening Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT). The department also has a grant and may be able to train our physicians.

Mr. Mix reviewed an assessment of the potential impacts of hydraulic fracturing on drinking water that was developed by the EPA. The report concluded that there are several ways groundwater can be affected and recommends more study.

VIII. Old Business

a. O&M Shareholders Committee

Mr. Weisdack asked the Board for a date to schedule an O/M Shareholders Committee meeting. This will be to begin discussion about how we will proceed with this program. This must be done as required by the new sewage rules.

b. FSP Inspection Process

Mr. Weisdack suggested having a workshop for the Board to discuss the process and the pros and cons. The Board agreed that one is needed.

IX. New Business

Mrs. Livers moved 7.15-a to approve the 2016 WIC budget not to exceed \$206,787.00. 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.

X. Other Business

There was no other business.

XI. Meetings

Regular Board of Health Meeting, Monday, August 17, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the meeting room at 470 Center St., Bldg. 8, Chardon, Ohio.

XII. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Board the meeting was **adjourned at 8:32 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

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

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