

Geauga County General Health District
Board of Health Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2016, 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, Mr. David Gragg, and Mrs. Catherine Whitright. Mrs. Christina Livers was not present.

Staff members present: Robert Weisdack, Health Commissioner, Dan Mix, Administrator, and Michael 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

Mr. Gragg moved to approve the minutes for the July 18, 2016 Board of Health meeting with one correction. Mrs. Whitright seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.

IV. Current Expenses/Financial Report

Mr. Gragg moved to approve the Current Expenses and Financial Reports, July 15, 2016 to August 11, 2016. Mrs. Whitright seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.

V. Administrative Hearings

a. Martin & Martha Miller, James Alesci, John & Kathleen Dawson, Gretchen Greve, Kyle & Melissa LeRoy, Jeremy & Molly Jones, William & Sara Byler, Delbert Kurtz, Raymond & Barbara Yoder, and Danny & Karen Miller

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 Martin & Martha Miller, 13490 Bundysburg Rd., Huntsburg Twp., James Alesci, 8144 Chagrin Rd., Bainbridge Twp., John & Kathleen Dawson, 7753 Country Ln., Bainbridge Twp., Gretchen Greve, 13945 County Line Rd., Russell Twp., Kyle & Melissa LeRoy, 13433 Hickory St., Chester Twp., Jeremy & Molly Jones, 15855 Messenger Rd., Auburn Twp., William & Sara Byler, 14613 Nash Rd., Troy Twp., Delbert Kurtz, 18005 Owen Rd., Parkman Twp., Raymond & Barbara Yoder, 17212 Reeves Rd., Parkman Twp., and Danny & Karen Miller, 15836 Shedd Rd., Middlefield Twp.

Section 3701-29-25(A) of the Geauga County Health District Household Sewage Disposal System Regulations states, "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." Discussion followed.

Mr. Gragg moved that a code violation exists at the properties owned by Martin & Martha Miller, 13490 Bundysburg Rd., Huntsburg Twp., James Alesci, 8144 Chagrin Rd., Bainbridge Twp., John & Kathleen Dawson, 7753 Country Ln., Bainbridge Twp., Gretchen Greve, 13945 County Line Rd., Russell Twp., Kyle & Melissa LeRoy, 13433 Hickory St., Chester Twp., Jeremy & Molly Jones, 15855 Messenger Rd., Auburn Twp., William & Sara Byler, 14613 Nash Rd., Troy Twp., Delbert Kurtz, 18005 Owen Rd., Parkman Twp., Raymond & Barbara Yoder, 17212 Reeves Rd., Parkman Twp., and Danny & Karen Miller, 15836 Shedd Rd., Middlefield Twp. Mrs. Whitright

seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.

Mr. Gragg moved that Martin & Martha Miller, 13490 Bundysburg Rd., Huntsburg Twp., James Alesci, 8144 Chagrin Rd., Bainbridge Twp., John & Kathleen Dawson, 7753 Country Ln., Bainbridge Twp., Gretchen Greve, 13945 County Line Rd., Russell Twp., Kyle & Melissa LeRoy, 13433 Hickory St., Chester Twp., Jeremy & Molly Jones, 15855 Messenger Rd., Auburn Twp., William & Sara Byler, 14613 Nash Rd., Troy Twp., Delbert Kurtz, 18005 Owen Rd., Parkman Twp., Raymond & Barbara Yoder, 17212 Reeves Rd., Parkman Twp., and Danny & Karen Miller, 15836 Shedd Rd., Middlefield 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. Whitright seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.

VI. Environmental Health Program Update

a. Sewage Update

Mr. Weisdack stated that Senator Ecklund's office contacted him to schedule a meeting for this week. He stated he will speak to the senator about accreditation and the new sewage rules while he is here.

Mr. Weisdack will also be attending a meeting with some fellow health commissioners this week. They will be discussing several different issues.

We have received information from OEPA offering the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) to the local health districts. The Board was asked to approve the application for 2017 funds. Mr. Weisdack will be revising the grant slightly and submitting to OEPA with the Board's approval.

We have found that during this process for the WPCLF, the health district will need to pay to have soils tests done (as needed). This cost will be recouped when the installer has installed the system and we receive payment from OEPA. At that time, we will also get back the lot evaluation fee. We have several residents that have been income-approved for the WPCLF.

b. General Information

We have been awarded a grant for Mosquito surveillance. The MRC will provide educational seminars to the residents of Geauga County. The grant will pay an intern to assist with this process. It will also include mosquito trapping, scrap tire abatement and providing mosquito "dunks" to be handed out to the general public at seminars so residents can place them where mosquito larvae are located.

VII. Personal Health Services Update

a. Public Health Emergency Preparedness

Mr. Mix stated that during the RNC the food service sanitarians provided daily activity reports for Geauga County regarding EPI activities.

Several staff members recently participated in the Perry Nuclear Power Plant training at the Department of Emergency Services in preparation for the upcoming PNPP dry run on August 17 and full exercise on September 13.

b. Disease Surveillance

The disease count for July was 23. The majority of those were STD's.

Mr. Mix provided several graphs to illustrate chlamydia reports for 2014 and 2015. It shows that nearly ¾ of all cases were female for both years. It also showed that more than ¾ of all cases were in the 18-25 year-old population. It also showed that although cases were distributed across the county, the more affluent, higher population townships and villages had higher occurrences. The reoccurrence rate was slightly less than 25%.

c. Nursing Services

During the month of July, the nursing staff provided 2 Amish Well Child Clinics, 5 children and adolescent immunization clinics, 5 Friday Morning Adult clinics, and 3 Senior Center clinics. Included were visits for 31 children at the well child clinics, 432 vaccinations given to 139 children, 87 BP checks, 22 adult immunizations and 6 TB tests. The nurses also provided vision screenings that resulted in referrals for glasses for 43 children. They also conducted 4 maternal/newborn visits and 3 BCMH home visits. Mr. Mix stated that extra clinics were being added due to the increase in vaccinations.

d. WIC

The WIC caseload for July 726. The breastfeeding initiation rate for women is 73.5% and for infants at 70.9%. The breastfeeding support group in Middlefield averaged 8 mothers monthly and 3 clients participated in the peer-led breastfeeding class in July. The Farmer Market Nutrition Program is back in season. There were 129 \$20.00 vouchers distributed in July.

Mr. Mix Mr. Weisdack and Darla Andrews met with the new Lake County WIC director and the current WIC program coordinator and health commissioner to discuss some of the current needs. The Lake County WIC staff will be meeting directly with our WIC program staff soon.

The Board was asked to approve a 2016 and 2017 contract with Sue Derus as peer helper in the WIC program. They were also asked to approve the termination of the 2016 and 2017 contract with Mara Ugucini as peer helper.

e. Administration

The Board was asked to approve an appropriation transfer request to the county auditor to move funds from Material and Vaccine Supplies to Other Expense-County and State Charges to reimburse the county and state auditor's tax collection fees.

The Board was also asked to approve payment of the annual Public Entities Pool of Ohio (PEP) liability payment of \$30,378.00. They also were given the option to increase the amount of coverage we currently carry.

f. Accreditation

Mr. Mix stated that the community health assessment is moving forward to finalize the survey questions for both the children and adult surveys. He stated that the funding for the assessment is at almost 100%. The surveys for the assessment will be mailed in September 2016.

VIII. Old Business

There was no old business.

IX. New Business

Mr. Gragg moved 8.16-a to approve the agreement extension with the University of Pittsburgh to conduct real-time outbreak and disease surveillance through June 30, 2017. Mrs. Whitright seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.

Mr. Gragg moved 8.16-b to approve the contract with Jessica McCarthy to conduct mosquito surveillance and homeowner education from August 8, 2016 to August 8, 2017 at a rate of \$13.00 per hour. Mrs. Whitright seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.

Mrs. Whitright moved 8.16-c to approve the contract with Sue Derus as WIC peer helper from July 12, 2016 through September 30, 2016 at a rate of \$12.50 per hour. Mr. Gragg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.

Mr. Gragg moved 8.16-d to approve the contract with Sue Derus as WIC peer helper from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017 at a rate of \$13.50 per hour. Mrs. Whitright seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.

Mrs. Whitright moved 8.16-e to approve the contract with Irene Olp as WIC peer helper from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017 at a rate of \$13.50 per hour. Mr. Gragg seconded the motion. Motion carried

with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.

Mr. Gragg moved 8.16-f to approve the termination of the contracts with Mara Ugucinni as WIC peer helper for the balance of 2016 and 2017. Mrs. Whitright seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.

Mrs. Whitright moved 8.16-g to approve the appropriation request to the county auditor to transfer \$10,500.00 from Material and Vaccine Supplies (6002-053-701.5302) to Other Expense-County and State Charges (6002-053-901.0101 and 901.0102) to reimburse the county and state auditors tax collection fees. Mr. Gragg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.

Mr. Gragg moved 8.16-h to approve the application to the Ohio EPA for the 2017 Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00. Mrs. Whitright seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.

Mr. Gragg moved 8.16-i to approve the payment of the Public Entities Pool of Ohio annual contribution of \$30,378.00 at the \$3 mil liability level. Mrs. Whitright seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.

X. Other Business

There was no other business.

XI. Meetings

Regular Board of Health Meeting, Monday, September 19, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the meeting room of 470 Center St., Bldg. 8, Chardon, Ohio.

XII. Adjourn

As there was no further business to come before the Board, **Mr. Gragg moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. Mrs. Whitright seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.**

Respectfully submitted,

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

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