

Geauga Public Health  
Board of Health Meeting Minutes  
August 24, 2022, 5:00 p.m.  
12611 Ravenwood Dr., Chardon, OH 44024

Call to Order

Mr. Richard Piraino, President, called the monthly meeting of the Geauga County Board of Health to order at 5:01 p.m.

A roll call found the following Board members present: Mr. Richard Piraino, Ashley Jones, Pharm D, Lynn Roman, and Carolyn Brakey, Esq.

Staff members present: Dr. J. Jeffrey Cameron, Health Commissioner, Adam Litke, Administrator, Carol Straniero, Nursing Director, Alta Wendell, Director of Administration, Sarah Sullivan, Epidemiologist, Magaly Rios, Health Educator, and Ashley Winters, Registered Sanitarian.

Others present: There were 11 others present.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approval of Board Minutes

**Ms. Roman moved to approve the minutes from the July 27, 2022, regular meeting of the Board. Mrs. Brakey seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.**

**Ms. Roman moved to approve the minutes from the August 8, 2022, special meeting of the Board as amended. Ms. Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.**

Information Session

a. Population Health Update

1. Website Development Presentation

Magaly Rios Health Educator, explained that the Geauga Public Health (GPH) website is being redesigned through a contract with Company 119. The website will be more user-friendly and easier to navigate than the current site. There will also be added features such as a special events page and videos for resident education.

Miss Rios reported on the events she has been participating in as part of the Safe Communities program. She will be holding a car seat distribution program in September. She stated that she has gotten a lot of good feedback from the public in regard to the health department's participation in the community events.

2. Community Health Ranking Presentation

Sarah Sullivan, Epidemiologist, explained the rankings for Geauga County. The rankings help determine the county's needs. The measures for health factors include health behavior, clinical care, social & economic factors, and physical environment. For health outcomes it includes quality of life and length of life. Each Board member was provided a copy of the report.

Mrs. Straniero provided a report showing COVID vaccination rates.

There are currently 139 confirmed cases of Monkey Pox in Ohio. It is being seen mostly in the adults 26 to 40 years old.

During the recent E. coli outbreak, there have been 37 known cases and 10 hospitalizations spread out among four states. There has not been a food sources identified, but romaine lettuce is suspected.

Population Health is working on the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) in collaboration with University Hospitals and a consulting group called Conduit. They held three focus groups. They provided community input to identify strengths and needs of resources within Geauga County. They also had five key- informant interviews which provided firsthand knowledge and perspective in Geauga County. Analysis of the data will take place in September. In November, the CHNA report will be generated. The plan is to present the report to the Board in January 2023.

b. Environmental Health Update

1. Operation and Maintenance Program Presentation

Ashley Winter, Registered Sanitarian, provided information on the Operation and Maintenance Program (O & M) that is required by the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). This regulation became effective in 2015 when the new sewage rules were adopted by ODH.

She explained that each kind of sewage system needs some sort of maintenance. This is something not all homeowners do. If many systems are found failing in one area, it usually ends up having that community sewered. The O & M Program will provide education to the property owner to help them understand their system and how to properly maintain it.

Miss Winters explained that each property owner would be assessed a fee based on the type of system they have. This fee would be used towards the cost of issuing O & M permits, education materials for the property owners and time communicating with the owners. The Board of Health must approve the fees which have not been established yet. The plan is to begin with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) since records already exist within the health department.

The For Sale of Property (FSP) septic evaluation program will still be offered but does not meet the requirements of the O & M program.

Mr. Litke stated that there several agencies who have indicated they would assist with getting the information out to the residents.

c. Administration Update

Mrs. Wendell provided a report of the activities of the Administration Team. She provided a summary of how it is determined if a property qualifies falling under the FSP regulation when reviewing the Auditor's property transfer lists. She reported that requests for FSP evaluation has dropped significantly.

1. Finance Report

Mr. Litke presented the finance report and answered questions from the Board. He stated that there has been an increase of public records requests which has caused an increase in contract legal fees.

**Mrs. Roman moved to approve the August 2022 financial reports. Ms. Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Piraino, yes; Mrs. Jones, yes; Ms. Roman, yes; and Mrs. Brakey, yes.**

d. Administrator/Health Commissioner Update

Mr. Litke reported that campground and semi-public inspections have been caught up.

School guidance was released recently. Schools can adopt their own guidance.

Mr. Litke has been meeting with many different agencies increasing the collaboration between them and Geauga Public Health.

Narcan training will take place soon. It will be held in the evening to accommodate those who cannot attend during the day.

Geauga Public Health will have a tent at the Geauga County Fair. Tick removal kits will be available for the public.

It was found recently that some pools were overcharged for their annual license. We will be refunding several pools a portion of the fee they paid.

Vital Statistics uses VitalChek to process credit card payments. They charge a large fee to the customer for the use of their system. Mr. Litke will be ending that service and credit cards will be processed through the system we currently use for Environmental Health.

The Perry Nuclear Plan dry run was held today. University hospital was a participant also. The actual exercise sometime in September.

The IT department has rolled out a Gatekeeper system for easier access to login to the computers.

#### Old Business

There was no old business.

#### New Business

Mr. Piraino proposed to change the remove "Interim" from the contract with Lake County General Health District for the Environmental Health Director. This would be for the same time period. Mr. Piraino stated the Mr. Lark has indicated that he was agreeable to being the permanent Environmental Health Director.

After discussion, the Board decided that rather than amend the current contract, a new contract should be approved.

##### a. Supplemental Appropriations

**Mrs. Brakey moved to approve the Supplemental Appropriations as presented. Ms. Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Piraino, yes; Ms. Jones, abstain; Ms. Roman, yes; and Mrs. Brakey, yes.**

##### b. Resolution of Appreciation to Dr. Patricia Levan

**Ms. Jones moved to adopt the Resolution of Appreciation to Dr. Patricia Levan honoring her for her service to Geauga County. Ms. Roman seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Piraino, yes; Ms. Jones, yes; Ms. Roman, yes; and Mrs. Brakey, yes.**

##### c. Small Flows Management

**Mrs. Brakey moved to approve submitting notice to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for Geauga Public Health to manage small flows systems in Geauga County. Ms. Roman seconded the motion. Mr. Piraino, yes; Ms. Jones, abstain; Ms. Roman, yes; and Mrs. Brakey, yes. Motion carried.**

#### Public Comment Session

Mr. Piraino outlined the process and policies for providing public comment. Those who would like to comment but not attend the meeting are invited to email [info@geaugacountyhealth.org](mailto:info@geaugacountyhealth.org) and their comments will be forwarded to the Board.

Those who wanted to speak were given 2 minutes each to provide their comment.

#### Executive Session

**Mrs. Brakey moved to adjourn to executive session at 7:48 pm to discuss pending litigation with counsel. Ms. Roman seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Piraino, yes; Mrs. Jones, yes; Ms. Roman, yes; and Mrs. Brakey, yes. Meeting reconvened at 8:28 pm**

#### Other Business

There was no other business.

#### Meetings

Regular Board of Health meeting, **Monday, September 26, 2022**, at 5:00 p.m. at 12611 Ravenwood Dr., Ste. B303, Chardon, Ohio.

#### Adjourn

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Litke  
Administrator

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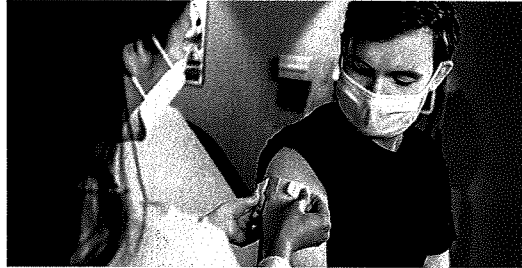
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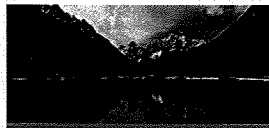
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### Environmental Health Report

From 7/19/22 through 8/18/22, the Environmental Health staff conducted the following program inspections:

- Private water systems (wells) - 22
- Camps - 12
- Swimming pools - 33
- Food - 100
- Sewage systems - 48
- For sale of property - 29
- HB 110 systems - 98
- Plumbing - 30

### New Business:

We are asking approval to submit notice to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to manage Small Flow systems. Small flows septic systems are a system, other than a household sewage treatment system that treats not more than one thousand gallons of sewage per day and that does not require a national pollutant discharge elimination system permit structures that are served by a small flow on-site sewage treatment system shall also include:

- (1) More than one dwelling or arrangements such as a dwelling and a detached garage with living space.
- (2) More than one vacation rental cabin.
- (3) A dwelling and related structure, such as a barn or personal garage, when the structure is used by persons other than, or in addition to the residents of the dwelling.
- (4) A dwelling with a home business when the nature of the home business is such that it produces sewage, including but not limited to, home businesses that provide a public restroom for use by nonresidents.



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### Administration Team Report

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The next few months will be busy for the Administration team. This is typically when builders and contractors are trying complete jobs before the bad weather sets in.

Chris Toth issued 44 septic permits in July and to date, 17 for August. This is also the renewal period for Semi-Public program. To date, Holy Powalie has issued 196 permits. The number of well permits issued has declined a bit with 11 being issued in July and only 4 to date for August.

Evan Zubek is currently working on August 2020 of property transfers. To clarify the process: There are approximately 6 properties on a page, with an average of 1 to 2 properties that need further investigation. To research a property, he reviews the health department records to see if the For Sale of Property (FSP) evaluation has been completed or a new system was installed. If it has, no action is needed. For those that do need the FSP done, a letter is then generated to the owner informing them that it must be completed. If a FSP was paid for but not completed, Evan works with the inspectors to get it scheduled so that the owners can avoid an Administrative Hearing.

Administrative Hearings for FSP are scheduled through September for those properties that have not complied with the regulation and Evan will begin scheduling October within the next week.

We have hired Kimberly Spangenberg to fill the vacant clerical position. She will begin her employment at Geauga Public Health on August 29, 2022. She will be a welcome addition to the team.

I am still covering the clerical position. I have found that the process for well permits is extremely personnel-resource heavy. Each new permit is handled, at minimum, 6 times. This is all to comply with the PWS rules.

Respectfully Submitted

Alta Wendell



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## **Geauga Public Health Population Health/Nursing Board of Health Report August 16, 2022**

### **Nursing Department**

#### **A. Clinics**

- The Geauga Public Health (GPH) clinical area is set-up and fully operational.
- All clinics are up and running

#### **B. Personnel**

- ProLink Nurses (Ohio Department of Health) – GPH extended the contract for two nurses to work every Wednesday for COVID clinics. New ProLink contract expires October 29, 2022.
- Hired Jennifer Sintic CLPN as a Health Educator/LPN. Jennifer will assist with the Safe Communities and Get Vaccinated Ohio Grants and all clinics.

### **Population Health**

#### **A. Health Education**

- Magaly attended nine community events where she hosted an educational table. F (i.e. Chardon Hikes and Bikes, Chardon Farmers Market, Caveman Crawl, UH Family & Safety Day, Rockin' with Resources fair and Nature and Arts Festival).
- One Kick-off event for the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Campaign" for Safe Communities in Collaboration with Chardon Recreation Department, Chardon Police Department and Ohio Highway Patrol.
- Kane Zellers (Health Educator) attended Nation Night Out and Rockin' with Resources providing Naloxone education and kit distribution.
- Sarah Sullivan (Epi) Attended the Geauga Park District Nature & Arts Festival (8.7.22) to handout educational materials about ticks, mosquitoes, and rabies. Also handed out tick kits, that included tick tweezers and the ODH Tick ID cards for residents.

#### **B. Grants**

- **Project Dawn**
  - 48 Naloxone kits distributed
  - Grant extended 3 months (through 12/31/22)
  - Additional \$17,250 (total grant \$65,750)



- **Ohio Buckles Buckeyes Program**
  - Provided 3 car seats to a family in need.
  - Conducted 4 car seat checks (installed them correctly).

C. **Disease Surveillance - Epidemiology (as of 8/16/2022)**

1. **COVID-19**

- COVID-19 Vaccinations Progress by Zip code, Dose number is at least 1 – Source: Ohio Hospital Association

Zip code	Percent (%) Vaccinated
44024	73%
44023	84%
44021	47%
44026	77%
44046	42%
44062	24%
44064	47%
44065	69%
44072	86%
44086	57%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>65%</b>

\*Yellow represents zip codes that did not have a change since the previous notes

- COVID-19 Vaccinations Rate Target Analysis, by Age Group – Source: Ohio Hospital Association, Target Vaccinated 80%

Age Group	Percent (%) Vaccinated	Number to Reach Target
5-9	28%	2,653
10-11	27%	1,230
12-14	44%	1,242
15-17	49%	1,188
18-20	59%	735
21-24	49%	1,443
25-34	52%	2,413
35-44	64%	1,402
45-54	68%	1,324
55-64	77%	426
65-74	83%	0
75-84	98%	0
85+	88%	0

- Hospitalization – Source: Ohio Disease Reporting System (ODRS)
  - Adults: hospitalizations 23
  - Children: hospitalizations 1
- Cases – Source: Ohio Department of Health (ODH), [coronavirus.ohio.gov/dashboards](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/dashboards)
  - Cases: 566

Deaths: 1

From 7/14/2022 – 8/16/2022, there was an average of 16.7 cases per day

**2. Communicable Disease Update(s), 7/14/22 – 8/16/22**

- Chlamydia: 9 cases
- Gonococcal: 3 cases
- Campylobacteriosis: 1 case
- Giardiasis: 1 case

Report prepared by:

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