

Geauga County General Health District
Board of Health Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2009, 7:00 p.m.
Geauga County Health District Office
470 Center Street, Bldg. 8, Chardon, OH 44024

I. Call to Order

Mr. J. David Benenati, President, called the monthly meeting of the Geauga County Board of Health to order at 7:01 p.m.

Board members present: Mr. J. David Benenati, Mr. Timothy Goergen, Dr. Donald Bowers, Ms. Melanie Eppich, and Mrs. Christina Livers.

Staff members present: Robert Weisdack, Health Commissioner; Dan Mix, Personal Health Services Director; Michael Tusick, R.S.; and Alta Kress, Administrative Assistant.

Others present: There was one other person present.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Bowers moved to approve the minutes from the June 15, 2009 regular meeting. Mr. Goergen seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, abstain; Mr. Goergen, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mrs. Livers, abstain.

IV. Financial Report / Current Expenses

Mr. Goergen moved to approve the Current Expenses June 10, 2009 to July 14, 2009. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Goergen, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mrs. Livers, yes.

V. Environmental Health Program Update

A. Sewage Rules Update

Mr. Weisdack stated that the budget bill was passed recently. The bill gives a 6 month moratorium on the sewage law (January 1, 2010). He stated that the fight is still not over against the new sewage rules.

B. Solid & Infectious Waste Program/C & DD Program Survey

Mr. Weisdack stated that he had received the results from our recent survey and the Health District was found to be in substantial compliance with the Ohio EPA Solid Waste and C & DD programs.

VI. Personal Health Services Update

A. Public Health Preparedness

The SNS survey with the Ohio Department of Health was completed on June 22. The next survey will focus on grant deliverables which will include planning, training, communications, surveillance, emergency public information and PHI administration. This survey was to take place on July 23, but due to illness of our ODH representative it was cancelled and has not been rescheduled.

Our student intern has been with us for a month and has participated in a variety of activities. She also has been following some of the sanitarians on their inspections as well. She has been a great help in planning and executing our three RAD drills, which is a deliverable required by the PHI grant. These drills involved notifying the MRC without warning and holding two events. These events were preparing potassium iodide (KI) for residents and delivering it to Thompson residents. This KI distribution was held to replace outdated KI, which was delivered in 2003.

The MRC has been busy planning the fall flu clinics. They will hold two drive-thru clinics; one on the east side of the county and one on the west side.

Tammy Spencer has been appointed to the PHEP Assistant/PIO position.

B. Nursing

Planning for the H1N1 immunization has begun at the state and national level. The CDC is projecting an October delivery. It appears that there will be two vaccinations for people under 50 years and one vaccination for people over 50 years. This is because of the high incidence among people under 50 years old. Because of problems with the vaccine in the lab setting, delayed shipment could be possible.

Mr. Mix reported that we have been operating the CFHS Amish Well Child Clinics without funding. This grant is for \$81,400.00, July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 and has not officially been awarded. He stated that he is sure we will receive the federal portion of the award, but is not sure we will received the matching State funds.

C. WIC

The WIC caseload was 939 for June. Mr. Mix reported that the 2010 WIC grant application has been submitted based on a \$194,964.00 which is a \$16,045.00 increase over 2009.

D. Health Education

Mr. Mix stated that the website now includes RSS feeds and Twitter. These are the tools that people are using today and we need to keep up with the times. This costs nothing except for a few extra minutes while making updates.

VII. Administrative Hearings

A. Bill Bice

Bill Bice was not present. Mr. Tusick was sworn in by Mr. Benenati and stated his experience.

Mr. Tusick stated that this is an alleged code violation to the property owned by Bill Bice located at 14362 View Dr. and 14373 View Dr., Newbury Twp. This case is in regards to the following sections of the Geauga County Health District Sewage Disposal System Regulations, which states:

3701-29-17(A) states: "The Health Commissioner may at any reasonable time during the course of construction or any time thereafter inspect any household sewage disposal system or part thereof, sample the effluent or take any other steps which he deems necessary to insure proper compliance with regulations 3701-29-01 through 3701-29-21 of the Household Sewage Disposal System Regulations of the Geauga County General Health District. The Health Commissioner may utilize inspection reports or other data submitted or obtained from reliable sources to determine compliance."

Dr. Bowers moved that a code violation exists at the properties owned by Bill Bice, 14362 View Dr. and 14373 View Dr., Newbury Twp. Mr. Goergen seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Goergen, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mrs. Livers, yes.

Mrs. Livers moved that Bill Bice be ordered to schedule, provide access to the property and allow the Geauga county Health District to complete an evaluation of the sewage system within 30 days of receipt of Board order. In addition, the owner must comply with any actions required as a result of the evaluation within the timeframes specified. Failure to do so will result in referral to the prosecutor's office for legal action. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Goergen, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mrs. Livers, yes.

- B. Hederson Henry & Phyllis Hoffmeyer, Angela Paszt, William Boyd, Craig & Nancy Mathews, Matthew De Franco, Carl Weindel, Jesse Treadway, Susan Hammond, Marijan Pribudic, Nathan Miller, Melvin Miller, Nathan Liptak, and Kenwyn Ward

Carl Weindel was present. Mr. Tusick was sworn in again by Mr. Benenati and stated his experience.

Mr. Tusick stated that this is an alleged code violation to the properties owned by Henderson Henry & Phyllis Hoffmeyer, 11625 Auburn Rd., Munson Twp.; Angela Paszt, 14496 Auburn Rd., Newbury Twp.; William Boyd, 14956 Auburn Rd., Newbury Twp.; Craig & Nancy Mathews, 14699 Beechwood Dr., Newbury Twp.; Matthew DeFranco, 7865 Chagrin Rd., Bainbridge Twp.; Carl Weidel, 14093 Chardon Windsor Rd., Claridon Twp.; Jesse Treadway, 6383 Clay St., Thompson Twp.; Susan Hammond, 7161 Old Mill Rd., Chester Twp.; Marijan Pribudic, 9076 Old State Rd., Hambden Twp.; Nathan Miller, 13870 Old State Rd., Middlefield Twp.; Melvin Miller, 17890 Pioneer Rd., Huntsburg Twp.; Nathan Liptak, 18521 Snyder Rd., Bainbridge Twp.; and Kenwyn Ward, 8950 Taylor May Rd., Bainbridge Twp. These cases are in regards to section 3701-29-22(A) of the Geauga County Household Sewage Disposal System Regulations, which 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. Goergen moved to find that Carl Weindel is required to install a sample well for testing at the property located at 14093 Chardon Windsor Rd., Claridon Twp. Mrs. Livers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Goergen, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mrs. Livers, yes.

Mrs. Livers moved that Carl Weindel, 14093 Chardon Windsor Rd., Claridon Twp. be required to schedule and complete a For Sale of Property evaluation and/or obtain the

necessary permits permit and install a new sewage disposal system by September 15, 2009. Failure to do so will result in referral to the prosecutor's office for legal action. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Goergen, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mrs. Livers, yes.

Dr. Bowers moved that a code violation exists at the properties owned by Henderson Henry & Phyllis Hoffmeyer, 11625 Auburn Rd., Munson Twp.; Angela Paszt, 14496 Auburn Rd., Newbury Twp.; William Boyd, 14956 Auburn Rd., Newbury Twp.; Craig & Nancy Mathews, 14699 Beechwood Dr., Newbury Twp.; Matthew DeFranco, 7865 Chagrin Rd., Bainbridge Twp.; Jesse Treadway, 6383 Clay St., Thompson Twp.; Susan Hammond, 7161 Old Mill Rd., Chester Twp.; Marijan Pribudic, 9076 Old State Rd., Hambden Twp.; Nathan Miller, 13870 Old State Rd., Middlefield Twp.; Melvin Miller, 17890 Pioneer Rd., Huntsburg Twp.; Nathan Liptak, 18521 Snyder Rd., Bainbridge Twp.; and Kenwyn Ward, 8950 Taylor May Rd., Bainbridge Twp. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Goergen, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mrs. Livers, yes.

Dr. Bowers moved that Henderson Henry & Phyllis Hoffmeyer, 11625 Auburn Rd., Munson Twp.; Angela Paszt, 14496 Auburn Rd., Newbury Twp.; William Boyd, 14956 Auburn Rd., Newbury Twp.; Craig & Nancy Mathews, 14699 Beechwood Dr., Newbury Twp.; Matthew DeFranco, 7865 Chagrin Rd., Bainbridge Twp.; Jesse Treadway, 6383 Clay St., Thompson Twp.; Susan Hammond, 7161 Old Mill Rd., Chester Twp.; Marijan Pribudic, 9076 Old State Rd., Hambden Twp.; Nathan Miller, 13870 Old State Rd., Middlefield Twp.; Melvin Miller, 17890 Pioneer Rd., Huntsburg Twp.; Nathan Liptak, 18521 Snyder Rd., Bainbridge Twp.; and Kenwyn Ward, 8950 Taylor May Rd., Bainbridge Twp. be required to schedule and complete a For Sale of Property evaluation and/or obtain the necessary permits permit and install a new sewage disposal system within 30 days of receipt of Board order. Failure to do so will result in referral to the prosecutor's office for legal action. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Goergen, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mrs. Livers, yes.

IIIIV. Old Business

There was no old business.

IX. Executive Session

Mrs. Livers moved to adjourn for Executive Session at 8:10 pm to discuss Personnel in regards to the Health Commissioner's contract. Mr. Goergen seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Goergen, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mrs. Livers, yes. Meeting reconvened at 8:40 pm. Mr. Benenati stated no action would be taken as a result of Executive Session.

X. New Business

Mrs. Livers moved 7.09-1 to approve the ODH Rabies Contract, July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2011. Mr. Goergen seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Goergen, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mrs. Livers, yes.

Mrs. Livers moved 7.09-2 to approve the revised ODH Lead Memorandum of Understanding. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. This revision elevates the lead level needed to

refer a child. **Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Goergen, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mrs. Livers, yes.**

Dr. Bowers moved 7.09-3 to approve the revised contract with University Hospitals Medical Practice June 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010. Mr. Goergen seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Goergen, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mrs. Livers, yes.

Mr. Goergen moved 7.09-4 to adopt the revisions to Section A: Introduction; and section D: Classification and Compensation of the Geauga County Health District Personnel Policy as presented. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Goergen, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mrs. Livers, yes.

Mr. Goergen moved 7.09-5 to acknowledge the appointment of Tammy Spencer as Public Health emergency Preparedness Assistant/Public Information Officer effective July 20, 2009 at a rate of \$16.50 per hour with up to a \$.50 per hour increase upon successful completion of 120 day probationary period. Mrs. Livers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Goergen, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mrs. Livers, yes.

Mr. Weisdack reported that the Private Water Fund is still very low. He stated that the staff have agreed to voluntarily take leave without pay to help with this budget problem. The Board indicated that they appreciated the staff's sacrifice and stated that they did not have any issues with the proposal.

XI. Other Business

There was no other business.

XII. Meetings

The regular meeting of the Board will be held August 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., 470 Center St., Bldg. 8, Chardon.

XIII. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Board, **Mrs. Livers moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. Mr. Goergen seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

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

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