Geauga County General Health District
Board of Health Meeting Minutes
October 17, 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, Mrs. Christina Livers, Pro-Tem, Mr. David Gragg, and Mrs. Catherine Whitright.

Staff members present: Robert Weisdack, Health Commissioner, Dan Mix, Administrator, and Michael Tusick, Registered Sanitarian.

Others present: Dave Apanovitch and Jason Norris.

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 August 15, 2016 Board of Health meeting with one correction. Mrs. Whitright seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.

IV. Current Expenses/Financial Report

Mr. Gragg moved to approve the Current Expenses and Financial Reports, August 12, 2016 to October 12, 2016. Mrs. Livers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.

V. Administrative Hearings

a. Jason Norris

Jason Norris was present and sworn in by Mr. Goergen. Mr. Tusick was also sworn in and stated his experience.

Mr. Tusick stated that this was an alleged code violation at the property owned by Jason Norris, 11870 Stonegate Dr., Munson Twp. This case was 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. Norris said he was in the process of getting the components uncovered so that the evaluation may be done. Mr. Weisdack and Mr. Tusick explained exactly what needs to be uncovered. Mr. Norris is hoping to have the components uncovered by winter.

Mr. Gragg moved that a code violation exists at the property owned by Jason Norris, 11870 Stonegate Dr., Munson Twp. Mrs. Livers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.

Mr. Gragg moved that the owner be required to 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. Livers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.

b. Gary & Jessica Levine

Neither Gary nor Jessica Levine were present. Mr. Tusick was sworn in again by Mr. Goergen and stated his experience.

Mr. Tusick stated that this is an alleged code violation to the property owned by Gary & Jessica Levine, 9119 Lake in the Woods Tr., Bainbridge Twp. This case is based on the following section of the Ohio Department of Health and Ohio Administrative Code sections 3701-29 - Sewage Treatment System Rules:

3701-29-06 (E)(1) Shall be maintained in property 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.”

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)(a) The presence of sewage effluent identified through a dye test;

Discussion followed.

Mrs. Livers moved that a code violation exists at the property owned by Gary & Jessica Levine, 9119 Lake in the Woods Tr., Bainbridge Twp. Mr. Gragg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.

Mr. Gragg moved that the owners be required to eliminate the nuisance condition by making correction to repair the septic system 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. Livers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.

c. Daniel & Nora Mae Hershberger and Deborah & Thomas Sanket

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

Mr. Tusick stated that this is an alleged code violation to the properties owned by Daniel & Nora Mae Hershberger, 17797 Jug St., Troy Twp. and Deborah & Thomas Sanket, 9347 Plank Rd., Montville Twp. These cases are based on the failure to take corrective action after having a For Sale of Property Evaluation conducted as per Section 3701-29-25 of the Geauga County Sewage Treatment System Rules.

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Mr. Gragg moved that Daniel & Nora Mae Hershberger, 17797 Jug St., Troy Twp. and Deborah & Thomas Sanket, 9347 Plank Rd. Montville Twp. be required to make repairs and/or corrections 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. Livers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.

d. Michelle Leonetti

Michelle Leonetti was not present. Mr. Tusick was sworn in again by Mr. Goergen and stated his experience.

Mr. Tusick stated that this is an alleged code violation to the property owned by Michelle Leonetti, 8587 Prescott Dr., Chester Twp. This case is based on following section of the Ohio Department of Health and Ohio Administrative Code sections 3701-29 - Sewage Treatment System Rules:

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(A)(4) With respect to a discharging system for which an NPDES permit has been issued under Chapter 6111. Of the Revised Code and rules adopted under it, the system routinely exceeds the effluent discharge limitations specified in the permit.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Gragg moved that a code violation exists at the property owned by Michelle Leonetti, 8587 Prescott Dr., Chester Twp. Mrs. Livers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.

Mrs. Livers moved that the owners be required to contact the service provider to inspect the sewage system and then pay for and schedule a re-inspection and resampling of the sewage system by the Geauga County Health District 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 Mrs. Whitright, yes.

e. Jay Osborne & Gregg DeAngelis & Teri Stanton
None of the above mentioned were present. Mr. Tusick was sworn in again by Mr. Goergen and stated his experience.

Mr. Tusick stated that this is an alleged code violation to the properties owned by Jay Osborne, 13881 Chardon Windsor Rd., Hambden Twp., and Gregg DeAngelis & Teri Stanton, 16805 Peters Rd., Middlefield Twp. These cases are based on following section of the Ohio Department of Health and Ohio Administrative Code sections 3701-29 - Sewage Treatment System Rules:

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Mr. Gragg moved that a code violation exists at the properties owned by Jay Osborne, 13881 Chardon Windsor Rd., Hambden Twp. and Gregg DeAngelis & Teri Stanton, 16805 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 Mrs. Whitright, yes.

Mrs. Livers moved that the owners be required to make repairs and/or corrections 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; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.


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

Mr. Tusick stated that this is an alleged code violation to the property owned by Kenzie O’Connor, 15835 Arbor Tr., Newbury Twp., Anissa Venessa & Moulay Meziane, 12058 Bass Lake Rd., Munson Twp., Raymond Gotliebowksi & Kara Grey, 10640 Butternut Rd., Munson Twp., Alexander Bardzilauskas, 7570 Clay St., Thompson Twp., Jake Dudash,
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Mrs. Livers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.


VI. Environmental Health Program Update

Mr. Weisdack reviewed the number of sewage permit issued to date versus. where we were last year.

The installers are still struggling with performing the calculations for the new systems. The staff are spending a large amount of time teaching the installers how to do the calculations. The time spent repeatedly training the installers is using up valuable staff time.

Mr. Weisdack provided a map of known rabies cases within the Northeast Ohio area.

a. Wolcott Update
In November 2015, we became aware of illegal dumping of septage at Wolcott’s property in Hambden. Mr. Wolcott was brought before the Board of Health for action.

Mr. Weisdack provided a photo timeline from the initial investigation to date. Mr. Wolcott has been steadily progressing towards remediation of the nuisance. He still has one fine left to pay to the Geauga County Health District. In addition, Mr. Wolcott still has to submit his clean-up plan and receipts for materials and pay for drinking water samples from two residential water wells.

b. General Information

1. Ohio Department of Health Director’s Visit

Mrs. Whitright stated that she felt the director’s visit was educational. She stated that it was also good that the assistant prosecutor was there to ask questions. Mr. Goergen also felt the meeting went well.

Mr. Weisdack felt that the director has not looked at the data that has already been submitted to ODH. There has been no negotiation on any of the issues. Mr. Weisdack stated based on the director’s comments, he feels that accreditation is the first step towards regionalization. There is already some cities combining with the county health districts.

2. Solid Waste District

Mr. Weisdack met with the Trumbull County Health Commissioner and the Compliance Manager for the Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste District (GTSWMD). The Director of the GTSWMD will be retiring soon. Discussion was held that there may be some possibility that funds would be directed back to the health districts for enforcement. We currently receive $15,000.00 per year.

3. Mosquito Grant Update

Mr. Weisdack reported we received approximately $27,000.00 grant to purchase mosquito dunks and provide education to the Geauga County residents about how to eliminate mosquito larva. This money was provided by the federal government to assist with the Zika Virus problem. Dunks are being distributed by the MRC at local area educational meetings.

There will be a major push to remove scrap tires around the county. Several sites have been identified with at least 1000 tires per site. Bids were requested from local companies to remove these tires. Only one bid was received and it was after the deadline date. The amount of the bid was excessive.

Mr. Weisdack spearheaded the process to move the tires to a location where the registered tire haulers can get them removed. He and a couple other staff members are performing this service after hours and on the weekend. He has received very positive feedback from the residents.

VII. Personal Health Services Update

a. Public Health Emergency Preparedness

In August and September, the PHEP staff completed the monthly MMRS meeting, the FEMA-evaluated PNPP Exercise, participated in ALICE (active shooter) training and attended the regional public health meeting.

b. Disease Surveillance

The disease count for August was 44 and for September it was 23.

c. Nursing Services

During the months of August and September, the nursing staff provided 4 Amish Well Child Clinics, 11 children and adolescent immunization clinics, 8 Friday Morning Adult clinics, and 7 Senior Center clinics. Included were visits for 44 children at the well child clinics, 1103 vaccinations given to 390 children, 256 BP checks, 37 adult immunizations and 39 TB tests. The nurses also provided vision screenings that resulted in referrals for glasses for 82 children. They also conducted 7 maternal/newborn visits and 10 BCMH home visits.
Mr. Mix stated that since the loss of ODH funding, the staff has revised the plans to operate the Amish Well Child clinics. Clinics will be held two times per month at the Middlefield Care Center with Dr. William Reed providing medical services. Staff and contract nurses will provide vaccinations, hemoglobin and lead testing in addition to providing public health and child developmental information to parents.

Children’s immunization clinics will be moving from St. Lucy Parish to the United Methodist Church for 2017. This is due to an increase in rental charges. This move will save approximately $1,200.00 per year.

The Board was asked to acknowledge the hiring of Robin Maynard as part-time secretary in Personal Health Services.

The Board was also asked to approve an extension to a MOU with Tuscarawas County General Health District and ODH to provide Vaccines for Children to eligible uninsured children in Geauga County.

d. WIC

The WIC caseload for September was 654. This month marks the end of Geauga WIC which now becomes Lake WIC. Geauga WIC program highlights include: Breastfeeding initiation rate for women is 61% and for infants 72%; The breastfeeding support group in Middlefield averaged 4 mothers monthly; Two clients participated in the peer-led Breastfeeding class in July; Eighty-six $20.00 vouchers were distributed for the Farmers Market Nutrition Program; WIC held it’s 6th annual Breastfeeding Awareness Walk-Picnic at Eagle Splash Park in Middlefield. There were 19 participants.

e. Administration

The Board participated in continuing education prior to the regular Board of Health meeting this month. This education is required in order to meet the State legislative requirements of 2 CEUs annually. The Board viewed presentations of Krista Wasowski of Medina County Combined General Health District on Foundational Public Health Services and Susan Tilgner of Franklin County Public Health on Public Health Accreditation.

The Board was asked to approved a revised FY2017 Maternal Child Health Service (MCH) grant budget not to exceed $49,785.00. This is a $6,870.00 reduction from the application. This grant replaces the CFHS grant.

The Board was asked to approve the 2016 employee health insurance contribution rates. The cost of our health insurance plan increased by 13.1%.

f. Accreditation

Mr. Mix stated that the community health assessment is underway. Surveys were sent to the parents of children under 11 years old and adults 19-years and older. Mr. Mix thanked all the agencies that assisted in funding the 2017 assessment.

The Ohio Department of Health has begun the processing of assessing local health departments capacity to become accredited by 2020. Beginning this month, each LHD will self-report their accreditation preparation activities through the Ohio Profile and Performance database. This will be used by LHDs to report on activities every two years. We will need to complete this report by October 21, 2016, which is sooner than when we normally report.

Once reported, the Center for Public Health Practice at OSU and ODH will evaluate each department’s individual ability to achieve PHAB accreditation by 2020. With this information they will develop profiles of Ohio’s LHDs, including an assessment; facilitate the development and implementation of a pathway action plan template that LHDs can use based on their pathway of choice; and provide technical assistance, training and support tools to assist LHDs in progressing toward their chosen pathway.

VIII. Old Business

There was no old business.

IX. New Business
Mr. Gragg moved 10.16-a to acknowledge the hiring of Robyn Maynard as part-time PHS secretary for no more than 28 hours per week at $10.25 per hour with a $.50 increase upon successful 120 day probation period, effective September 12, 2016. Mrs. Whitright seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.

Mr. Gragg moved 10.16-b to approve the request to the Geauga County Auditor to create legal fee and refund expense line items in the Private Water, Sewage and For Sale of Property funds (6011, 6023, and 6037). Mrs. Livers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.

Mr. Gragg moved 10.16-c to approve the revision to Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Budget (Supplies $215.00 and Transfers Out to reimburse BOH for personnel costs $49,470.00) not to exceed $49,785.00. Mrs. Whitright seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.

Mr. Gragg moved 10.16-d approve the increase in the employee contribution rate for 2017 as follows:

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

Mrs. Livers moved 10.16-e to approve the extension of the MOU with Tuscarawas County General Health District and ODH to provide Vaccines for Children (VFC) vaccine to eligible uninsured children in Geauga County. Mr. Gragg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.

Mrs. Livers moved 10.16-f to approve the advertising and hiring of an RS/SIT for Environmental Health. Mr. Gragg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.

X. Executive Session

Mr. Gragg moved to go into Executive Session at 9:16 pm to discuss personnel issues. Mrs. Whitright seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes. The meeting reconvened at 10:50 pm. Mr. Goergen stated that no action was being taken as a result of discussion in Executive Session.

XI. Other Business

There was no other business.

XII. Meetings

Regular Board of Health Meeting, Monday, November 14, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the meeting room of 470 Center St., Bldg. 8, Chardon, Ohio.

XIII. Adjourn

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.
Respectfully submitted,

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