

Geauga County General Health District  
Board of Health Meeting Minutes  
April 16, 2007, 7:00 p.m.  
Geauga County Health District Office  
470 Center Street, Bldg. 8, Chardon, OH 44024

I. Call to Order

Mr. Richard Lang called the monthly meeting of the Geauga County Board of Health to order at 7:10 p.m.

Board members present: Mr. Richard Lang, Mr. J. David Benenati, and Ms. Melanie Eppich. Dr. Bowers and Mrs. Burr joined the meeting during the PHS report.

Staff members present: Robert Weisdack, Health Commissioner; Peggy Scherer, Personal Health Services Director; Alta Kress, Secretary Supervisor; and Debora Delbo, Secretary.

Others present: Two others were present.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Election of President and Pro-Tempore

Mr. Lang suggested the election of Board President and Pro-Tempore be postponed until all Board members arrived. Mr. Benenati and Ms. Eppich agreed.

IV. Approval of Minutes

**Mr. Benenati moved that the minutes from the March 19, 2007 meeting be approved. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, abstain; Mr. Benenati, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

V. Financial Report / Current Expenses

**Mr. Benenati moved to approve the Current Expenses March 15, 2007 to April 10, 2007. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

VI. Environmental Health Program Update

Mr. Weisdack reported that to the present date there is no new sewage activity other than prior approved systems. There is one new designed system being reviewed. Requests for new sewage systems have been few.

Senator Grendell requested that Mr. Weisdack sit on the Sewage Task Force committee, which will meet on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

## VII. Personal Health Services Update

Mrs. Scherer received notice that the Public Health Infrastructure Grant Funding will remain the same at \$135,000.00 for the next grant year. A requirement for this coming grant year is to have MOU's with counties outside of our region to provide assistance with communicable disease investigations.

The Well Child Grant will remain at \$83,000.00 for this year.

The Prosecutor has approved the two tiered funding of the in county and out of county residents for private pay immunizations. This will mean that any clients who are not from Geauga County will pay a higher fee than Geauga County Residents.

### A. WIC

March was National Nutrition month. The WIC staff did outreach for preschool families by distributing information packets on smart eating habits.

The Infant Car Seat Program is very popular with parents. An educational session will be held for the parents regarding child safety seats and installing them correctly.

WIC will be researching the Chagrin Falls Park Community Center as a new location for the Bainbridge WIC Clinic with a start up date in July.

### B. Health Education

Mrs. Scherer reported that the Smoke Free Ohio contract has three requirements:

- 1.) To conduct follow up actions on complaints filed.
- 2.) Reporting to ODH letters sent and activities involved.
- 3.) Provide educational information to the public regarding the requirements of this regulation.

ODH stated they have not received any reports regarding the flu. The brief surge that occurred in March has subsided for the season.

## VIII. Dr. Brad Pressman

Dr. Pressman approached the Board regarding the septic system at 9726 Riverwood Lane, Auburn Township. This is an off lot system that discharges to the road ditch and flows down the North side of Riverwood Lane in front of his residence. He is concerned with the possibility of contamination from the discharging system into a stagnating road ditch. Discussion followed. The Board suggested that Dr. Pressman call Auburn Township to look at the stagnating water problem. Also a berm built at the edge of the road ditch could help alleviate flooding that occurs on his property.

## IX. Old Business

**Mrs. Burr moved 4.07-1 to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading of the proposed fee for O/M inspections of off-lot sewage disposal systems in the amount of \$150.00 effective May 1, 2007. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

**Mrs. Burr moved 4.07-2 to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the proposed Hapsite Chemical Water Testing Fee in the amount of \$150.00. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

Mrs. Kress updated the Board on the Digital Health Program. The program managers are completed in three of our smaller programs, county camps, state camps and mobile home parks, and being developed further. The process is moving along well.

**Mr. Benenati moved 4.07-3 to approve the contract with ODH for Smoke Free Ohio Services pending prosecutor approval. Ms. Burr seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, no; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

X. Executive Session

**Mrs. Burr moved to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:55 p.m. to discuss the Health Commissioner's 2006 Evaluation. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes. Meeting reconvened at 9:45 p.m.**

XI. New Business

**Mr. Benenati moved 4.07-4 to approve the policy regarding requests to be on the BOH Agenda. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

**Mrs. Burr moved 4.07-5 to approve the contract to lease a Haines criss-cross reference directory. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

**Mrs. Burr moved 4.07-6 to certify and appropriate \$3,177.00 from ODH for Smoke Free Ohio compliance activities. Mr. Benenati seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

**Mrs. Burr moved 4.07-7 to approve CFHS GY2008 initial budget, pending notice of award. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

**Mrs. Burr moved 4.07-8 to certify and appropriate CFHS grant funds in the amount of \$82, 889.00 for GY2008. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

**Mrs. Burr moved 4.07-9 to table the contract with Evans Medical Center to provide CFHS services at the Amish Well Child clinics, pending prosecutor's approval and additional information. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

**Mrs. Burr moved 4.07-10 to approve contract with ODH to provide care coordination activities to children in Geauga County with elevated lead levels. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

**Mrs. Burr moved 4.07-11 to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the increase in price of private pay vaccines by \$10.00 per dose for non-Geauga County residents, effective July 1, 2007. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

Election of President and Pro-Tempore

**Dr. Bowers nominated Mr. Benenati as Board president. Mrs. Burr seconded the nomination. Nomination carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, abstain; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

**Dr. Bowers nominated Mr. Lang for Pro-Tempore. Mrs. Burr seconded the nomination. Nomination carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, abstain; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

XIII. Meetings

The regular meeting of the Board will be held Monday, May 21, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., 470 Center St., Bldg. 8, Chardon.

XIV. Adjournment

**As there was no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Lang moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 P.M. Ms. Eppich 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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