

Geauga County General Health District
Board of Health Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2005, 7:00 p.m.
Geauga County Health District Office
470 Center Street, Bldg. 8, Chardon, OH 44024

I. Call to Order

Mr. Richard Lang, President, called the monthly meeting of the Geauga County Board of Health to order at 7:05 p.m., and stated the meeting was being held to conduct the regular business of the Board.

Board members present: Mr. Richard Lang, Dr. Donald Bowers, Mrs. Nan F. Burr, and Ms. Melanie Eppich. Mr. J. David Benenati arrived at 7:10 p.m. after the election of President and Pro-Tempore. Dr. Bowers arrived at 7:20 p.m. during the HB231 discussion.

Staff members present: Robert Weisdack, Health Commissioner; Peggy Scherer, Personal Health Services Director; Mike Tusick, R.S.; and Alta Kress, Secretary Supervisor.

Others present: Kenneth Mullett and Shawn Powers

II. Election of President and Pro-Tempore

Mrs. Burr moved to nominate Mr. Lang for President. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Mrs. Burr moved to nominate Mr. Benenati for Pro-Tempore. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

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

IV. Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Burr moved that the minutes from the March 21, 2005 meeting be approved. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

V. Financial Report/Current Expenses

The Board members reviewed the March financial report for all funds. **Mrs. Burr moved to approve the Current Expenses March 11, 2005 to April 11, 2005. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

VI. Environmental Health Program Update

A. Asphalt Update

Mr. Weisdack reported he received a phone call from the township solicitor. Mr. Weisdack told him that due to some extenuating circumstances as well as some of the residents making hostile comments, that the Board indicated that he should not provide public support for them in the asphalt case. The solicitor asked Mr. Weisdack to come back to the Board to ask for permission for Mr. Weisdack to assist them in a technical manner. After a brief discussion, the Board indicated that Mr. Weisdack should assist in a technical manner only.

B. HB231 (Subdivision Review Process)

Mr. Weisdack and Mr. Tusick explained how HB231 would change the subdivision review process for the Health District. A flow chart developed by the Ohio Department of Health showed the process a developer will need to follow for a proposed subdivision.

ODH states that if an existing and available sanitary sewer is present, OEPA and the local BOH should recommend connection to it. They also state that if a sanitary sewer system is planned for the next 5 years, the subdivision should not be approved for on-lot systems, but be required to connect to the sewers when they become available. The availability of sanitary sewers could also be up to ½ mile away.

Another issue had to do with not approving off-lot discharge for lots in subdivisions. This is normally what the Health District does now.

Mr. Tusick said that Mr. Weisdack and himself would be talking to Water Resources about sanitary sewers.

C. Rabies Update

Geauga County now has 4 cases of rabies. It now has traveled south of Rt. 322. Mr. Weisdack anticipates more cases as the summer progresses.

On April 25, 2005 the State will be dropping bait again in the target areas. The Health District will be participating in distributing the baits.

D. Solid & Infectious Waste Program

Mr. Weisdack reported that the results of our survey came back from the State. We have been found to be in substantial compliance.

He stated he recently spoke to the Compliance Manager for the Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District. He indicated that the GTSWMD is getting ready to write a new proposal, so now would be the time to ask for additional funding. Geauga County is the only Health District doing the required number of inspections for the program. The others are getting the funding, but not doing the inspections. We currently do not get enough funds from GTSWMD to cover the program. Mr. Weisdack stated he would be talking to the Director to see if funding could be increased from \$25,000.00 per year to \$35-36,000.00 per year.

Kenneth Mullett asked to address the Board regarding the accusations made by Tim Snyder at the March board meeting. Mr. Mullett stated that even though he doesn't always agree with Health District rules and policies, he commends Mr. Weisdack, the staff and the Board of Health. They are firm but fair and compassionate to the owners and installers. He stated that before Mr. Weisdack came to Geauga County, he felt the county lacked direction.

Mr. Lang thanked Mr. Mullett for his input. It is a welcome statement after the accusations made at the last meeting.

Jim Fincham asked the Board to look at a variance that was not on the agenda. After reviewing the paperwork and a brief discussion, Mr. Weisdack stated that the variance would not be reviewed at this meeting because of several unanswered questions.

VII. Personal Health Services Update

Mrs. Scherer reported that recently she tried to order 2000 doses of flu vaccine. The supplier notified her that they are limiting orders to 1000 doses because it is questionable how the flu season will work out.

The PHI Grant is entering a competitive cycle. We will be sending in our letter of intent to apply. The State has indicated that funding will be lower this year. If awarded, we would be receiving \$109,544.00. The focus would be on training personnel.

A. WIC

March is National Nutrition Month. WIC will be doing extra outreach in laundromats, nail and beauty salons.

B. Health Education Programs

The nurses and dietitians recently attended Kraftmaid's Health Fair. They distributed information about the services the Health District offers.

At the end of this month, the Health District will be present at the 1st Annual Geauga Kids Fest at Century Village in Burton. There will be other county agencies present also. A balloon artist, juggler, storyteller and music have been planned for the event. Each table will feature a different activity for the children.

VIII. Old Business

A. Resolution 6-2005, Health Commissioner's Contract-Modification

Mr. Weisdack reported that after reviewing his contract, he noticed that there was inaccurate information on it.

Mr. Benenati moved 4.05-1 to approve the Health Commissioner's contract (Resolution 6-2005) as modified. 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.

IX. Executive Session

Mrs. Burr moved to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. to discuss personnel. 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 9:23 p.m. Mr. Lang stated that no action would be taken regarding personnel.

X. New Business

Dr. Bowers stepped out of the meeting and did not vote on any of the new business.

Mr. Benenati moved 4.05-2 to approve the CFHS GY2006 Budget as presented. Mrs. Burr seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Mr. Benenati moved 4.05-3 to approve the contract with Evans Medical Center to provide CFHS services during FY2006 at the Amish Well Child clinics, pending prosecutor's approval. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Mr. Benenati moved 4.05-4 to approve the contract with Linda Kallay, PNP to provide CFHS Well Child Services when the physicians group is not available, pending prosecutor's

approval. Mrs. Burr seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Mrs. Burr moved 4.05-5 to approve the 1st reading of the increase of flu shots from \$15.00 to \$20.00 per dose. Mr. Benenati seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Mrs. Burr moved 4.05-6 to approve the quarterly reimbursements from the grants to the BOH as follows: WIC, \$37,542.97; CFHS, \$11,733.78; PHHS, \$7,566.00; PHI, \$28,163.75; and Welcome Home, \$7,424.17. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

XI. Other Business

Mr. Weisdack stated that during a committee meeting with EMA it was discussed what equipment should be purchased with the Homeland Security funds they will be receiving. It was decided that \$80,000.00 would be allocated to purchase a gas chromatograph or similar chemical water testing device. This equipment would be able to do immediate scan testing of water. It is hoped to have this purchased by the end of the year.

XII. Meetings

The regular meeting of the Board will be held May 16, 2005 at 7:00 p.m., in the meeting room at 470 Center Street, Building 8, in Chardon, Ohio.

XIII. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Board, **Mrs. Burr moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Mrs. Burr seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

Robert K. Weisdack, RS, MA, MPH
Secretary of the Board