

Geauga County General Health District  
Board of Health Meeting Minutes  
February 16, 2010, 7:00 p.m.  
Geauga County Health District Office  
470 Center Street, Bldg. 8, Chardon, OH 44024

I. Call to Order

Mr. Tim Goergen, President Pro-Tempore, called the monthly meeting of the Geauga County Board of Health to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board members present: Mr. Timothy Goergen, Dr. Donald Bowers, Ms. Melanie Eppich, and Mrs. Christina Livers. Mr. J. David Benenati was not present.

Staff members present: Robert Weisdack, Health Commissioner; Daniel Mix, Personal Health Services Director; Dr. Bradley Moritz, Medical Director; and Michael Tusick, R.S.

Others present: There was one other person present.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Approval of Minutes

**Mrs. Livers moved to approve the minutes from the January 19, 2010 regular meeting. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion.** Ms. Eppich had a correction to the minutes. For the Humphreys' Administrative Hearing, it is listed as Ms. Eppich voting yes. Ms. Eppich was not present at that meeting. **Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mrs. Livers, yes.**

IV. Financial Report / Current Expenses

**Mrs. Livers moved to approve the Current Expenses January 13, 2010 to February 10, 2010. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mrs. Livers, yes.**

V. Environmental Health Program Update

A. Meeting with Dr. Alvin Jackson

Mr. Weisdack reported that the meeting with Dr. Jackson was cancelled due to the weather. The meeting will be scheduled for a future date. At the next meeting, Senator Grendell and Senator Neihaus will also be in attendance. Mr. Weisdack stated that he is sending emails to the other group members to get a date for the meeting confirmed. So far, the proposed dates have conflicted with Mr. Weisdack's schedule. It appears that it will be either March 1 or March 2, but hasn't been confirmed yet.

B. Sewage Update

The sewage rules are to take effect July 1, 2010. Mr. Weisdack stated that he is trying to get the State to understand that the proposed sewage systems would cost \$22,000.00 and more. Geauga and Lake Counties are the only counties that seem to be experiencing these high costs.

Dr. Jackson had indicated that his understanding was that the systems cost approximately \$8,500.00. Mr. Weisdack gave Dr. Jackson data showing the cost data. In addition, Mr. Weisdack provided Dr. Jackson with the data showing that many of these NPDES (units) systems are not meeting standards.

Mr. Weisdack stated that he and Mr. Mix are working on the Geauga County Health District 2009 annual report. Mr. Weisdack stated that he is having the Environmental Health staff do some reports and catch up on some house cleaning items when there is too much snow to do inspections.

VI. Personal Health Services Update

A. Public Health Emergency Preparedness

Mr. Mix reported that the first phase has been completed of reporting to the AOHC and Ohio State University for the H1N1 Evaluation project. It was an extensive report that addressed 8 capabilities composed of approximately 120 questions. We will report at least two more times in the next 4 months, but have been told that there will not be nearly as many items covered in the upcoming questionnaires.

The Board was asked to approve the purchase of generators, E-Z up tents and accessories as well as the MRC and CRI Budget.

B. Nursing

H1N1 vaccinations are still being offered at the Friday morning clinics and children's immunization clinics. Clinics have also been held at nursing homes, Notre Dame Convent, churches and community centers. Two clinics were held at Home Savings Bank branches at their request. We will continue collaborating with employers, retail businesses and pharmacies to assure that the private sector's capacity for vaccinating residents.

All live-attenuated nasal spray vaccine and inactivated pediatric dosage have experienced a shortened shelf life. We have picked up all the vaccine from the providers in Geauga County and sent it back to the manufacturer to comply with the non-safety recall.

C. WIC

The WIC January caseload was 980.

D. Health Education

Mr. Mix, Mr. Weisdack and Mrs. Gerzeny will be working on the annual financial report that must be submitted to the Ohio Department of Health by March 1, 2010.

VII. Administrative Hearings

A. Everett & Sharon Humphreys

Jeffrey Corrigan, David & Katie Troyer, Biagio Conti, Dale Heigley, and Brian Baird

No one was present. Mr. Tusick was sworn in by Mr. Goergen and stated his experience. Mr. Tusick stated that this is an alleged code violation to the properties owned Jeffrey Corrigan, 14799 Auburn Rd., Newbury Twp., David & Katie Troyer, 17241 Bundysburg Rd., Parkman Twp., Biagio Conti, 18171 Chillicothe Rd., Bainbridge Twp., Dale Heigley, 16407 Forge Hill Dr., Parkman Twp., and Brian Baird, 8543 Silver Creek Dr., Russell Twp. These cases are in

regards to section 3701-29-22(A) of the Geauga County Health District Household Sewage Disposal System Regulations that 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.

**Dr. Bowers moved that a code violation exists on the property owned by Jeffrey Corrigan, 14799 Auburn Rd., Newbury Twp., David & Katie Troyer, 17241 Bundysburg Rd., Parkman Twp., Biagio Conti, 18171 Chillicothe Rd., Bainbridge Twp., Dale Heigley, 16407 Forge Hill Dr., Parkman Twp., and Brian Baird, 8543 Silver Creek Dr., Russell Twp. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mrs. Livers, yes.**

**Ms. Eppich moved that Jeffrey Corrigan, 14799 Auburn Rd., Newbury Twp., David & Katie Troyer, 17241 Bundysburg Rd., Parkman Twp., Biagio Conti, 18171 Chillicothe Rd., Bainbridge Twp., Dale Heigley, 16407 Forge Hill Dr., Parkman Twp., and Brian Baird, 8543 Silver Creek Dr., Russell Twp. be required to make application, pay for, 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 these orders 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. Goergen, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mrs. Livers, yes.**

#### VIII. Old Business

Mr. Weisdack stated that last year when it appeared that the health district would be short on funds the staff was asked to voluntarily take leave without pay. He asked the Board to consider giving the time back to the staff to those who contributed the time. **Dr. Bowers moved allow comp time to be given to those individuals who contributed the time off without pay during the recent financial crisis. Mrs. Livers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mrs. Livers, yes.**

#### IX. Executive Session

**Dr. Bowers moved to adjourn for Executive Session at 8:00 pm to discuss pending legal cases. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mrs. Livers, yes.** Meeting reconvened at 9:10 pm. Mr. Goergen stated no action would be taken as a result of Executive Session.

#### X. New Business

**Mrs. Livers moved 2.10-1 to approve the MRC budget as presented. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mrs. Livers, yes.**

**Ms. Eppich moved 2.10-2 to approve the CRI budget as presented. Mrs. Livers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mrs. Livers, yes.**

**Ms. Eppich moved 2.10-3 to approve the CFHS 2010 Sliding Fee Scale as presented. Mrs. Livers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mrs. Livers, yes.**

Mr. Weisdack reviewed the 2009 and 2010 budget and the proposed 2011 budget with the Board. **Mrs. Livers moved 2.10-4 to approve the presentation of the 2011 Geauga County**

**Health District budget at the preliminary HDAC meeting. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mrs. Livers, yes.**

**Mrs. Livers moved 2.10-5 to approve the purchase of E-Z Up tents, lighting and accessories in an amount not to exceed \$4,254.77. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mrs. Livers, yes.**

**Mrs. Livers moved 2.10-6 to approve the purchase of two Honda generators in an amount not to exceed \$3,700.00. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mrs. Livers, yes.**

XI. Other Business

There was no other business.

XII. Meetings

The regular meeting of the Board will be held March 15, 2010 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 9:10 p.m. Dr. Bowers 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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