

Geauga County General Health District
Board of Health Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2010, 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 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Others present: There were no others 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 December 21, 2009 regular meeting. Mrs. Livers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Goergen, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; and Mrs. Livers, yes.

IV. Financial Report / Current Expenses

Mrs. Livers moved to approve the Current Expenses December 15, 2009 to January 12, 2010. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Goergen, yes; Dr. Bowers, 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 went well. There was one other health commissioner and two other people that attended as well as other representatives from ODH as well as an Engineer. The information about the newer NPDES units used for off-lot systems not meeting the standards was given to Dr. Jackson and his staff. It was reported that other counties were finding the same results. It appeared that Dr. Jackson had not heard some of this information.

Dr. Jackson indicated that he wanted to have another meeting with Mr. Weisdack and the group in February. It also seemed that he wanted them to be involved in the development of the sewage rules.

B. Meeting with Senator Grendell

Mr. Weisdack met with Senator Grendell and other interested parties recently about the proposed sewage rules. The issue about the vertical separation distance continues to be a problem. Senator Grendell is planning to attend the next meeting in February with Dr. Jackson.

VI. Personal Health Services Update

A. Public Health Emergency Preparedness

The CDC has proposed Phase IV funding for PHER. We have only expended 28% of our PHER funds to date. We will not be pursuing the Phase IV funding.

Mr. Mix stated that the Board was being asked to allow the purchase of a Smart Board and a cargo trailer. The cargo trailer will be used to respond to an event by setting up a second POD location.

Ongoing efforts for the H1N1 efforts include collaborating with employers, retail businesses and pharmacies to assure the private sector's capacity for vaccinating residents.

The Board was also asked to approve a contract with the Association of Ohio Health Commissioners in which the AOHC will provide the after action report. Currently over 50 local health departments are participating in the project.

The first edition of PHEP Grant Standards has been published. This was a collaboration with AOHC Preparedness workgroup members, ODH staff and local health departments.

B. Nursing

To date, we have administered nearly 12,500 H1N1 vaccine since October 12, 2009. Because of diminished demand, efforts will be focused on offering the vaccine by appointment at the Friday morning clinics and at children's immunization and well child clinics. We will be working to keep private providers adequately stocked and will be working with pharmacies to encourage them to vaccinate. Several pharmacies have held clinics already.

The IAP bi-annual Assessment, Feedback, Incentives and Exchange Evaluation with ODH was completed in December. Our vaccination rate is now 43%. This was an improvement over an assessment conducted 2 years ago. Some of the barriers include inadequate reporting by private physicians who are not VFC providers, cultural barriers with Amish residents, and resistance by those who feel childhood vaccinations are harmful.

The Board was asked to approve the Maternity Licensure for UH Geauga Regional Hospital. Linda Knell visited the hospital in July with the Ohio Department of Health.

C. WIC

The WIC December caseload was 982.

D. Health Education

There was no report for health education given this month.

VII. Administrative Hearings

A. Everett & Sharon Humphreys

Mr. & Mrs. Humphreys were not present. Mr. Tusick was sworn in and stated his experience.

Mr. Tusick stated that this is an alleged code violation to the property owned by Everett & Sharon Humphreys located at 17590 Trailwood Rd., Huntsburg 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 Everett & Sharon Humphreys located at 17590 Trailwood Rd., Huntsburg 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, did not vote due to being out of the room.

Mr. Goergen moved that Everett & Sharon Humphreys 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. Benenati, yes; Mr. Goergen, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; and Mrs. Livers, yes.

- B. Lawrence & Lottie Tucky, Alley Auto/Gerald Roberts, James Setele's, and Blue Moon Stables

None of the above mentioned were present. Mr. Tusick was sworn in again by Mr. Benenati. Mr. Tusick stated that this is an alleged code violation to the properties owned by Lawrence & Lottie Tucky, 17968 Claridon Troy Rd., Troy Twp.; Alley Auto/Gerald Roberts, 11830 Mayfield Rd., Munson Twp.; James Setele's, 12535 GAR Hwy., Hambden Twp., and Blue Moon Stables, 8782 Kinsman Rd., Russell Twp.

These cases are in regards to the following sections of Article V, of the Geauga County Health District Semi-Public Sewage Disposal System Regulations, which states:

Section 52.05.02: "APPLICATION – Any person, firm, association, or corporation who, subsequent to the first day of September of that year, has intent of operating a semi-public sewage disposal system must obtain an inspection certificate from the Geauga County Health Department."

Section 52.05.04: "CERTIFICATE ISSUANCE – Certificate renewal forms will be mailed the last week of July. Owners of the property are responsible for returning the completed form and proper payment to the Geauga County Health Department by the filing deadline of September 1 of that year. All applications post marked later than the September 1 date shall be regarded as late and be subject to a 25% late fee. The fee schedule shall be adopted by the Geauga County Board of Health."

The owners of these properties have failed to make payment for the operational/inspection certificate for their Semi-Public Sewage Disposal System for the 2009-2010 certificate year. Discussion followed.

Dr. Bowers moved that a code violation exists at the properties owned by Lawrence & Lottie Tucky, 17968 Claridon Troy Rd., Troy Twp.; Alley Auto/Gerald Roberts, 11830 Mayfield Rd., Munson Twp.; James Setele's, 12535 GAR Hwy., Hambden Twp., and Blue Moon Stables, 8782 Kinsman Rd., Russell Twp. Mrs. Livers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Goergen, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; and Mrs. Livers, yes.

Mr. Goergen moved that Lawrence & Lottie Tucky, 17968 Claridon Troy Rd., Troy Twp.; Alley Auto/Gerald Roberts, 11830 Mayfield Rd., Munson Twp.; James Setele's, 12535 GAR Hwy., Hambden Twp., and Blue Moon Stables, 8782 Kinsman Rd., Russell Twp. be required to make application and pay for the annual permit to operate a semi-public sewage treatment 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. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Goergen, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; and Mrs. Livers, yes.

VIII. Old Business

Mr. Weisdack stated that in the past the Health District participated in the Geauga County Wellness program. This program reimbursed staff members for joining different gyms or other healthy living programs. The County Commissioners paid this out their wellness fund. This year (2010) they will not be offering the payments out of their fund to other agencies not under the County Commissioners. The payments would be paid out of the Health District healthcare fund. Mr. Weisdack stated that he did not budget that extra money into healthcare for 2010.

The Board indicated that the program should not be offered to Health District employees at this time, but it may be revisited later.

IX. Executive Session

Mrs. Livers moved to adjourn for Executive Session at 8:05 pm to discuss pending legal cases. Mr. Goergen seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Goergen, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; and Mrs. Livers, yes. Meeting reconvened at 8:20 pm. Mr. Benenati stated no action would be taken as a result of Executive Session.

X. New Business

Mrs. Livers moved 1.10-1 to approve the contract with AOHC to do the after action report that is needed for H1N1. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Goergen, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; and Mrs. Livers, yes.

Mr. Goergen moved 1.10-2 to approve the Maternity Licensure for University Hospitals Geauga Medical Center. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Goergen, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; and Mrs. Livers, yes.

Mrs. Livers moved 1.10-3 to approve the purchase of a Smart Board in the amount of \$2,942.42. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Goergen, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; and Mrs. Livers, yes.

Mrs. Livers moved 1.10-4 to approve the payment to CHC Software for 2010 Maintenance Fee in the amount of \$2,766.37. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Goergen, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; and Mrs. Livers, yes.

Mrs. Livers moved 1.10-5 to approve the purchase of an enclosed trailer in the amount of \$3,367.50. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Goergen, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; and Mrs. Livers, yes.

XI. Other Business

There was no other business.

XII. Meetings

The regular meeting of the Board will be held February 16, 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, **Dr. Bowers moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. 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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