

Geauga County General Health District  
Board of Health Meeting Minutes  
January 22, 2008, 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 7:02 p.m.

Board members present: Mr. J. David Benenati, Mrs. Nan Burr and Ms. Melanie Eppich. Dr. Donald Bowers arrived at 7:15 p.m. during the Environmental Health update. Mr. Richard Lang arrived after the approval of the minutes.

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

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

**Mrs. Burr moved that the minutes from the December 17, 2007 regular meeting be approved. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

IV. Financial Report / Current Expenses

**Mrs. Burr moved to approve the Current Expenses December 11, 2007 to January 15, 2008. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

V. Environmental Health Program Update

Mr. Weisdack stated that he has received copy of a report that the ODH submitted to the Senate for review and justification of the new type of sewage systems. This document contains a cost analysis as well.

Mr. Weisdack has been in contact with Senator Grendell and has set up a meeting to discuss this report. Officials from other counties will also attend. Mr. Weisdack invited the Board members to attend the meeting as well.

VI. Personal Health Services Update

Mrs. Scherer reported that flu in Ohio is listed as sporadic. It has been reported as the Wisconsin and Solomn Islands type flu, which is covered by the vaccine given this year. The

nurses gave over 2000 doses this year, which is down from previous years. We still have vaccine left. Other local health districts are reporting their flu vaccine numbers are down as well.

ODH has changed their protocols regarding whom we can give their vaccine to. We will now have to purchase more flu vaccine from a private vendor to cover Medicare recipients.

We will be receiving \$25,384.00 from Cuyahoga County for the Cities Readiness Initiative. The funding will be used for personnel time in maintaining and training the medical reserves corps, equipment, postage, and a trailer to transport supplies.

A. WIC

The WIC caseload continues to grow. They have 100 more clients now than they did at this time last year. There are many more Amish clients coming to the clinics. Mrs. Scherer stated that they are waiting to hear if any more funding will be available from the State.

B. Health Education

Mrs. Scherer reported that National Public Health week would be held April 13 – April 19. The theme this year is “The Effect of Climate Change on Public Health”.

In February, Mrs. Scherer will be administering the Youth Tobacco Survey to one of the high schools in the county. The statistics will then be reported to the State and National level.

VII. Administrative Hearings

B. Thomas & Ginger O'Brien, Debra Ziesmer, Cheryl Rockwood, Joseph Gunn, Hannelore Henning, Adrienne Henderson & Hannelore Henning, Beniamino DiFore, Elizabeth Ogle, Willis & Katie Miller

None of the individuals listed above were present. Mr. Weisdack was sworn in by Mr. Benenati and stated his experience.

Mr. Weisdack stated that this is an alleged code violation to the following properties:

Thomas & Ginger O'Brien, 11637 Caves Rd., Chester; Debra Ziesmer, 12610 Main Market Rd., Troy; Cheryl Rockwood, 11602 Old State Rd., Claridon; Joseph Gunn, 7922 Thornapple Dr., Russell; Hannelore Henning, 12263 Woodiebrook Rd., Munson; Adrienne Henderson & Hannelore Henning, 12577 Fowlers Mill Rd., Munson; Beniamino DiFore, 7667 Maple Grove Dr., Chester; Elizabeth Ogle, 11645 Maplewood Rd., Munson; Willis & Katie Miller, 13260 Princeton Rd., Huntsburg.

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.

**Mr. Lang moved that a code violation exists at the following properties: Thomas & Ginger O'Brien, 11637 Caves Rd., Chester; Debra Ziesmer, 12610 Main Market Rd., Troy; Cheryl Rockwood, 11602 Old State Rd., Claridon; Joseph Gunn, 7922 Thornapple Dr., Russell; Hannelore Henning, 12263 Woodiebrook Rd., Munson; Adrienne Henderson & Hannelore Henning, 12577 Fowlers Mill Rd., Munson; Beniamino DiFore, 7667 Maple Grove Dr., Chester; Elizabeth Ogle, 11645 Maplewood Rd., Munson; Willis & Katie Miller, 13260 Princeton Rd., Huntsburg. Mrs. Burr seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati yes; Mr. Lang, Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

**Ms. Eppich moved that the owners be required to contact the Geauga County Health District and pay for and schedule a For Sale of Property evaluation within 30 days of receipt of Board order. Due to the weather conditions and type of sewage systems, all evaluations must be completed by May 15, 2008. Failure to follow this order will result in referral to the Prosecutor's Office for legal action. Mrs. Burr seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

VIII. Old Business

A. HSTS Proposed Rule Changes (3<sup>rd</sup> and Final Reading)

**Ms. Eppich moved 1.08-1 to approve the third and final reading of the HSTS Proposed Rule changes as presented. These changes will become effective February 3, 2008. Mrs. Burr seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

IX. Executive Session

**Mr. Lang moved to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the Health Commissioner's 2007 evaluation and pending litigation. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion approved with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes. Meeting reconvened at 8:06 p.m.**

X. New Business

**Mrs. Burr moved 1.08-2 to adopt Resolution 1-2008, which gives the health commissioner and delegated employees authority to suspend or revoke a Retail Food Establishment or Food Service Operation license. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

**Mrs. Burr moved 1.08-3 to approve the Cities Readiness Initiative 2008 Budget as presented. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

**Mr. Lang moved 1.08-4 to approve the contract with Family First Council which will allow GCHD to provide newborn home visits for the Help me Grow program through June 30, 2008. Mrs. Burr seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

**Mrs. Burr moved 1.08-5 to approve the purchase of flu vaccine in an amount not to exceed \$18,000.00 for the 2008 season. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

**Mr. Lang moved 1.08-6 to approve the 1-year maintenance agreement and payment to CHC software in the amount of \$1,514.25. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

**Mrs. Burr moved 1.08-7 to approve the purchase of cell phones in an amount not to exceed \$1,600.00. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

**Mrs. Burr moved 1.08-8 to certify and appropriate additional WIC funds in the amount of \$2,200.00. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

XI. Other Business

There was no other business.

XII. Meetings

The regular meeting of the Board will be held Tuesday, February 19, 2008 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 8:15 p.m. Mr. Lang 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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