

Geauga County General Health District
Board of Health Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2007, 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 7:13 p.m.

Board members present: Mr. J. David Benenati, Mr. Richard Lang, Dr. Donald Bowers Mrs. Nan Burr and Ms. Melanie Eppich.

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

Others present: No one else was present.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Lang moved that the minutes from the June 18, 2007 meeting be approved. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, abstain; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Mr. Lang moved that the minutes from the July 2, 2007 meeting be approved. Mr. Benenati 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, abstain.

Ms. Eppich moved that the minutes from the July 10, 2007 meeting be approved. Mr. Lang 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.

IV. Financial Report / Current Expenses

Mr. Lang moved to approve the Current Expenses May 11, 2007 to June 11, 2007. 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.

V. Environmental Health Program Update

A. Sewage Regulations Update

Mr. Weisdack reported that during a recent conference call, it was reported that the Public Health Council would meet on July 25, 2007 to rescind the 2007 Household Sewage Treatment System rules.

B. Food Service Survey

Mr. Weisdack reported that the Food Service Program will be audited beginning August 8, 2007.

C. Private Water System Survey

Mr. Weisdack reported that the Private Water System Program will be audited beginning July 25, 2007.

VI. Personal Health Services Update

Mrs. Scherer reported that the children's immunization clinics and well child clinics have been very busy. The summer months are usually very busy for these clinics.

The flu clinics are being scheduled to begin in October this year. In the past, we ordered half of the vaccine from ODH and half directly from the manufacturer. Delivery of the vaccine last year was delayed last year and resulted in a clinic being cancelled. This year, we will be purchasing the vaccine through a distributor even though it will be more expensive. The benefit is that we will receive the vaccine sooner. We will also be purchasing vaccine from ODH but that vaccine must be used only for high-risk individuals.

The Health District has been awarded extra funding from Cuyahoga County through PHI grant for the Cities Readiness Initiative. We will be receiving an extra \$15,000.00. These funds must be used for a credentialing system that will be used for volunteers at mass clinics. We must also have a physical security assessment of our building, which will cost \$3,000.00. Cuyahoga County will contract with someone who go to each of the local health districts and tell them what their security risks are and make suggestions as to how to improve security.

A. WIC

The Diaper Dash will be held again at the Geauga County Fair. Former Commissioner Bill Repke will be the Master of Ceremonies at the event. Geauga Credit Union has donated \$25.00 savings bonds to be given to the winner of each heat.

B. Health Education

Donna Carter presented blood-borne pathogen training for county employees recently at the senior center.

VII. Old Business

Mr. Weisdack reviewed the proposed changes to the sewage regulations.

Dr. Bowers moved 7.16.07-1 to approve the third and final reading of the proposed changes to the Geauga County Health District Household Sewage Disposal System Regulations, effective August 1, 2007. 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.

VIII. Executive Session

Dr. Bowers moved to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:16 p.m. to discuss the Health Commissioner's Evaluation and pending litigation. Ms. Eppich 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 9:00 p.m.

IX. New Business

Dr. Bowers moved 7.16.07-2 to approve the 2nd quarter grant reimbursements to the Board of Health as follows: WIC, \$22,662.83; CFHS, \$12,465.63; PHI, \$27,069.66; and IAP, \$5,304.72. 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.

Ms. Eppich moved 7.16.07-3 to approve the BOH budget revision to transfer \$9,000.00 from the equipment line item to travel. Dr. Bowers 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 7.16.07-4 to approve the contract with USA Mobility for a pager. Dr. Bowers 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.

Dr. Bowers moved 7.16.07-5 to approve the contract with Applied Laser Technology for copier service, pending prosecutor's approval. 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 7.16.07-6 to certify and appropriate PHI GY2008 funds for \$138,000.00. Dr. Bowers 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.

Ms. Eppich moved 7.16.07-7 to certify and appropriate CRI funds for \$15,500.00. Dr. Bowers 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 7.16.07-8 to approve the purchase of flu vaccine for the 2007-2008 season in an amount not to exceed \$17,000.00. 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.

X. Other Business

There was no other business

XI. Meetings

The regular meeting of the Board will be held Monday, August 20, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., 470 Center St., Bldg. 8, Chardon.

XII. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Board, **Mr. Lang moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 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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