



Seneca County General Health District

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Board of Health Meeting

March 28, 2019 at 6:00 pm

Seneca County Services Building, Conference Room A

Present: Scott Lyons, Ann Sacksteder, Rebecca Shank, Philip Steyer, Robert Watson, Jimmie Young

Absent/

Excused: Bonnie Boroff

Guests: Sign in sheets attached to minutes

SCGHD Staff: Beth Schweitzer, Anita Gaietto, Trisha Kahler, Laura Wallrabenstein, Lisa England, Andrea Cook

Welcome, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

With quorum present, Mr. Young called the regularly scheduled board meeting to order on March 28, 2019 at 6:00 pm; he then presided over the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Concerns/Requests

Mr. Young announced that there were 3 minutes for each person to comment and he would like each person to state their name.

Thomas Domich - spoke about his health. Also about in 2010 he was working at Sunny Farms Landfill and said he was moving contaminated dirt out of rail cars with no protection. He questioned whether the Health Department has been sticking to their motto when it comes to preventing disease and helping the citizens to not get sick. Spoke about a friend's medical issue who worked with him at the landfill. Mr. Domich stated that at 34 years old I was tested and was told I had the lungs of a 34 year old smoker which I was. A little less than 2 years later they think he has cancer while still employed by Sunny Farms. I was told I had the lungs of an 85 year old cigar smoker. I was told by my doctors it was not possible for a smoker. Every time I listen to any type of news I hear about what Sunny Farms is trying to do to fix this, but nobody talks about the end effect, the human side of what is happening. We as citizens can't get our stories out there for someone else to see. Tried back in 2008 called the Health Department, EPA and OSHA. I was ignored and laughed at. Now I come to find out current employees have the same exact style of work place. Nothing has changed in 11 years. In my opinion the Health Department and anyone else regulating it has dropped the ball. They let it run and now it is too late. They pass it from one person to the next.

Glenn Gillig - I worked at the Carter store for 18 years which is now M & B Asphalt, which is right next door. At that time when I worked there the landfill was closed. When they wanted to open it back up quite a few businesses fought it. We went to meetings to try to stop it and heard that they were going to put a railroad spur in to bring out of state trash. Eventually what ended up happening, and you can look this up, the word came out was the Health Department was the ones that said they were going to allow it. They also said there wasn't going to be a railroad spur and they wasn't bringing in out of state trash. That is what turned it around and everybody left it go. Once it got in it stayed small for a while. Then all of the sudden the railroad spur got in, then they started bring out of state trash and now you see what you got. It's in your hands to make a decision. I donate my time to a wildlife organization. We lost 30 members in the past 30 years that I know of personally that we lost to cancer. Right now there are at least 10 that I know of who have cancer and they live within 5 miles of that landfill. I thought that you guys said at the last meeting you were going to look into how many died with in the area. Have you done that?

Beth Schweitzer - replied that I have applied for access to the OCISS data base, you have to have special access and I have just received that this past week. It has to be analyzed and we are working on that.

Val Gillig - Why doesn't New York want this trash in their state? Keep it in New York. They don't want it on their aquifer so is ours on top of an aquifer? It is a law in New York that they can't put it on top of an aquifer.

Ed Logsdon - I read an article on Ann Arbor, Michigan. Same problem ground water. We're not alone, this is a trend that we see happening in a lot of places in the United States. I just moved back from Colorado and I am quite disheartened by what I see happening because it wasn't like this when I left.

Gerd Scott - work at Sunny Farms a while back. I would go in on a Saturday morning and I would see 10 to 18 trucks from Southern Ohio they would dump their semi loads and come back later in the day. Was wondering if the trash that is getting dumped is being checked.

Joe Durham - from Eastman & Smith, attorney for the board on this matter, addressed the board to advise the board that none of this is evidence, none of this is going to be considered by the hearing officer or the board assuming the landfill requests a hearing on this matter. Understand that the normal board meeting procedure is to have public comment. Anything said that is not in the hearing will not be considered by the board regarding the landfill license

Douglas Lear - commented that the Health Department still has the obligation to investigate the things that are being said. Mr. Lear had a 16 year old daughter recently die of a rare cancer and he use to live on 587 near the landfill. He spoke of other cases in children in that area with in the last 5 years.

Deb Taylor- can smell the landfill where she lives on the other side of New Riegel. She is concerned about her family and other children in the area.

Nate Heiser - concerned about the work they are doing at night at Sunny Farm Landfill. Mr. Heiser feels that if they are working at night then there should be someone who can monitor the air quality or be able to go on site. Wants to work towards a faster response. Wants them to look for more than H2S. The evidence that we would get from those readings, those high readings they would get would help support that denial.

Ben Nutter – Brought an update for the board with information on what actions Sunny Farms is taking to mitigate the odor issue.

Environmental Health

Mr. Young turned the floor over to the Director of Environmental Health, Laura Wallrabenstein, MA RS. At this point Mrs. Schweitzer introduced Joe Durham to discuss the hearing appointment. Mr. Durham discussed how the landfill has not requested a hearing yet, but the request may come as soon as tomorrow. Which would be in the 30 day period. At this point Mr. Durham asked to table the following off the Agenda since no hearing has been requested:

- a. Contract 10 a - Peter A. Precario for hearing examiner, 03/01/2019-09/30/2019: \$250.00 per hour (payer)
- b. 14 a - Official approval to appoint Peter A. Precario as the hearing examiner.
- c. 14 b - Adopt Counsel Joseph Durham's proposed hearing strategy.

Mr. Durham then asked if those were tabled and the request does come in that then board holds a special meeting to appoint a hearing officer and adopt the hearing procedures. At that point Mr. Durham may have a better idea of the time line. If request is made tomorrow then the board must give them a notice of the hearing date time and place and give them at least 20 days. The hearing may take multiple days and a board member will have to be present. Wants to also add the executive session has nothing to do with the landfill.

Mr. Young requested a motion to table appointment of Peter A. Precario for hearing examiner. Mr. Lyons made the motion to table the appointment of Peter A. Precario for hearing examiner. Mr. Watson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Young requested a motion to table to adopt Counsel Joseph Durham's proposed hearing procedure. Mr. Lyons made the motion to table to adopt Counsel Joseph Durham's proposed hearing procedure. Mrs. Shank seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Wallrabenstein reviewed her report included in board member's packet. Mrs. Wallrabenstein presented for condemnation, property located at:

- a. 906 Williston Ave. Fostoria, OH 44830 Owned by Darlene S. Nye (Delarosa) 107 S. Countyline Fostoria, OH 44830. A school administrator complaint followed by a police report led to a scheduled inspection by us. The inside was not fit for habitation – We are giving the family time to move and they are working with DJFS.

Mr. Young requested a motion to condemn the property located at 107 S. Countyline Fostoria, OH 44830 Mrs. Sacksteder made a motion to grant condemnation of the property as presented. Mrs. Shank seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

General Update:

People and Growth: We are currently seeking an additional RS/SIT to assist with landfill inspections and monitoring. Due to all the time spent dealing with the landfill (both Matt & I), I was able to get our sewage survey (first ever) from ODH put off until Oct. 9-10, 2019. The water (well) survey will still occur on May 3rd. The pool survey results from last summer are in – we did fine. Spring and summer events are beginning and our sanitarians will have events to cover most every weekend.

Financial: I am completing a thorough cost analysis of our septic program.

Service: We are moving forward with continued well testing around Sunny Farms Landfill. I will detail the changes at the board meeting. Matt & I attended and presented information at a recent realtor's meeting. Each county gave details regarding real estate inspections, their operation and maintenance programs, and availability of sewage grant money.

Quality: We are still waiting to get going on Policy Stat!

Public Health In-service

None

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Young requested a motion to approve the minutes from the previous month's meeting. Mrs. Shank made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 28, 2019 Board of Health Meeting Mr. Lyons seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Sub Committee Report

None

Expenditures

Mr. Young requested approval of the previous month's expenditures. . Mr. Lyons made a motion to approve the expenditures as presented. Mr. Steyer seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call vote. Mr. Lyons – Yes. Mrs. Sacksteder – Yes. Mrs. Shank – Yes. Mr. Steyer – Yes. Mr. Watson – Yes. Mr. Young – Yes.

Out of County Meetings/Travel

Mr. Young requested a motion to approve Out of County Meetings and Travel requests provided in board packets. Mr. Watson made a motion to approve the Out of County Meetings and Travel. Mrs. Sacksteder seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call vote. Mr. Lyons – Yes. Mrs. Sacksteder – Yes. Mrs. Shank – Yes. Mr. Steyer – Yes. Mr. Watson – Yes. Mr. Young – Yes.

Advances/Repayments/Transfers

Mr. Young requested a motion to approve Advances, Repayments, and Transfer List provided in board packets. Mrs. Sacksteder made a motion to approve the Advances, Repayments, and Transfer List. Mrs. Shank seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call vote. Mr. Lyons – Yes. Mrs. Sacksteder – Yes. Mrs. Shank – Yes. Mr. Steyer – Yes. Mr. Watson – Yes. Mr. Young – Yes.

Supplements

Mr. Young requested a motion to approve Supplement:

- a. Fund 7089 C&DD \$469,712.00

Mr. Lyons made a motion to approve Supplement. Mr. Steyer seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call vote. Mr. Lyons – Yes. Mrs. Sacksteder – Yes. Mrs. Shank – Yes. Mr. Steyer – Yes. Mr. Watson – Yes. Mr. Young – Yes.

Contracts

Mr. Young requested a motion to table contract:

- a. Peter A. Precario for hearing examiner, 03/01/2019-09/30/2019: \$250.00 per hour (payer)

Mr. Lyons made a motion to table the contract. Mrs. Sacksteder seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call vote. Mr. Lyons – Yes. Mrs. Sacksteder – Yes. Mrs. Shank – Yes. Mr. Steyer – Yes. Mr. Watson – Yes. Mr. Young – Yes

Mr. Young requested a motion to approve contract:

- b. Mental Health and Recovery Services Board, for Seneca County Health Alliance services 01/01/2019-12/31/2019; not to exceed \$3,000.00 (payer)

Mrs. Sacksteder made a motion to approve the contract. Mrs. Shank seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call vote. Mr. Lyons – Yes. Mrs. Sacksteder – Yes. Mrs. Shank – Yes. Mr. Steyer – Yes. Mr. Watson – Yes. Mr. Young – Abstain

Mr. Young requested a motion to approve contracts:

- c. **Addendum** Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Industrial Compliance, for Manufactured Home Park inspections for Hancock County and the City of Findlay, 03/01/2019-06/30/2019, reimbursement paid per fee schedule,(exhibit C of original agreement) (payee)
- d. City of Tiffin Ohio pertaining to the Health District's responsibilities with regard to any home sewage treatment system illicit discharge in the City of Tiffin, 03/21/2019-indefinite, no money.
- e. EHOVE Adult Career Center for basic life support CPR/AED renewal course, 03/22/2019-03/26/2019, \$45.00 per person (payer)

Mrs. Sacksteder made a motion to approve the contracts. Mr. Lyons seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call vote. Mr. Lyons – Yes. Mrs. Sacksteder – Yes. Mrs. Shank – Yes. Mr. Steyer – Yes. Mr. Watson – Yes. Mr. Young – Yes.

Resolutions

Mr. Young requested a motion to approve Resolution:

- a. 2019.02 transfer of funds to the Termination Benefits Fund

Mrs. Shank made a motion to approve the Resolution. Mrs. Sacksteder seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call vote. Mr. Lyons – Yes. Mrs. Sacksteder – Yes. Mrs. Shank – Yes. Mr. Steyer – Yes. Mr. Watson – Yes. Mr. Young – Yes.

Division Reports

WIC

Mr. Young turned the floor over to the Director of the WIC Division, Trisha Kahler, RD LD. Mrs. Kahler reviewed her report included in board member's packet:

People: All staff have completed their 2019 two week time studies to track their daily activities.

Service: The WIC Shopper Application is now available for participants to download to their smart devices. The Application allows for products to be scanned or UPC manually entered to identify if it is a WIC authorized food. It also stores pictures of receipts in efforts to help keep track of their balances left to use. In addition, the Application includes recipes and shopping tips. We are working on promoting this to all participants.

Quality: The 2019 participant satisfaction survey has begun. We will survey at least 60 participants on their WIC experience.

Fiscal: State WIC is looking at funding scenarios for next fiscal year and surveyed local projects for projected funding needs. State WIC also supplied information regarding recommended staffing

levels by caseload size. Our current staffing levels are within recommended guidelines for our caseload size.

Nursing

Mr. Young turned the floor over to Director of Nursing, Andrea Cook, BSN, RN.

Ms. Cook reviewed the Nursing report included in board member's packet:

People: Cross-training clerical staff in billing.

Financial:

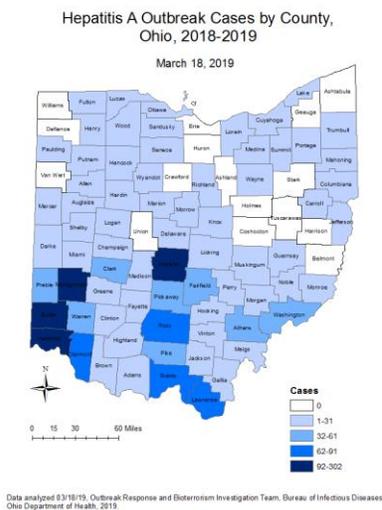
- We are in the process of writing a proposal for Get Vaccinated Ohio, Public Health Initiative, due April 8th for funding amount \$37,000

Quality:

- Always striving to provide good, quality care and service.

Service:

- February 25th, 2019 Mom's Quit for two articles on the front page of the Advertiser- Tribune. This was to celebrate the first graduate of the program. "Marie" successfully completed 16 monthly sessions.
- Coordinating an effort to provide vaccines at Seneca East during a School Physical Event open to several High Schools.
- All staff are involved in the accreditation process and are working on assigned projects.
- Reviewing a free google ap to use for appointment reminders.
- We continue to provide a Hepatitis A vaccine as a public health outreach to CROSSWAEH and Rigel for staff members and clients.



Hepatitis A Outbreak Summary (March 18, 2019):

- Number of cases: 1979
- Illness onset range: 01/05/2018 – 03/15/2019
- Age range: 1-84 years
- Gender: 60% male
- Number of hospitalizations: 1222 (62%)
- Number of deaths: 7
- Number of counties with cases: 72 (82%)

Growth: Nancy Frankart to attend the World Tb Day 2019, March 26th, 2019, Cindy Voorhees will be attending the Fall Prevention Symposium 3-29-2019, Andrea Cook attended HIPPA Compliance Officer Training March 1, 2019, Rita Schank, Dana Mathias and Kate Doepker attended the Regional School Nurse Conference March 15, 2019.

Health Commissioner

Mr. Young turned the floor over to the Health Commissioner, Beth Schweitzer, MPH, MCHES. Mrs. Schweitzer reviewed her report included in board member's packet:

Service:

Weekly Calls with Attorney for updates on progress of hearing
Northwest District health commissioners meetings
AOHC Board Meetings
Attended Legislative Breakfast March 19

Have fielded numerous calls regarding landfill issues

Have been on several phone calls with Dr. Clint Koenig, ODH Medical Director to determine appropriate response for those residents who call with physical symptoms they believe are being caused by the H2S from the landfill.

Attended Columbian Career Fair March 27

Worked with accreditation coordinator to determine documents still needed and what we need to do to get those documents in place. Several measures met during DAC meeting which will be held March 27, rescheduled from March 18.

Working to complete annual report

Financial:

Scoring employee evaluations to determine eligibility for merit raises.
Vacation March 1-11

Mrs. Schweitzer discussed the state audit. The state auditor presented the Health District with the option to change the audit to every 2 years. After short discussion it was decided to not make a change. We will continue to be audited annually.

Employee Related Actions

None

Unfinished Business

Landfill License

New Business

Mrs. Gaietto presented the need for a vaccine rate change. The following changes were put in place as of 2/14/19 and need to be approved by the Board.

Private Pay

Pentacel - from \$62.00 to \$66.00
Pevnar - from \$183.00 to \$192.00
Shingrix - from \$140.00 to \$147.00
Tdap - from \$36.00 to \$37.00

Insurance

Dtap - from \$32.74 to \$33.87
Pentacel - from \$100.50 to \$110.35
Pevnar - from \$294.06 to \$308.62
Shingrix - from \$228.98 to \$235.57
Tdap - from \$55.43 to \$57.43

Mr. Young requested a motion to approve vaccine prices effective February 14, 2019. Mrs. Shank made a motion to approve the change in vaccine prices effective February 14, 2019. Mr. Lyons seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call vote. Mr. Lyons – Yes. Mrs. Sacksteder – Yes. Mrs. Shank – Yes. Mr. Steyer – Yes. Mr. Watson – Yes. Mr. Young – Yes.

Mr. Lyons made a motion (at 7:24 p.m.) to go into Executive Session under Ohio Revised Code 121.22 G1 Personnel: to consider employee compensation. Mrs. Sacksteder seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call vote. Mr. Lyons – Yes. Mrs. Sacksteder – Yes. Mrs. Shank – Yes. Mr. Steyer – Yes. Mr. Watson – Yes. Mr. Young – Yes.

Mr. Young announced (at 7:40p.m.) that no action was taken and the regular board meeting resumed.

Mr. Lyons made a motion to approve pay raises as presented and as listed in exhibit 1, effective pay period beginning March 30, 2019. Mr. Steyer seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call vote. Mr. Lyons – Yes. Mrs. Sacksteder – Yes. Mrs. Shank – Yes. Mr. Steyer – Yes. Mr. Watson – Yes. Mr. Young – Yes.

Mr. Lyons made a motion to increase the Health Commissioner's salary \$5,000.00 per year effective March 30, 2019. Mrs. Sacksteder seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call vote. Mr. Lyons – Yes. Mrs. Sacksteder – Yes. Mrs. Shank – Yes. Mr. Steyer – Yes. Mr. Watson – Yes. Mr. Young – Yes.

Signatures were requested for paperwork and documents signed by the board.

Adjournment

Mr. Steyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.