



Seneca County General Health District

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Board of Health Meeting

July 25, 2019 at 6:00 pm

Seneca County Services Building, Conference Room A

Present: Bonnie Boroff, Scott Lyons, Rebecca Shank, Philip Steyer, Robert Watson, Jimmie Young

Absent/

Excused: Ann Sacksteder

Guests: Ben Nutter, Matt Neely, Clay Wolph, Logan Wolph, Joe Durham

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

Welcome, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

With quorum present, Mr. Young called the regularly scheduled board meeting to order on July 25, 2019 at 6:00 pm; he then presided over the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Health In-service

None

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Young requested a motion to approve the minutes from the June 27, 2019 meeting. Mr. Lyons made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 27, 2019 Board of Health Meeting. Mr. Watson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Sub Committee Report

None

Financial Report

The Monthly Financial Report for June 2019 shows revenue for the month of \$522,879.09 and revenue year to date of \$2,196,680.53. Expenses for the month were \$318,058.58 and year to date expenses totaled \$1,908,266.12.

Mr. Young requested approval of the Monthly Financial Report for June 2019. Mrs. Shank made a motion to approval of the Monthly Financial Report for June 2019. Mr. Steyer seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call vote. Mrs. Boroff – Yes. Mr. Lyons – Yes. Mrs. Shank – Yes. Mr. Steyer – Yes. Mr. Watson – Yes. Mr. Young – Yes.

Expenditures

Mr. Young requested approval of the previous month's expenditures. Mr. Watson made a motion to approve the expenditures as presented. Mrs. Shank seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call vote. Mrs. Boroff – Yes. Mr. Lyons – 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. Lyons made a motion to approve the Out of County Meetings and Travel. Mr. Watson seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call vote. Mrs. Boroff – Yes. Mr. Lyons – 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. Shank made a motion to approve the Advances, Transfer List and Appropriations Transfer. Mr. Lyons seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call vote. Mrs. Boroff – Yes. Mr. Lyons – Yes. Mrs. Shank – Yes. Mr. Steyer – Yes. Mr. Watson – Yes. Mr. Young – Yes.

Supplements

Mr. Young turned the floor over to the Health Commissioner, Beth Schweitzer, MPH, MCHES. Mrs. Schweitzer explained a new grant just received would provide education and naloxone kits for at risk populations. The program would work with CROSSWAEH, Rigel Recovery Services and Factor the peer support group.

Mr. Young requested a motion to approve Supplement:

- a. Fund 7096 Integrated Naloxone Access and Infrastructure - \$30,000.00

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

Contracts

Mr. Young requested a motion to approve contracts:

- a. A&D Excavating, LLC, for home sewage treatment system installation (Gibson property), 07/16/2019-10/13/2019, not to exceed \$19,999.00 (payer)
- b. A&D Excavating, LLC, for home sewage treatment system installation (Schoenfeld property), 07/16/2019-10/13/2019, not to exceed \$12,824.00 (payer)
- c. A&D Excavating, LLC, for home sewage treatment system installation (Weiker property), 07/16/2019-10/13/2019, not to exceed \$19,324.00 (payer)
- d. Wood County Health District, PHEP EPI Planner services, 07/01/2019-06/30/2020, not to exceed \$15,820.00 (payer)
- e. Oriana House, CROSSWAEH, for nursing services, 07/01/2019-06/30/2020, not to exceed \$24,674.00 (payee)

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

Resolutions

Mr. Young requested a motion to approve Resolution:

- a. 2019.05 Hiring Full-Time –Health Educator – Emily Eichhorn, effective 08/05/2019

Mrs. Boroff made a motion to approve the Resolution. Mr. Steyer seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call vote. Mrs. Boroff – Yes. Mr. Lyons – 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: Staff is working on reviewing all nutrition education materials distributed to participants to ensure information is current. Outdated materials are being discarded.

Service: Staff will begin distributing Farmers' Market coupons on Aug 9th.

There were 12 car seats distributed in the last quarter to Seneca County residents in need.

Growth: State WIC is considering chocolate milk as an authorized food.

Quality: Statewide breastfeeding peer helper conference call focused on effective methods for WIC to collaborate with birthing hospitals to enhance referrals for WIC services as well as improve breastfeeding rates in communities.

The scales in the clinic areas have been sealed for accuracy by the Seneca County Auditor.

Nursing

Mr. Young turned the floor over to the Director of Nursing, Andrea Cook, BSN RN. Ms. Cook reviewed her report included in board member’s packet:

People: No issues

Quality:

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

Service:

- We continue to provide direct observation for medication administration, documentation, case management (lab work, incentives etc.), and education for the client with active TB in Seneca County.
- All staff is involved in the accreditation process and Policy Stat and is working on assigned projects/policies.
- We continue to provide Hepatitis A education and vaccination monthly to CROSSWAEH and Rigel for staff members and clients. At CROSSWAEH we have provided education and vaccinations to 121 people since January. At Rigel we have provided education and vaccinations to 7 people.
- We provided Hepatitis A education and vaccination at the Seneca County Jail to the inmates and the staff. We have vaccinated 25 staff and 55 inmates making the total 80.
- Run for the Health of It 5k registration and flyers were distributed to local businesses. Event to be held August 10th at Hedges Park. At this time there are 40 to 50 people registered for the event.

Health Director Reports First Measles Case in Ohio

Dr. Amy Acton reminds Ohioans that vaccinations are the safest, most-effective way to prevent vaccine-preventable diseases

Confirmed Measles Cases, Ohio, 2009-018

Year	Cases
2009	1
2010	2
2011	0
2012	1
2013	0
2014	382
2015	1
2016	0
2017	1
2018	0

Source: Ohio Disease Reporting System

COLUMBUS – Ohio Department of Health (ODH) Director Amy Acton, MD, MPH has confirmed the state’s first measles case of 2019. The young adult from Stark County recently traveled to a state with confirmed measles cases. ODH is currently not disclosing additional information about the infected individual.

Ohio occasionally sees measles cases as the result of importations from other countries where measles remains endemic. This is the first confirmed measles case in Ohio since 2017. Twenty-eight states, including many neighboring states, already have measles cases, with several having confirmed measles outbreaks. Previously, Ohio’s last confirmed measles outbreak was in 2014, with 382 confirmed cases.

Vaccinations save lives, period. I urge everyone who can, to get vaccinated,” said Director Acton. “Vaccination is the safest, most effective way to prevent serious vaccine-preventable diseases in children and adults, including measles.”

Measles is extremely contagious and can spread to others through coughing and sneezing. If one person has measles, up to 90% of those who come into contact with that person and who are not immune will also become infected. The measles virus can live for up to two hours in air where an infected person coughed or sneezed. If other people breathe the contaminated air or touch an infected surface and then touch their eyes, noses, or mouths, they can become infected.

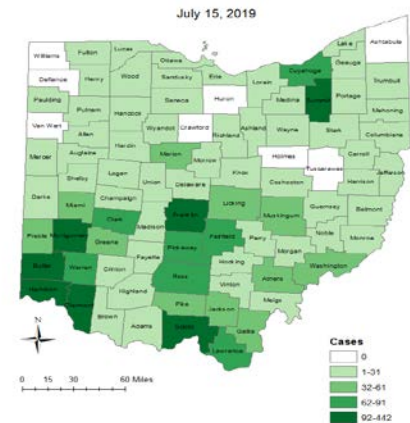
People infected with measles can spread it to others from four days before, through four days after, a rash appears.

Measles is still common in many parts of world, and large outbreaks are currently occurring in Israel, Thailand, Vietnam, Japan, Ukraine, and the Philippines. Travelers with measles bring the disease into U.S. where it can spread in communities with pockets of unvaccinated people. Those planning international travel are encouraged to contact their healthcare providers to ensure they are fully protected against measles and other vaccine-preventable diseases.

Hepatitis A Outbreak Summary (July 15, 2019):

- Number of cases: 3200
- Illness onset range: 01/05/2018 – 07/10/2019
- Age range: 1-89 years
- Gender: 61% male
- Number of hospitalizations: 1930 (60%)
- Number of deaths: 14
- Number of counties with cases: 80 (91%)

Hepatitis A Outbreak Cases by County,
Ohio, 2018-2019



Data analyzed 07/15/19. Outbreak Response and Bioterrorism Investigation Team, Bureau of Infectious Diseases, Ohio Department of Health, 2019.

Growth:

- Kate Doepker will be attending the three day School Nurse Workshop August 28th, 29th, and 30th, 2019.
- Rita Schank, Kate Doepker and Samantha Dible will be attending required trainings (July 9th, 2019 and July 23rd, 2019 for the new Get Vaccinated Ohio Grant.
- Dana Mathias and Sue Burks will be attending “Operation Street Smart” August 2nd at North Central Ohio Educational Service Center. The training is free and the goal is to provide current and up-to-date narcotics information on trends, terminology, paraphernalia and physiological effects to those individuals who deal with today’s youth.

Environmental Health

Mr. Young turned the floor over to the Director of Environmental Health, Laura Wallrabenstein, MA RS. Mrs. Wallrabenstein reviewed her report included in board member’s packet: and presented for condemnation, property located at:

**A. CONDEMNATION: 205 E Eagle St. Fostoria, OH 44830
Owned by Linda Sipe – same address**

This home was fire damaged in early July and the tenant was displaced. Amanda inspected the home at the request of the daughter (while the mom was in a hotel) and found it to be “unfit for human habitation” – the electricity was off and the home was full of “stuff” and not secure.

**B. CONDEMNATION: 235 Seventh Ave. Tiffin, OH 44883
Owned by Charles E. Wahrer 59 Hunter St. Tiffin, OH 44883**

This appears to be a long-vacant mobile home. Neighbor claims “back door is falling off” – but I didn’t fight my way through the brush to confirm that. . . However, the window is open enough to let in mice and the area under the trailer is not all that secure (may be holes in floor?).

Mr. Young requested a motion to condemn the property located at 205 E Eagle St. Fostoria, OH 44830 Owned by: Linda Sipe (same address) and 235 Seventh Ave. Tiffin, OH 44883 Owned by Charles E. Wahrer 59 Hunter St. Tiffin, OH 44883. Mr. Steyer made a motion to grant condemnation of the properties as presented. Mrs. Boroff seconded the motion. Motion Carried

**C. RESCIND CONDEMNATION: 2680 S SR 4 Attica, OH 44807
Owned by Homeland Partners, LLC (Charles & Mary Williams) 3681 CR 213 Clyde, OH 43410**

Home was condemned on May 22, 2014. They have (finally) remodeled it. I inspected on July 2, 2019. Looks nice. There is a new motor in aerator and HSTS on O&M.

Mr. Young requested a motion to rescind the condemnation of the property located at 2680 S SR 4 Attica, OH 44807. Mrs. Shank made a motion to approve the rescind condemnation of 2680 S SR 4 Attica, OH 44807. Mr. Lyons seconded the motion. Motion Carried
Also had two homes demolished by Allen Excavating, one at 375 S Sandusky St and the other at 199 eighth Ave and Tiffin.

General Update:

People and Growth: Hunter has been “training” with the EPA on a new landfill inspection checklist.

Financial: Next up is the annual food cost analysis.

Service: Mohawk Lake Bathing Beach was able to reopen by the 4th of July but is now closed again.

Quality: I am trying to get a CQI newsletter completed and will share that with you next month.

Mrs. Wallrabenstein stated there have been 15 odor complaints regarding the landfill this month. Mr. Steyer said his wife came home about two Thursdays ago about 11:30pm and the smell was terrible. Mr. Steyer also talked to a neighbor the next day that lives about one mile from him and they stated the smell was so bad that same night they couldn't sit out on their porch around midnight. Mrs. Wallrabenstein was not aware of that night but one day last week some complaints came in so Hunter Blessing was sent out right away and went to the locations they stated but was unable to locate any odors. Mr. Steyer asked if any of the permanent Jerome Meters are on the south east area of the Landfill. Matt Neely responded that there is one close to the intersection of 224 and 23 and another one is located on 23. Mrs. Wallrabenstein wondered what the date exact date that Mr. Steyer was taking about? Mr. Steyer stated the date was July 11, 2019 around 11:30pm to 12:00 am. His wife called the odor complaint in few days later. Mrs. Wallrabenstein stated that that day can be checked because there is a running log of the Jerome Meter readings. The readings are taken every 10 minutes. Mr. Nutter said that at 5 p.m. on that day they went out and took manual readings and 5 were zero and one was 5.66 parts per billion which was at 224 and the CSX Railroad crossing.

Licensing Hearing Update on Notice of Intent to Deny – Attorney Joseph R. Durham

Mr. Young turned the floor over to Attorney Joseph R. Durham. Mr. Durham introduced his partner Mr. Joe Gregg. Mr. Durham addressed the board about the status of the Landfill License since the notice of Intent to deny was issued on February 28, 2019. That is based in larger part on the number of odor complaints that range from the middle of November through December. The Landfill submitted a hearing request in March. In April at a special meeting the board adopted a Hearing Procedure and a month later the hearing officer issued the hearing notice. In preparation for this hearing they have reviewed thousands of documents, met with staff, concerned citizens and interviewed Ohio EPA inspectors. A consultant firm was also hired to review odor complaints and data regarding the odor events. All involved are prepared to come to the hearing and give their expert opinion. They also subpoenaed

employees of the Ohio EPA who would have to testify at the hearing. Last Thursday Mr. Durham received a call from the Chief of Environmental Enforcement section of the Ohio Attorney General's office indicating that there was an agreement reached with the OSS District and the Landfill and a new host community agreement. Also she indicated at that time that she believed that the State of Ohio through the Ohio EPA was going to enter into a consent order that would be filed in the common pleas court. This consent would then deem Sunny Farms Landfill to be in substantial compliance with the solid waste rules and regulations. Since then there has been multiple communication with the attorney for the landfill and the Ohio Attorney General's office. They have reached an agreement in principle there will be substantial penalties on violations and conditions on future operations. The agreement had not been emailed to Mr. Durham prior to the board meeting. Mr. Durham asked the board to move the date for the hearing and for the board to host a Special Board Meeting in two weeks to give them time to review the agreement.

Mr. Durham stated that local control over this license is important. Since the notice of Intent to Deny the EPA has had heighten enforcement. They are now looking at penalties against the Landfill. The board did this for the citizens. The landfill has put millions of dollars into odor control and addressing the issues. EPA wants to set up a fund of to go towards the community, Mr. Durham was unsure of the details of the fund.

Mr. Young wants to know if Mr. Durham knows if there would be any conditions in the consent.

Mr. Durham believes there will be requirements in the agreement and also that they will have to continue to control the odor.

Mr. Steyer saw on a Toledo television station that there was a compliance issue with sulfur dioxide. Also Last week Mr. Steyer read where the county commissioners and the Auditors Office have had four failures in trying to certify the scale used for measuring the landfill intake. Mr. Steyer asked if this information is correct.

Mr. Nutter stated that the information was correct. They were at the Landfill today to certify the scale and he was not sure of the update.

Mr. Neely explained the process in certifying the scales and explained the delays in the process. He also stated they were currently working on the certification process. Mr. Neely stated that they would be working for a couple more hours today on the certifying.

Mr. Durham also added that EPA since January has been issuing NOV from their solid waste division, water division and air division all of these would be included in the consent order as what has been told to Mr. Durham.

Mr. Neely stated that as the Landfill was doing improvements for the gas collection system and putting on the odor control blanket they knew they would be capturing more hydrogen sulfide. It is destroyed in the flare and converted in to SO₂. The permit limit for the flare is not a health based limit. Sunny Farms met with the EPA in January to explain that to control odors they would have to exceed the SO₂ emissions in the flare which would result in violations. They also did research to show that any SO₂ concentrations produced would not cause any health effects. The consent order will also address all of the concerns from the health department and the Ohio EPA.

Mr. Steyer would like to know more about the dangers of sulfur dioxide. Mr. Logan Wolph said the effects are more dangerous than hydrogen sulfide.

Mr. Young asked Mr. Durham if there was anything that he knows is definitely on the consent order.

Mr. Durham said he has not seen it.

Mr. Lyons asked Mr. Durham if the board would be able to put their own conditions as part of the consent order.

Mr. Durham responded that the board has the ability to put conditions on the license within limitations.

Mr. Young would like clarified of the consent order and have more information. Mr. Young would like an opportunity to have time to build on the conditions for the next year's license application. He wants to make sure the Board helps the general public.

Mr. Lyons said he would like more information and would like time to review the consent.

Mr. Young felt that this has come a long way from November and that the Board is trying to work for the general public to have a healthy environment.

Mr. Lyons would like to make sure the public is well informed.

Mr. Durham stated that when the consent is signed and filed it will be a public record and can be put on the on our website. The board can have a meeting in two weeks giving everyone time to review EPA's order and the meeting in two weeks gives the Attorney's a chance to advise the board.

Mr. Steyer would like to know more about sulfur dioxide. What are the hazards, what the limits are, and what is being done to reduce those levels?

Mr. Lyons wanted to know where we can get that information on the sulfur dioxide.

Mrs. Wallrabenstein added the information is all on the EPA's website and it is all public record.

Mr. Steyer said he would like to know more about the things that will affect the residents health and he would like to know more about SO2. Mr. Steyer also stated he is concerned about scale and making sure we know how much is going into the landfill. Mr. Steyer would like to know how the Landfill would know that the scale was in compliance if the scale is only certified once a year.

Mr. Neely explained that an empty rail car is also the same tare weight every time it crosses the scale. So they would know if the scale was off.

Mr. Steyer questioned about the rail car tare weight

Mr. Neely explained that the car's tare weight could change with repairs and when a rail cars weight changes by more than 400 pounds then the car would have to be reregistered.

Mr. Steyer questioned if they have a process which documents the weights on the scale?

Mr. Neely states that every transaction gets recorded electronically that crosses the scale.

Mr. Steyer wanted to make sure the consent order is available to the public.

Mr. Young requested a motion to reschedule the hearing that was originally scheduled for July 29th, 2019 for the License Renewal of Sunny Farms Landfill. Mr. Lyons made a motion to reschedule the hearing that was originally scheduled for July 29th, 2019 for the License Renewal of Sunny Farms Landfill. Mrs. Shank makes a seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Young requested a motion to hold a special meeting on August 5, 2019 at 6:00pm. Mr. Lyons made a motion to hold a special meeting on August 5, 2019 at 6:00pm. Mr. Steyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Health Commissioner

Mr. Young turned the floor over to the Health Commissioner, Beth Schweitzer, MPH, MCHES.

Service:

Community Task Force Homeless Shelter Meeting

Family Children First Service Plan Committee and Financial Committee meetings

Participated in Focus Group discussions surrounding payment sources for mental health services in the county

People:

Planning Annual In -Service day for employees on August 12

Growth:

Received Naloxone Grant

Posted ad for full-time health educator to administer grant

Received four applications and conducted two interviews

Fiscal:

Reviewed monthly expenditures and revenues

Quality:

Worked with Laura Wallrabenstein, Front nine Restaurant, ODH & EPA on septic issue

Numerous Accreditation Documents Prepared and Reviewed

Conducted Ethics Review and reached decision on topic Mandatory Flu Immunizations for employees

Reviewed questions and answers to questions posed by Greater Fostoria Environmental Coalition

Reviewed Law on proposed changes to Newborn Screening Blood test, had PH nurses review and provide views on whether one test should be eliminated. Also contacted local pediatricians. Made comments on line to ODH regarding rule change.

Prepared Landfill file for review by Sunny Farms attorney

Employee Related Actions

None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Signatures were requested for paperwork and documents

Adjournment

Mrs. Shank made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.