



Seneca County General Health District

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Board of Health Meeting

May 27, 2021 at 6:00 pm
Meeting Via Zoom due to COVID-19

Present: Dr. Mark Akers, Bonnie Boroff, Edward Logsdon, Philip Steyer, Robert Watson, Jimmie Young
Absent: Scott Lyons
Excused: Ann Sacksteder, Rebecca Shank
Guests: Ben Nutter
SCGHD Staff: Anne Goon, 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 May 27, 2021 at 6:00 pm; he then presided over the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Concerns/Requests – None

Public Health In-service

Ms. Goon gave a public health In-service to update the Board of Health on accreditation process. Seneca County General Health District is now an accredited health department. The purpose of National Public Health Accreditation is to help health departments perform more effectively so that we can better improve and protect the health of the public. She also reviewed the reasons for pursuing accreditation. Ms. Goon reviewed the internal, external and financial benefits found by NORC at the University of Chicago. These benefits were reported by health departments one year after of becoming accredited.

In 2013 the Ohio General Assembly added to ORC 3701.13 that in order to receive funding from the Ohio Department of Health, the director of health was given the authority to require accreditation. Public Health Accreditation Board, PHAB, is the only board that can accredit health departments. Accreditation has 7 steps and is a 5 year process and Seneca County General Health District would have to reapply for accreditation in 2026.

Ms. Goon reviewed how the Health Department did in each of the measures in each Domain. There were a total of 100 measures between the 12 Domains. Out of those measures 52 were fully demonstrated, 42 largely demonstrated, 2 slightly demonstrated and 2 not demonstrated. Next she reviewed the three greatest strengths and three opportunities for improvement for the Seneca County General Health District.

Ms. Goon showed the list of which health departments are accredited in Ohio, 52 departments including the state health department in Ohio are accredited. Ohio is the only state that has mandated accreditation.

Next step is to celebrate and share the information with the public and our partners. Also the Health Department will need to start updating our plans, review and revised policies and procedures, strengthen our communications, staff engagements, and community engagement capacity. We will also need to determine and fill key positions needed to strengthen this capacity.

Dr. Akers asked if it is the state that accredits the Health Department. Ms. Goon responded that it is a national body. Dr. Akers then asked what the cost is to become accredited. Ms. Goon said that the fee is spread out over the 5 years accreditation period and is around \$14,000.00

Mr. Logsdon asked if the health department's accreditation process is similar to an ISO 9000 standard which applies to corporations. Ms. Goon responded it is very similar process.

Mrs. Boroff commented on how it is an ongoing process. Ms. Goon said it is a continuous improvement process.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Young requested a motion to approve the minutes as amended from the April 22, 2021 meeting. Mr. Watson made a motion to approve the minutes as amended from the April 22, 2021 Board of Health Meeting. Mr. Logsdon seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call vote. Dr. Akers – Yes. Mrs. Boroff – Yes. Mr. Logsdon – Yes. Mr. Steyer – Yes. Mr. Watson – Yes. Mr. Young – Yes.

Sub Committee Report

Financial Report

The Monthly Financial Report for April 2021 shows revenue for the month of \$754,557.00 and revenue year to date of \$1,827,324.44. Expenses for the month were \$619,403.04 and year to date expenses totaled \$1,745,284.83.

Mr. Young requested approval of the Monthly Financial Report for April 2021. Mr. Steyer made a motion to approve the Monthly Financial Report for April 2021. Mrs. Boroff seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call vote. Dr. Akers – Yes. Mrs. Boroff – Yes. Mr. Logsdon – Yes. Mr. Steyer – Yes. Mr. Watson – Yes. Mr. Young – Yes.

Expenditures

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

Mr. Logsdon questioned the fee for C & DD Disposal remittance to the state fees. Anita explained the fees that are collected from the landfill and then distributed between the State EPA, Department of Natural Resources, Loudon Township, and to the Seneca County Commissioners.

Out of County Meetings/Travel – None

Advances/Repayments/Transfers

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

Supplements

Mrs. Young requested a motion to approve Supplements:

- a. Fund 7142 PHEP/CO/CT/EO/VE/VN \$248,337.00
- b. Fund 7164 HSTS \$110,422.00

Dr. Akers made a motion to approve the Supplements. Mr. Steyer seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call vote. Dr. Akers – Yes. Mrs. Boroff – Yes. Mr. Logsdon – Yes. Mr. Steyer – Yes. Mr. Watson – Yes. Mr. Young – Yes.

Anita Gaietto gave an explanation for fund 7142 and fund 7164 Supplements to the board.

Contracts

Mr. Young requested a motion to approve the following Contracts:

- a. Mental Health and Recovery Services Board, for Seneca County Health Alliance services, 1/01/21-12/31/2021, not to exceed \$3,000.00(payer)
- b. Ohio Department of Commerce, Division Of Industrial Compliance, For manufactured home park inspections, 07/01/2021-06/30/2023, Reimbursement paid per fee schedule, (exhibit E of agreement) (payee)

Mrs. Boroff made a motion to approve the Contracts. Mr. Steyer seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call Dr. Akers – Yes. Mrs. Boroff – Yes. Mr. Logsdon – Yes. Mr. Steyer – Yes. Mr. Watson – Yes. Mr. Young – Yes.

Mr. Young requested a motion to approve the following home sewage treatment Contracts:

- c. A&D Excavating, LLC, for home sewage treatment systems installation (Lowe property), 05/05/2021-09/01/2021, not to exceed \$12,349.00 (payer)
- d. A&D Excavating, LLC, for home sewage treatment systems installation (Tanner property), 05/05/2021-09/01/2021, not to exceed \$12,349.00 (payer)
- e. A&D Excavating, LLC, for home sewage treatment systems installation (Wyandt property), 05/05/2021-09/01/2021, not to exceed \$12,349.00 (payer)
- f. A&D Excavating, LLC, for home sewage treatment systems installation (Gabel property), 05/05/2021-09/01/2021, not to exceed \$23,124.00 (payer)
- g. Geophyta, Inc., for home sewage treatment systems soil evaluation and system design (Kromer property), 05/14/2021-06/27/2021, not to exceed \$2,870.00 (payer)
- h. A&D Excavating, LLC, for home sewage treatment systems installation (Schalk property), 05/20/2021-09/16/2021, not to exceed \$12,224.00 (payer)
- i. A&D Excavating, LLC, for home sewage treatment systems installation (Seery property), 05/20/2021-09/16/2021, not to exceed \$12,299.00 (payer)
- j. A&D Excavating, LLC, for home sewage treatment systems installation (Wolf property), 05/20/2021-09/16/2021, not to exceed \$11,799.00 (payer)
- k. Slingwine Excavating, LLC, for home sewage treatment systems installation (Mears property), 05/20/2021-08/17/2021, not to exceed \$16,900.00 (payer)
- l. A&D Excavating, LLC, for home sewage treatment systems installation (Craig property), 05/25/2021-09/21/2021, not to exceed \$16,324.00 (payer)
- m. A&D Excavating, LLC, for home sewage treatment systems installation (Steinmetz property), 05/25/2021-09/21/2021, not to exceed \$19,574.00 (payer)
- n. A&D Excavating, LLC, for home sewage treatment systems installation (Dugger property), 05/25/2021-09/21/2021, not to exceed \$11,799.00 (payer)
- o. A&D Excavating, LLC, for home sewage treatment systems installation (Mowery property), 05/25/2021-09/21/2021, not to exceed \$12,299.00 (payer)

Mr. Logsdon made a motion to approve the Contracts. Mr. Steyer seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call Dr. Akers – Yes. Mrs. Boroff – Yes. Mr. Logsdon – Yes. Mr. Steyer – Yes. Mr. Watson – Yes. Mr. Young – Yes.

Resolutions

Mr. Young requested a motion to approve Resolution:

- a. 2021.06– Hiring Full-Time –Registered Environmental Health Specialist– Ryan Sendelbach, effective 07/12/2021*

Mr. Steyer made a motion to approve the Resolution. Mr. Watson seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call vote. Dr. Akers – Yes. Mrs. Boroff – Yes. Mr. Logsdon – 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: Statewide Spring WIC Directors meeting to provide program updates will be held virtually this month.

Service: There was an extension of the federal public health emergency for COVID-19 until July 20th, which ensures that WIC flexibilities are now in place through at least August 20, 2021. At the State level, the program is currently awaiting official correspondence from USDA regarding this extension of these waivers, and locally we will follow State guidelines.

They are updating the WIC shopper app that participants can download on to their smart devices. Not sure when it will be completed.

Mrs. Kahler just completed a training with the downtown Tiffin Farmer's Market. This year the whole market will be authorized as a vendor. The individual farmers will not have to be vendors. They are also accepting SNAP benefits this year too.

Mr. Logsdon asked if the Fostoria Farmer's Market is included. Mrs. Kahler said that there individual farmers who will take the WIC coupons but it is not the whole market in Fostoria.

Fiscal: In April 2021, \$48,019.29 of WIC transactions was paid to Seneca County Authorized Retailers.

The FY 22 Grant is due on May 24, 2021. Funding for Seneca County is set at \$336,392.00.

Nursing

Mr. Young turned the floor over to the Anne Goon who is filling in for Director of Nursing, Andrea Cook, BSN RN. Ms. Goon reviewed her report included in board member's packet:

People:

We are at a critical point and need to hire two full time nurses. Sue Burks RN is retiring and her last day is June 4, 2021. Cindy Voorhees is to retire the end of 2021 in addition two other staff members have discussed retiring the end of this year. Ms. Goon added that this limits our ability to go out into the community and do clinics.

Quality:

Always striving to provide exceptional service.

Service:

COVID19

- As of 5/19/2021 we have had a total of 5,443 positive COVID cases, 2,424 males, 3,019 females, 4 hospitalized, average age is 46, 16 active cases and 143 deaths (an increase of 5 since the last report). Ms. Goon added that as of today the deaths are 144.
- As of 5/19/2021 we have provide 69 COVID vaccination clinics, 3,168 first doses, 2,991 second doses and 825 Janssen for a total of 6,984 COVID vaccinations given.
- We had 962 positive cases of COVID in January, 238 in February, 277 in March and 291 in April.

- Ms. Goon added that with the decline in cases Seneca County was going to go to yellow on the Public Health Advisory System but the state stop using the system at 3pm today.
- Staff members contact traced 357 people in January, 223 people in February, 159 in March and 179 in May. Ms. Goon added that we are required to transition contact tracing over to the state and we will continue to do case investigation.
- We are providing COVID vaccination clinics every Wednesday from 8-4:00 by appointment in the VMS and walk in. We are providing Pfizer vaccine to 12 years and older. Our first teen clinic was May 19th and we provided 19 Pfizer vaccines to 12-17 year olds.

Ms. Goon added that the influenza associated hospitalization rate for Seneca County this year was zero.

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:

Mrs. Wallrabenstein presented for condemnation, property located at:

1. 8058 W CR. 59, Adrian, Oh 43316
Owned by Randal Mick (dec) and Rhonda Risner 105 Juniper PL Carey, OH 43316-1356

Mr. Young requested a motion to approve the condemnation of the property located at 8058 W CR. 59, Adrian, Oh 43316, Owned by Randal Mick (dec) and Rhonda Risner 105 Juniper PL Carey, OH 43316-1356. Mr. Watson made a motion to approve the condemnation of the properties located at 8058 W CR. 59, Adrian, Oh 43316, Owned by Randal Mick (dec) and Rhonda Risner 105 Juniper PL Carey, OH 43316-1356 Mr. Steyer seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call vote. Mrs. Boroff – Yes. Mr. Logsdon – Yes. Mr. Steyer – Yes. Mr. Watson – Yes. Mr. Young – Yes.

Mrs. Wallrabenstein presented for rescind of condemnation, property located at:

1. 116 E. Culbertson St. Fostoria, Oh 44830
Owned by Laura M. Lopez – 655 Woodward Ave. Fostoria, Oh 44830

Mr. Young requested a motion to approve the rescind condemnation of the property located at 116 E. Culbertson St. Fostoria, Oh 44830, Owned by Laura M. Lopez – 655 Woodward Ave. Fostoria, Oh 44830. Mrs. Logsdon made a motion rescind condemnation of the properties located at 116 E. Culbertson St. Fostoria, Oh 44830, Owned by Laura M. Lopez – 655 Woodward Ave. Fostoria, Oh 44830. Mr. Steyer seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call vote. Mrs. Boroff – Yes. Mr. Logsdon – Yes. Mr. Steyer – Yes. Mr. Watson – Yes. Mr. Young – Yes.

Landfill update

Mr. Young asked if there was an update on Sunny Farms Landfill. Mrs. Wallrabenstein stated that she sent the Landfill report Austin prepared to the board and did not have any information to add to it.

Mrs. Boroff asked about the new owner of the landfill. Mr. Nutter explained the merger between Tunnel Hill Partners and Wheelabrator, a company that does waste to energy plants on the East Coast. WIN WASTE INOVATIONS is the name of the company after the merger.

Mr. Steyer asked about the stone in the pit near 224. Mr. Nutter said the landfill is not moving to the south and they are excavating the clay and dirt for their everyday processes. Then the landfill decided to quarry stone for use in the facility. It will cut down on truck traffic on the road. That area will be a wetland area when they are finished.

Health Commissioner

Mr. Young turned the floor over to the Health Commissioner, Anne Goon, MS, RD, LD.

Ms. Goon provided an update on vaccination coverage. Ms. Goon discussed a study that focused on the disparity in COVID Vaccine between urban and rural settings. Their findings are similar to what we are seeing in Ohio. We currently have 37.5 percent of our residents have started the vaccination process and 33.75 percent have completed that process in Seneca County. Anne stressed the importance of partnering with providers in the community.

Ms. Goon next discussed the COVID Antigen home test kits that the Health department has. The Health department is giving them out for free to anyone in need. They take 15 minutes to do and the person has to have a telehealth session with a telehealth provider that the state is paying for. They will also provide through a smart phone app a verification that you can provide to an employer.

Ms. Goon Next discussed Senate Bill 22 which will be in effect June 23, 2021. This bill will restrict both local and state health departments from taking any type of action to protect people against communicable disease. This Bill applies to any communicable disease situation not just COVID. Ms. Goon said we will have more information by our June meeting.

Ms. Goon next discussed with the board on Ohio House Bill 248 which has been proposed. Ms. Goon said other states have passed similar bills.

Ms. Goon then shared information on the American Rescue Plan Act. It was discussed during today's Seneca County Commissioner meeting. Seneca County Commissioners will receive 10.7 million for Seneca County and has discussed providing a \$2,000.00 premium to all employees that they are responsible for their budgets, which does not include the Health Department, Mental Health and Recovery, Park District, and Regional Planning Commission.

Employee Related Actions

- a. New Hire – Ryan Sendelbach, Full Time Registered Environmental Health Specialist, effective 07/12/2021 (See Resolution)

Unfinished Business

Mr. Young thanked everyone for the reception that was held for Beth Schweitzer's retirement.

New Business

Mr. Young wanted to verify that everyone got an updated copy of their committee assignments.

Mr. Young next discussed future board meetings. The board would like a hybrid style of meeting, so that the meeting can attend on line or in person.

Mr. Young presented a vaccine price change effective 06/01/2021

Private Pay

HPV – from \$ 224.00 to \$235.00

Insurance

HPV – from \$ 360.80 to \$ 378.70

Mr. Watson made a motion to approve the vaccine price changes effective as of 06/01/2021. Mr. Steyer seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call vote Mrs. Boroff – Yes. Mr. Logsdon – Yes. Mr. Steyer – Yes. Mr. Watson – Yes. Mr. Young – Yes.

Adjournment

Mr. Steyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.