

Kent City Health Department
414 E. Main Street
Kent, Ohio 44240

HEALTH BOARD MINUTES
April 11, 2017

Board Members Present

John Gwinn
Michelle Frederick
Joan Seidel
Doug Wagener
Jack Amrhein
Pam Ferguson

Staff Present

Jeff Neistadt
Tracy Radovic

Visitors

6 – Student Observers
Rose Ferarro – PCHD Nursing

Doug Wagener, Health Board President called to order the Health Board Meeting of April 11, 2017, at 5:32 p.m.

The minutes from the February 14, 2017 meeting were distributed and reviewed by the Health Board members prior to the meeting.

Motion: A motion to approve the minutes of February 14, 2017, was made by Pam Freeman and seconded by John Gwinn. With no objections, the motion passed.

Open Comments - Six (6) Environmental Health students attended the Health Board Meeting April 11, 2017. They introduced themselves and stated their major. Also in attendance was Rose Ferraro from the Portage County Health Department to deliver the annual report on communicable diseases for 2015 and to speak on Public Health Emergency Plan (PHEP) Grant and Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps (BCMh).

Statistical Report for February & March 2017 – no issues

Expenditures and Encumbrance Report for February & March 2017

Expenditures & Encumbrances for February 2017			
2/2/2017	Ohio Div. of Real Estate	Burial Permit Transmittal Fees for January 2017	\$170.00
2/2/2017	Spectrum cable fka Time Warner Cable	Cable for 414 E. Main	\$1,500.00
2/13/2017	Stow Kent Animal Hospital	For preparation to send animals to ODH for rabies testing	\$130.00
2/15/2017	National Restaurant Assoc.	ServSafe Course book 6th Ed., English	\$4,228.00
2/21/2017	TCS Tel-com	Mailbox creation	\$168.00
2/22/2017	NEHA	Registration fees for Jeff Neistadt	\$595.00
2/22/2017	NEHA	Registration fees for Justin Smith	\$595.00
2/22/2017	Amway Grand Plaza	Hotel Charges for NEHA AEC 2017 Conference for Jeff Neistadt	\$713.00
2/22/2017	Amway Grand Plaza	Hotel Charges for NEHA AEC 2017 Conference for Justin Smith	\$713.00

Expenditures & Encumbrances for March 2017			
3/1/2017	OEHA	Educational Conference regis. Jeff, Kyle, Jason & Justin	\$600.00
3/1/2017	Div of Real Estate	Burial Permit Fee transmittal for February	\$137.50
3/1/2017	Treasurer, State of Ohio	FSO Transmittal fees for February	\$2,322.00
3/1/2017	Treasurer, State of Ohio	RFE Transmittal fees for February	\$896.00
3/10/2017	Kent State University	Park Pass for Accreditation Coordinator	\$39.00
3/10/2017	Bissler & Sons Funeral Home	Indigent Services for Jenkins (1)	\$1,000.00
3/10/2017	Adams Mason Funeral Home	Indigent Services for Bruno (2)	\$1,000.00
3/23/2017	Bissler & Sons Funeral Home	Indigent Services for Wolff (3)	\$1,000.00

Motion: A motion to approve the expenditures and encumbrances for the months of February 2017 and March 2017 was made by Jack Amrhein and seconded by Pam Ferguson. With no objections, the motion passed.

Commissioner's Report

The Health Policy Institute of Ohio released the latest edition of its Health Value Dashboard, which ranks states and the District of Columbia on a combination of population health and healthcare spending metrics. According to the Dashboard, Ohio ranks 46th in the nation in health value. The dashboard is unique in its emphasis on "health value," rather than on population health outcomes alone. No other national rankings factor in the impact of healthcare spending. The Dashboard also takes a more comprehensive approach in looking at health by evaluating social, economic and physical environments - which are significant contributors to overall health. The Dashboard provides in depth data on 118 metrics. The Dashboard illustrates the lack of resources devoted to public health - just as many other scorecards and data analyses have shown. This is a great Ohio-specific resource to use in advocating for public health. We will be going over the snapshot in discussion items.

Jeff presented to City Council on three separate initiatives regarding the development of tobacco policies in the city of Kent. The first Smoke Free initiative is in Parks and Recreations Areas – Our department last month presented information to the Parks and Recreation Board regarding smoke free parks. It was well received by the board and myself, John Iodone, and Jim Silver will be working on a draft ordinance for council to review in the next several months. The second is Smoke Free Community Events – Over the next month we are going to be working on some draft regulations to have all of our community gatherings such as Heritage Festival, Dog Days of Summer, and KSU events downtown be completely smoke free. This is a new initiative by the CDC. The final one is Tobacco 21 Policies – This also is a newer CDC initiative that would prohibit the sale of tobacco to anyone under 21 years of age. The City of

Cleveland recently adopted this policy as data shows that if you can prohibit smoking until the age of 21 the chances of that individual ever smoking is very low.

There is also draft smoke free park signs included in your packet. The Kent Parks n Rec board are going to be reviewing the signs in their upcoming board meetings.

We applied for the mosquito control grant again through the EPA. Last year we received a little under 35k and we will be applying for a little over 41K.

OEHA testified at a hearing in support of House Bill 65. The testimony is included in your board packet. House bill 65 will improve and standardize the process by which sanitarians are evaluated by the Ohio Departments of Health and Agriculture when they inspect Food Service Operations (FSO) and Retail Food Establishments (RFE). However, more importantly, we are supportive of this bill because it will improve food safety throughout the state and assist in preventing foodborne illnesses.

County Health Rankings are out. The 2017 County Health Rankings compare counties within each state on more than 30 health-influencing factors such as education, jobs, and housing. This year's rankings reveal a disturbing trend: national premature death rates are rising for people in the prime of their lives, largely due to the drug overdose epidemic. Portage County ranked 27 in health outcomes and 25 in health factors. We ranked well in health behaviors but poorly in clinical care and physical environment such as housing problems or pollution.

Rose Ferraro, Director of Nursing at the Portage County Health Department

Rose distributed the 2015 Annual Report of Communicable Diseases (CD). No open discussion occurred but Rose stated that if any Board Members have any questions regarding the report to please send her an email or call her direct. Due to HIPPA Laws she cannot disclose any information regarding the disease or it becomes public record. The 2016 CD report is currently being generated.

Rose spoke about the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant (PHEP). They are scheduling and functional needs seminar with partnering agencies for identifying needs and resources needed for joint efforts during an emergency. Identifying and Quantifying resources is a requirement of the PHEP Grant.

Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps (BCMh) is going to see a reduction in funding if Governor Kasich moves forward with Bill 49 to move these children over to Medicaid. They would see a huge a loss in services if the Bill 49 passes. They claim this move is being considered due to sustainability. Rose stated that we need to be advocates for these children and speak against Bill 49. Personal support from everyone we can get it from is needed.

Rose stated that the Portage County Immunization grant may not be able to meet all the deliverables as required for reimbursement of expenditures. Due to this they are going to have to discontinue the travel immunization program. Travel immunizations are so expensive and the most common vaccine is for Yellow Fever and that vaccine is on back order for over a year.

A Child Fatality Review Board update. There have been a total of 4 child deaths in the past 6 months. The review board will be inviting a UH member to the meeting and see if there are some issues that need be discussed or reviewed in an attempt to prevent these deaths. These children are all under the age of one.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Accreditation Readiness Report by OSU

This report was generated by Ohio State University who received a 1.9 million dollar grant from the State of Ohio to conduct this readiness report. They used data from 2015 and not 2016 data. PHAB is continuing to look at small health department accreditation.

Annual Report 2016

This report was edited and is ready to be published on the Kent Health Department Website. Supplying an annual report of our programs is a requirement accreditation.

ACTION ITEMS

Workforce Development Plan 2017 – Every year the Workforce Development Plan needs to be updated as per domain 8 in the accreditation process.

Motion: A motion to approve the updated Workforce Development Plan for 2017 was made by Jack Amrhein and seconded by Joan Seidel. With no objections the motion passed.

Enforcement Options for potential smoke free ordinances – 3 Ordinances Requests will be taken to council in April. Smoke free Events; Tobacco 21; and Smoke Free Parks. All Downtown events will be posted as smoke free. Tobacco 21 is no selling of tobacco products to anyone under 21. And Parks in Kent will be going Smoke Free. These smoke free initiatives will be enforced by peer to peer enforcement.

Food Defense Plan and Assessments - This plan stemmed from the Republican National Convention. We received a grant for assessing and assisting establishments in making their kitchens, food and food prep areas safer and less accessible to the public in order to diminish the possibility of food contamination.

Motion: A motion to approve the Food Defense Plan and Assessments was made by Joan Seidel and seconded by Pam Ferguson. With no objections the motion passed.

Academic Health Department - A Memorandum of Understanding between KSU and the City of Kent Health Department to develop an academic health department for following activities: Student involvement; exchange of faculty, staff and research scholars; Joint research activities; Continuing education programs; Organization and participation in class lectures, seminars, academic programs and meetings; Exchange of research and educational materials.

Motion: A motion to approve the MOU between KSU & the Kent City Health Department was made by Jack Amrhein and seconded by Michelle Frederick. With no objections the motion passed.

Fair Housing Board Nominee - A Health Department Board Member needs to sit as a member on the this Board. They meet approximately twice a year, plus on an as needed basis. Joan Seidel volunteered to be that member.

AOHC Conference - Jeff would like to attend the AOHC Conference next month.

Motion: A motion to approve the expenses for Jeff Neistadt to attend the AOHC Conference was made by Jack Amrhein and seconded by Joan Seidel. With no objections the motion passed.

Executive Session

Motion: A motion at 6:47 p.m. to go into executive session for Board of Health Members to discuss methodology and periodicity of the evaluation of the Health Commissioner, was made by Jack Amrhein and seconded by Pam Ferguson. With no objections, the motion passed by roll call vote: Gwinn, Aye; Frederick, Aye; Seidel, Aye; and Wagener, Aye; Amrhein, Aye; Ferguson, Aye.

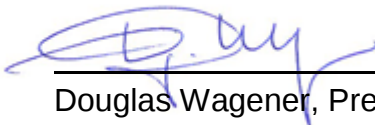
Motion: A motion at 7:04 p.m. to return from executive session, was made by Jack Amrhein and seconded by Michelle Frederick. With nothing to report and no objections, the

motion passed by roll call vote: Gwinn, Aye; Frederick, Aye; Seidel, Aye; and Wagener, Aye; Amrhein, Aye; Ferguson, Aye.

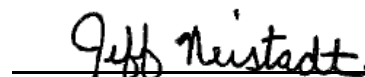
Being no further business to discuss, Doug Wagener asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: A motion to adjourn the Health Board meeting of April 11, 2017, was made by Pam Ferguson and seconded by Joan Seidel. With no further discussion the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Approved:



Douglas Wagener, President



Jeff Neistadt, Secretary