

Kent City Health Department
414 E. Main Street
Kent, Ohio 44240
HEALTH BOARD MINUTES
May 9, 2017

Board Members Present

John Gwinn
Michelle Frederick
Joan Seidel
Chris Woolverton
Jack Amrhein
Pam Ferguson

Staff Present

Jeff Neistadt
Tracy Radovic

Visitors

Nancy Rice, Parks and Rec
Janice

Pam Ferguson, Health Board Vice-President called to order the Health Board Meeting of April 11, 2017, at 5:32 p.m.

The minutes from the April 11, 2017, meeting were distributed and reviewed by the Health Board members prior to the meeting.

Motion: A motion to approve the minutes of April 11, 2017, was made by Joan Seidel and seconded by Michelle Frederick. With no objections, the motion passed. Chris Woolverton abstained from voting due to not being present at the last meeting.

Statistical Report for April 2017 – no issues**Expenditures and Encumbrance Report for April 2017**

Expenditures & Encumbrances for April 2017			
4/4/2017	NEHA	Membership dues for J. Smith	\$95.00
4/4/2017	NEHA	Credential Renewal for Justin Smith	\$130.00
4/4/2017	Treasurer, State of Ohio	RFE Transmittal Fees for March 2017	\$224.00
4/4/2017	Treasurer, State of Ohio	FSO Transmittal Fees for March 2017	\$896.00
4/4/2017	Division of Real Estate	Burial Permit Transmittal Fees for March 2017	\$180.00
4/11/2017	Central Maintenance	Work Order 16041 for HD3 service	\$72.25
4/11/2017	Treasurer, State of Ohio	Technology fee transmittal for Jan, Feb., and Mar. 2017	\$35,083.36
4/11/2017	Jason Revesz	OEHA Travel Reimbursement	\$7.51
4/11/2017	Kyle Kelly	OEHA Travel Reimbursement	\$73.80
4/11/2017	Jeff Neistadt	OEHA Travel Reimbursement	\$49.71
4/12/2017	Justin Smith	OEHA Travel Reimbursement	\$124.11
4/13/2017	PHCC/OPHP	Reg. for J. Neistadt for Public Health Combined Conference	\$195.00
4/20/2017	KSU	Lease payments for 414 E Main St.	\$12,000.00
4/20/2017	KSU	Parking Passes for Health Department Staff	\$2,500.00
4/20/2017	Portage Co. Health Department	Nursing Services for 2017	\$44,718.60
4/20/2017	Bissler & Sons Funeral Home	Indigent Services for Kent Resident - Burroughs (4)	\$1,000.00
4/25/2017	OPHA	Accreditation Readiness Training for Tearris Lumpkin	\$45.00
4/26/2017	Baldwin Wallace University	Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt Cert. training for T. Lumpkin	\$899.00

Motion: A motion to approve the expenditures and encumbrances for the month of April 2017 was made by Chris Woolverton and seconded by Jack Amrhein. With no objections, the motion passed.

Commissioner's Report

Trust for America's Health (TFAH) released the report Funding Crisis for Public Health and Safety: A State-by-State Public Health Funding and Key Health Facts, 2017, which finds that core funding for disease prevention and health promotion programs has declined by around \$580 million federally and has remained flat in states since 2010. The report finds that cuts to federal funds have not been offset by increases to state and local funding. Ohio ranked 43rd in the country for federal public health funding. Of interest is that only \$4 per person per year is spent on chronic disease prevention activities at CDC (\$1.2 billion total). Nearly half of all Americans have one or more chronic disease – a majority of which are preventable – and more than 80 percent of healthcare spending is for chronic conditions.

The Trump Administration has proposed a \$49 million budget cut to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program (PHEP) to offset spending for the border wall and other defense programs. As a board of health member please advocate for continued support for the PHEP program as it has allowed local public health to be involved in community preparedness planning and emergency response.

The quarterly tree city bulletin articles were included with your board materials. Articles were included on pesticide notification requirements, our mosquito program, as well as our level 2 certification trainings.

Of interest to local boards is that in March the Ohio Attorney General issued an opinion regarding the role of local boards of health in the oversight of algal blooms. AOHC is advising members of the recent opinion and allow local Boards of Health to take such action as they feel necessary to ensure the public is protected from Harmful Algal Blooms.

Tracy and I participated in our annual NECO regional exercise two weeks ago. The exercise tested our capabilities to deal with large amounts of deceased but was not a very lifelike scenario and had very little to do with public health.

As the academic health department is a legal agreement I have to go to present the idea to council in June. There were also questions by city leadership as to the cost associated with this new venture.

We are making great progress on our accreditation documentation. We have completed Domain 8 and are finalizing Domain 10 and 12 this month.

HHS under this administration have delayed the menu labeling requirements for restaurants that were supposed to be going into effect this May. The quote from the new HHS secretary stated "Imposing burdensome rules that leave business managers and owners worried about harsh potential penalties and less able to serve their customers is unwise and unhelpful."

OPEN COMMENTS - Nancy Rice & Janice from Parks and Recreation came to the Board of Health Meeting to do a presentation on their recent project, The Ultimate Fitness Challenge. Kent Parks and Recreation as well as University Hospitals Portage Medical Center, and University Chiropractic and Wellness are all working together on the project. The challenge is open to anyone 14 and up. It's a 6 month challenge. Sign-up fee is \$75.00 and it includes pre & post fitness assessments, a 6 month gym membership to KPR Fitness Center, you get 25% off massage with Janice, free monthly seminars, prizes and awards will be offered as well.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Food Service Discussion – Dogs in restaurants and at Kent outdoor events are not permitted. We contacted the State Health Department and with the legal ramifications with the service dog issue, the extent of asking a patron to remove their animal will only be done if the patron admits it is not a service animal.

New Board of Health Member – Chris Woolverton has returned as a Health Board Member.

Academic Health Department Update – Jeff Neistadt stated that an agreement is in place and he will be presenting to Council June 7th for their comment and approval.

ACTION ITEMS

Tobacco Free Ohio Alliance Membership – this membership is a collaboration of agencies and organizations coming together to discuss tobacco free initiatives.

Motion: A motion to approve becoming a member of the Tobacco Free Ohio Alliance Membership was made by Joan Seidel and seconded by Jack Amrhein. With no objections the motion passed.

Quality Improvement Team Board Appointment – A board member needs to sit on the this team. Joan Siedel volunteered to be the Board Appointed member.

ARAQMD Contract – This is a no fee contract with no contract changes. Services are billed directly to each company.

Motion: A motion to approve the Akron Regional Air Quality Management District Contract was made by Chris Woolverton and seconded by John Gwinn. With no objections the motion passed.

Human Subjects Policy – This policy is required for accreditation. We do not use human subjects for studies.

Motion: A motion to approve the Kent City Health Department policy regarding Human Subjects was made by Jack Amrhein and seconded by Chris Woolverton. With no objections the motion passed.

Wireless internet- It is a need to have Wireless internet installed here at the Health Department or we will have to pay a monthly fee for this service once we have Interns from Academic Health Department on site.

Motion: A motion to approve the installation of or the expenses for wireless internet at the Kent Health Department was made by Jack Amrhein and seconded by Joan Seidel. With no objections the motion passed.

No Executive Session

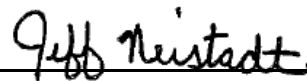
Being no further business to discuss, Pam Ferguson asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: A motion to adjourn the Health Board meeting of May 9, 2017, was made by Jack Amrhein and seconded by Chris Woolverton. With no further discussion the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Approved:



Pamela Ferguson, Vice President



Jeff Neistadt, Secretary