

Kent City Health Department
Portage EMA
8240 Infirmary Road
Ravenna, Ohio 44266

HEALTH BOARD MINUTES
June 13, 2017

Board Members Present

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

Staff Present

Jeff Neistadt
Tearris Lumpkin

Visitors

Rose Ferraro, Portage County
Nursing Director

Pam Ferguson, Health Board Vice-President called to order the Health Board Meeting of June 13, 2017, at 5:15 p.m.

The minutes from the May 9, 2017, meeting were distributed and reviewed by the Health Board members prior to the meeting.

Motion: A motion to approve the minutes of May 9, 2017, was made by Chris Woolverton and seconded by Jack Amrhein. With no objections, the motion passed.

Statistical Report for May 2017 – no issues

Expenditures and Encumbrances Report for May 2017

Expenditures & Encumbrances for May 2017			
5/2/2017	Ohio Div. of Real Estate	Burial Permit Transmittal fee for April 2017	\$115.00
5/3/2017	Treasurer, State of Ohio	Food Service Transmittal fees for April 2017	\$28.00
5/4/2017	Treasurer, State of Ohio	Retail Food Transmittal Fees for April 2017	\$28.00
5/19/2017	Jason Revesz	Reimbursement for R.S. License	\$165.00
5/19/2017	Jeff Neistadt	Reimbursement for expenses at AOHC conference	\$108.90
5/19/2017	Univar USA, Inc.	Altosid drums & briquets & larvacide oil-mosquito control	\$2,430.36
5/26/2017	Tearris Lumpkin	Mileage Reimbursement for May 2017	\$201.67

Motion: A motion to approve the expenditures and encumbrances for the month of May 2017 was made by John Gwinn and seconded by Joan Seidel. With no objections, the motion passed.

Commissioner's Report

The amended substitute version of HB 49 is now under consideration by the Senate. Amendments were due to the Finance Committee Chairman's office this week. AOHC testified twice before the Senate subcommittee and we are asking board members to contact their state senators in the coming weeks to support the following:

1. Reinstate funding to support LHD accreditation efforts to the "as introduced" levels:

Local Health Department Support: \$500,000 cut in year 1; \$1 million cut in year 2. This additional money is intended to pay for a doubling of the state subsidy for accredited LHDs. This line was cut 25% in year 1 and 40% in year 2.

Agency Health Services: \$750,000 cut in each of the two years of the upcoming biennium, from \$4.5 million to \$3.75 million, a 16% cut. This is BRAND NEW money, intended to support grants to LHDs who must spend additional dollars to move from a 5 year to a 3 year planning cycle for the community health assessment to align with the state mandated schedule. Plus, it was also allocated to assist merging LHDs with expenses related to merging as well as accreditation costs for the newly merged district.

For both of these appropriation line items, if they cannot be completely restored, they should not be cut as much as 40%, when the across-the-board cut to most line items was only 1.5%.

1. Reinstate the independent Board of Sanitarian Registration, including scope of practice, registration requirements and fees. This is important to assure the best practice of environmental health in Ohio, because an independent board of experts that is politically unencumbered and financially self-sufficient is essential to establishing the highest possible practice standards and enforcing state law and rule in this regard.
2. Oppose the addition of \$3 to the vital statistics fees, designated to go to the Ohio Children's Trust Fund. This would place an undue burden on poorer citizens who must purchase birth certificates for various reasons, plus add to the money that LHDs must collect on the state's behalf. Other provisions included in house bill 49 include:
 - Restriction of Medicaid coverage to Group VIII, which is the working poor. This is the Medicaid expansion.
 - Severe cuts in tobacco enforcement and prevention funding, up to 75%.
 - Exclusive authority for ODH to administer all efforts in the state related to lead exposure. This provision would strip authority from cities to make their own decisions about the use of local and federal funds designated for this purpose.
 - Requirement for LHDs to revoke the license of a campground that has felonious activity occurring in it

OPEN COMMENTS

Rose Ferraro from the Portage County Health Department wanted to update the Health Board on the state of the Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps (BCMh) funding that she discussed a couple months of ago. Rose stated that the issue regarding state funding being placed in Medicaid for BCMh has currently been pulled from discussions based on testimony. There is not going to be any changes in the BCMh programs funding any time soon.

Rose offered Portage County Emergency Management Plan update. Rose stated that they had arranged a workshop with local agencies and nurses regarding emergency response and local resources available. The goal was to identify what resources are available and what resources we have to offer others in case of a public health emergency. A list is being put together across portage county agencies to include in our emergency response plan. Rose stated that an agreement across agencies is being drawn up so that there is a plan to follow if the need arises.

Rose indicated to the Health Board that the Portage County Nursing Division just hired a new nurse for the specific purpose and use oversee the Immunization Program Grant Deliverables.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Academic Health Department – Jeff stated that the Academic Health Department MOA was presented to Council at their last meeting, a full Council vote will take place next week. Council had no issue with the agreement at this time. Jeff asked that Chris Woolverton make an official request to Tom Euclid to use the upstairs space for the Academic Health Department, the KSU Space Committee needs an official request. Approval from them will help move this forward as well as issues of space, internet, furniture etc.

Public Health Accreditation Jeff introduced Tearris Lumpkin the Kent Health Department Accreditation Coordinator. Tearris addressed the Board with an accreditation update. She stated the Health Department is continuing to follow the OPH timeline for accreditation and our statement of intent will be going out about September 2017. We will apply for accreditation by the week of January 8, 2018, and we hope for a decision by July 2020. We are working on Performance Management now and the development some goals in each program area. Once we have our goals and objectives in place we will be able to identify the gaps, and that's where the Quality Improvement Committee will come in and help with the development of projects. Tearris stated that she had visited the Wood County Health Department, who is accredited. She was able to get a demonstration of their Performance Management System. It is user friendly and it was well liked by the staff when presented it so we would like to adopt it as well. Jeff stated that he would like to get to at least 90% of paperwork gathered before applying for accreditation in January.

Budget – Jeff stated that it is annual budget time again, we are looking for an approximate 10% increase in the Budget. We would also like to request another full time sanitarian/health educator. The PHAB Application fee will be budgeted for in this budget as well.

Motion: A motion to create a new job description and approve an additional full time Sanitarian/Health Educator for the Health Department for the 2018 budget was made by Chris Woolverton and seconded by Michelle Frederick. With no objections the motion passed.

ACTION ITEMS

Health Board President and Vice President Nomination Pam Ferguson has taken over Presidency for one year but we need a vice president nomination. This will be moved for vote at the August 2017 Meeting.

July Health Board Meeting – Jeff stated that due to a travel for NEHA and vacation he will be unable to attend a board member meeting for July 2017. Another board member will be out of town as well. It was discussed that July's meeting be cancelled and August 8, 2017 be the next regular Health Board Meeting.

Motion: A motion to cancel the July 2017 Health Board Meeting was made by Chris Woolverton and seconded by Jack Amrhein. With no objections the motion passed.

No Executive Session

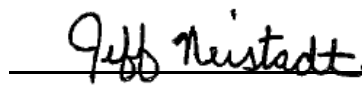
Being no further business to discuss, Pam Ferguson asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: A motion to adjourn the Health Board meeting of June 13, 2017, was made by Joan Seidel and seconded by Jack Amrhein. With no further discussion the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Approved:



Pamela Ferguson, Vice President



Jeff Neistadt, Secretary