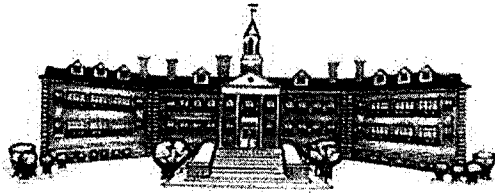


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Minutes

February 18, 2020

Call to Order – The February 18, 2020, meeting was called to order by President Neisha Grubaugh at 6:30 PM. Members in attendance were Gary Wood, Carole Wachtel, Jim Glover, John Wetmore, Dr. Scarpitti, Mary Billy, Larry Friesel, Chicky Dyer, Shelly Ellis.

Adoption of the Agenda – Carole Wachtel made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Second by John Wetmore, motion approved.

Approval of Minutes – Gary Wood made a motion to approve the January 21, 2020, meeting minutes. Second Carole Wachtel, motion approved. Shelly and Chicky abstained.

Public Comment – 11 persons spoke to express their support of a county Syringe Exchange Program.

Hearings- Subdivision Review: The Wills Family Subdivision plans were presented to the Board.

A motion was made by Larry Friesel to approve the Wills Family Subdivision. Second Carole Wachtel, motion approved.

A variance request was presented to the Board pertaining to the address of 3927 Lancaster Road owned by Randy Williams.

A motion was made by Dr. Scarpitti to disapprove the variance request for 3927 Lancaster Road. Second by Shelly Ellis, motion approved.

A variance request was presented to the Board pertaining to the address of 1165 Homer Road owned by Jeff Dick.

A motion was made by Gary Wood to approve the variance request for 1165 Homer Road. Second by John Wetmore, motion approved.

A variance request was presented to the Board pertaining to the address of 9161 Woodhaven Road owned by Michael Clark.

A motion was made by Carole Wachtel to approve the variance request for 9161 Woodhaven Road. Second Chicky Dyer, motion approved.

A variance request was presented to the Board pertaining to the address of 8109 Lancaster Road owned by Gwendolyn Carpenter.

A motion was made by Carole Wachtel to approve the variance request for 8109 Lancaster Road. Second Dr. Scarpitti, motion approved.

A variance request was presented to the Board pertaining to the address of 9055 Stickle Road owned by David Berger.

A motion was made by Dr. Scarpitti to approve the variance request for 9055 Stickle Road. Second Mary Billy, motion approved.

Featured Program Presentation: Novel Corona Virus – Health Commissioner Ebel. Joe provided an up to date presentation on Covid19 and the current CDC and WHO recommendations for quarantine, isolation, and monitoring of travelers and potential cases.

Community and Personal Health Report – Kari Kennedy provided a written report to the Board.

The Communicable Disease Report was presented to the Board. Kari spoke of a TB case that the department is monitoring and mentioned cases of Varicella in Lakewood LSD that do not appear to be expanding.

Environmental Report and Health and Preparedness Report - Chad Brown provided a written report to the Board.

Chad spoke of some changes taking place in the Environmental Health division and shifting staff between different programs to allow for cross-training. Despite the shifts and additional training, one sanitarian will need to be hired, and those candidates have been reviewed. These changes should allow for greater stability and better quality, based on customer and public feedback.

Chad touched base on a Legionella case separate from that referenced in the January minutes, and has worked with ODH to remediate the issues with the facility the case stemmed from.

Green Belt training is continuing next week with Chad and Anna Wollenburg attending.

Maternal and Child Health Report - Todd Kirkpatrick provided a written report to the Board.

Todd outlined the data with the Healthy Mom and Baby program, which is the program selected for review for Chad and Anna's Green Belt certification. The program will provide the opportunity to serve additional women through the WIC program and positive outcomes are anticipated.

The Help Me Grow program participation agreement has been submitted to ODH. Candidates for the home visitor position continue to be reviewed.

Todd spoke of the updates taking place in the WIC program and has offered to allow other counties to shadow as their changes roll out.

Health Promotion Report - Ashley See provided a written report to the Board.

Ashley spoke about working with the new Health Education manager, Carrie McKee, and introducing her to the various programs in the Health Promotion division. Carrie will be directly overseeing Chris Saylor, Victoria Ivan and Mary Richardson, while Ashley

will oversee Casey Pitcock, Jon Kraus, Ashleigh Thornton and Kirsten Frissora. One management position remains open. This shift is going well.

We were awarded the Healthy Homes Grant for Lead awareness, but also to promote smoke free housing, which Jon Kraus is taking the lead on.

Joe spoke about how tobacco use reduction is tracked in Licking County and how success of that program is monitored. BRFSS, the survey sent out every 3 years, provides the overall tobacco and smoking rates, as well as some surveys completed by the schools that outlined teen tobacco usage.

A question was posed about drug addiction and how we gauge the percent of the population who uses or are addicted to drugs. Jim Glover advised of how fire departments and EMS are supposed to report and respond to overdose calls, and advised of the accidental and intentional overdoses, but outlined that the follow-up on these cases are in the hands of other agencies. Dr. Scarpitti had also asked about how other counties are handling the report of overdoses and drug use, which is subsequently subject to what kind of drugs. Joe explained that there is data available through the state and federal agencies, but outlined the limitations of locally available data and the difficulty in trying to correlate overdose reduction and increased entry into treatment with needle exchange programs by comparing data from other counties. There was also a discussion about how the state opioid settlement money may be disbursed and used among local townships, villages, and cities.

Health Commissioner Report - Joe Ebel provided a written report to the Board.

Joe outlined some answers pertaining to questions that arose in the previous month about the Building Maintenance report, which he addressed in a section of his report.

A call Joe received from Congressman Troy Balderson was unique in the sense that he called and asked how he could help. A follow-up meeting is scheduled with the congressman's staff to discuss public health programs and needs.

Joe outlined the data on his report with the Emergency Department submissions for suspected drug overdoses and is interested in seeing what the first quarter of 2020 will outline and is happy to see this level of data come through at the aid of the state.

Dr. Scarpitti asked about the status of the Fallsburg Landfill and the passing of Brenda Roberts. At this point, the future of the landfill is unknown, but our mandated post-closure care and follow-up will continue. The current ground cover looks good, and the pond was pumped down to its lowest level before winter.

Financial Reports and Bills -The financial reports were presented to the Board and discussed.

The January LCHD Financial Reports were approved on a motion by Carole Wachtel, Shelly Ellis second, all members voted yea, motion approved.

The January LCHD Bills were discussed and approved on a motion by Carole Wachtel, second Gary Wood, all members voted yea, motion approved.

The 2021 Preliminary Budget was presented to the Board and discussed. No major

assumptions in staffing were made as they would not be known at this point. A motion to approve the 2021 preliminary Budget was made by Larry Friesel, second Mary Billy, motion approved.

Personnel

The request to hire a Clerk and summer interns was discussed. A motion was made by Dr. Scarpitti to authorize the Health Commissioner to hire an EH Clerk and two Summer interns for Environmental Health. Second Carole Wachtel., motion approved.

The Board discussed the internal posting of a Health Commissioner due to the potential retirement of the current Health Commissioner, Joe Ebel. A motion was made by Carole Wachtel to authorize the hiring of Chad Brown as Licking County Health Commissioner, effective upon the retirement of the current Health Commissioner. Second Larry Friesel, motion approved.

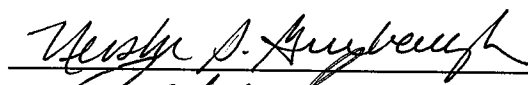
Board member comments

Carole Wachtel addressed a concern made in public comment about representation of the healthcare field on the board of health.

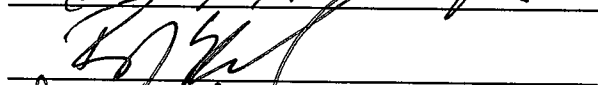
The next scheduled meeting of the Licking County Board of Health will be held Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

The Licking County Board of Health was adjourned at 8:20 PM on a motion by Dr. Scarpitti, second Carole Wachtel, motion approved.

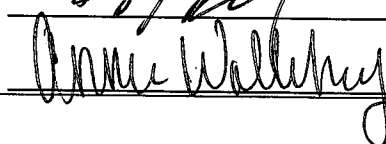
Approved:



Neisha Grubaugh, Board President



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Anna Wollenburg, Finance Manager