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Minutes

January 21, 2020

Call to Order – The January 21, 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, and Larry Friesel.

Adoption of the Agenda – Dr. Scarpitti made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Second by Mary Billy, motion approved.

Approval of Minutes – Carole Wachtel made a motion to approve the December 17, 2019, meeting minutes. Second Larry Friesel, motion approved.

Public Comment – 2 persons spoke to express their support of a county Syringe Exchange Program.

Hearings- Public Health Guardian Award - Kay Spergel, Executive Director for Mental Health and Recovery for Licking and Knox Counties, was presented the Public Health Guardian Award for 2019. Kay has been a strong public health partner who supports programs and participates on local boards that seek to improve the physical and mental health of the public in Licking County. Kay thanked the Board of Health for their consideration in presenting her the award. She looks forward to future collaboration and program development.

Featured Program Presentation: Clear Impact Community Health Assessment Tool was presented by Joe Ebel. The Clear Impact Tool provides for a condensed version of health assessment data. Story Behind the Curves tabs, Why is this Important tabs and colored buttons provide for a more in-depth explanation of the topics when clicked. The tool is accessible from the LCHD website. The Board members are encouraged to use the tool to gain knowledge on topics of interest. The Board was impressed with the amount of information the Clear Impact Tool can provide and thanked Joe for the presentation.

Community and Personal Health Report – Kari Kennedy provided a written report to the Board. Kari was out of the office ill and did not attend the meeting.

The Communicable Disease Report was presented to the Board.

Chad reported on a Legionella case in a resident at a local nursing home facility. Greg Chumney worked with the facility on Friday afternoon into Friday evening. A request has been made to ODH to provide additional training to the LCHD EH staff pertaining to

reports of Legionella.

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

The Food Safety Report was presented to the Board and discussed. Several facilities on the report are coming off the monthly inspection list.

LCHD is continuing to work with representatives from Franklin, Delaware, and Union Counties to fully implement our new EH software system.

Chad and Anna Wollenburg will attend a LEAN Green Belt training in Zanesville beginning tomorrow. As part of the training we will be implementing a quality improvement project and evaluating our efforts regarding the process we choose to improve.

Maternal and Child Health Report - Todd Kirkpatrick provided a written report to the Board. Todd was on vacation and did not attend the meeting.

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

A Health Education Manager position opening has been posted internally at the Health Department. Carrie McKee, Health Educator, is being promoted to the position.

January is Indoor Radon Awareness month. Various advertising campaigns have been purchased with grant award dollars.

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

Joe's written report also provided graphs and charts demonstrating the expenses and revenues for 2019. The 2021 budget is being prepared and will be presented to the Board at the March board meeting for approval.

A Help Me Grow program meeting was held recently. Joe recommended that LCHD restart HMG services in Licking County. The goal is to have 20 children per home visitor. The Early Head Start program is currently serving 12 children per home visitor.

Joe had a conversation with Carol Baden from Recovery Ohio, the Governor's task force on addressing the opioid epidemic. The conversation was a follow up to the letter sent to the Governor on behalf of the Board requesting a meeting. Dr. Scarpitti suggested the Board call the governor's office individually or as a group to press for a meeting or a conversation to discuss the opioid crisis.

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

The December LCHD Financial Reports were approved on a motion by Carole Wachtel, second Gary Wood, all members voted yea, motion approved.

The December LCHD Bills were discussed and approved on a motion by Carole Wachtel, second Mary Billy, all members voted yea, motion approved.

Resolution 2020-03 WPCLF- A resolution was presented to allow for the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund monies acceptance.

A motion was made by Dr. Scarpitti to approve Resolution 2020-03 to accept the

WPCLF funding for 2020. Second John Wetmore, a roll call vote was conducted, motion approved.

Personnel

An Out of State travel request was brought to the Board to allow Todd Kirkpatrick to attend the National WIC Association Conference in New Orleans in May of 2020. A motion was made by Dr. Scarpitti to approve the Out of State travel of Todd Kirkpatrick to New Orleans for the National WIC Association Conference. Second Carole Wachtel, motion approved.

The Board discussed the option to provide the Help Me Grow program services in Licking County.

A motion was made by Carole Wachtel to authorize the Health Commissioner to hire a Home Visitor for the Help Me Grow program. Second Larry Friesel, motion approved.

A motion was made by Larry Friesel to accept the resignation of Jared Redmond, Sanitarian. Second Dr. Scarpitti, motion approved.

A motion was made by Carole Wachtel to authorize the Health Commissioner to hire an EH Sanitarian. Second Larry Friesel, 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 approve the internal posting for Licking County Health Commissioner. Second Dr. Scarpitti, motion approved.

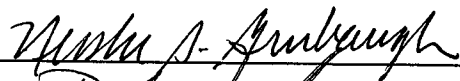
Board member comments – Dr. Scarpitti asked about an analysis on the Building Maintenance Report. The AEP utility budget was discussed. Information will be provided at the next meeting.

Carole Wachtel commented that she has met with the Newark city mayor and other staff to provide health department updates. She notified them of the LCHD Early Retirement Incentive plan and the potential retirement of the Health Commissioner.

The next scheduled meeting of the Licking County Board of Health will be held Tuesday, February 18, 2020.

The Licking County Board of Health was adjourned at 7:45 PM on a motion by Dr. Scarpitti, second Gary Wood, motion approved.

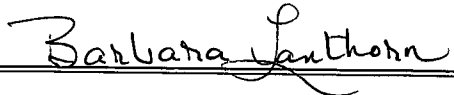
Approved:



Neisha Grubaugh, Board President



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Barbara Lanthorn, Administrative Director