

Board of Health

Minutes

June 18, 2024

Call to Order – The June 18th, 2024, board meeting was held with in-person attendance. President Neisha Grubaugh called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Members in attendance were Ed Smith, Dr. Patrick Scarpitti, John Wetmore, Larry Friesel, Neisha Grubaugh, Carole Wachtel, Shelly Ellis and Kathy Wyatt.

Those not in attendance were Mary Billy and Rich Kozlowski.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Adoption of the Agenda: Dr. Patrick Scarpitti made a motion to approve the amended meeting agenda, John Wetmore seconded. All members voted yea.

Approval of Minutes: The June 7th, 2024, minutes were presented and discussed. A motion to approve was presented by Dr. Patrick Scarpitti, seconded by Ed Smith. Motion passed.

The April 16th, 2024, Revised minutes were presented and discussed. A motion to approve was presented by Shelly Ellis, seconded by Kathy Wyatt. Motion passed.

The March 9th, 2024, Revised minutes were presented and discussed. A motion to approve was presented by Carole Wachtel, seconded by Larry Friesel. Motion passed.

Introduction of New Staff: Assistant Health Commissioner Greg Chumney introduced Jeanne Moore and Nadia Ahmed, both Health Educator's to the board. Jeanne Moore started on May 28th in our OHIZ Grant and Nadia Ahmed started on June 10th in the Youth Suicide Prevention Grant at LCHD. Evan Beatty came in around 6:10 to be introduced. Evan has been with us since June 3rd and is currently in our Tobacco Grant.

Public Comment: None.

Hearings and Variances: Scott Morris explained the following facility variances

- **1 Firehouse Drive, St. Louisville** – HSTS Tank Location. The existing septic tank is collapsing and is located in the parking lot of the facility. A traffic rated septic tank will be installed and the current tank will be properly abandoned. Dr.
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Patrick Scarpitti motioned to approve, seconded by Carole Wachtel. Shelly Ellis abstained. Motion approved.

Community and Personal Health Report: Director of Community and Personal Health Kari Kennedy provided a written report to the board. Kari stated that the Ohio BCCP program achieved the CDC goal of serving 7,000 women, this is a huge accomplishment for the program and the first time this goal has been achieved in quite a while. Neisha asked what achieving this goal means for the program. Kari explained that this should mean more funding for the program for the state and each region to assist with staffing and outreach costs. Kari shared that LCHD will be attending the annual Veteran's Stand Down event again this year on September 19th and will be taking the Mobile Unit. Multiple county organizations attend that serve veterans and we take vaccines, COVID/Flu if they have arrived for the season, as well as information about other LCHD programs. Dr. Scarpitti asked about the TB cases. Kari shared of our two active cases, one is slated to complete treatment at the end of July and the other before the end of the year. She also shared that the two new TB cases that showed on the monthly Communicable Disease Report are cases that are being investigated, but at this point all test results are negative and do not indicate any active TB disease.

Environmental Health Report: Outdoor Environmental Health Director Scott Morris presented a written report to the board. Scott stated that mosquito program is in full swing. They have performed 4 weeks of mosquito trapping. The mosquito numbers have been relatively low as of lately with cold spells at the beginning of the month. Complaints are still coming in, but they are handling them with either a spray or larvicide treatment.

Outdoor EH is currently working through conducting inspections on the outdoor pools, campgrounds/resident camps, and temporary camps. Neisha asked if the state is testing mosquitoes for West Nile Virus, and Scott stated that they are but are a few weeks behind. If we have a positive pool, we send the sample to ODH for confirmation testing, but we can spray the area quickly based on our results.

Greg said we are awaiting the Ohio Department of Agriculture food survey report. We have processed multiple large plumbing permits in the past month. We are continuing to review applications for our plumbing inspector position as the workload continues to increase.

Maternal and Child Health Report: Maternal and Child Health Director Todd Kirkpatrick provided a written report to the board. Todd spoke on his report. WIC will be passing out Farmers market coupons after the 4th of July holiday. WIC will have an intern for 3 weeks in July. Carole Wachtel wanted to know if more places are taking WIC coupons as she is seeing more shelf tags. Todd stated no new stores and that the shelf tags are voluntary. Ed inquired about a WIC funding update. Todd stated funding comes from the Federal level and we might be getting more funding this fiscal year, and if we do, we'll have to spend it by September 30th. ODH has a funding plan, and it will probably be scrutinized more this year since grant funding is not meeting what local projects need. Ed Smith asked if it made sense to have an action plan to make sure that we talk to the appropriate parties to move the funding along faster and be more proactive. Neisha Grubaugh stated that was a great idea and they need to get with Health Commissioner Chad Brown to discuss. Neisha Grubaugh stated that we needed to touch base again next month. Kathy Wyatt wanted to know who has the power to increase funding. Todd stated ultimately the funding comes from the federal government. Dr. Patrick Scarpitti wants to see if there is any response to the letter that Chad Brown sent out. Neisha Grubaugh wanted to know if there were other States concerned about funding, and Todd indicated he will reach out to gather information. Neisha Grubaugh wanted everyone to come up with ideas for next meeting and that she will touch base with Chad Brown next week.

Health Promotion Report: Health Promotion Director Brianna Perkins provided a written report. Brianna was not in attendance.

Administrative Services Report: Director of Fiscal Services, Taunja Dudgeon provided a written report. Discussed that cross training is still going on for the front office, clinic and Pataskala.

Health Commissioner Report: Health Commissioner Chad Brown provided a written report to the board. Chad was not in attendance. Greg Chumney stated that Chuck Lasure took the Facility Manager and will start July 15th. Dr. Patrick Scarpitti asked what the salary will be for that position. Greg stated it was in the manager PayScale.

Financial Reports and Bills:

The financial reports were presented to the board and discussed. The May 2024 LCHD Financial Reports were approved on a motion by Carole Wachtel, Kathy Wyatt seconded. All members voted yea; motion passed.

The May 2024 LCHD Bills were presented and discussed. Carole Wachtel presented a motion to approve, Shelly Ellis seconded. All members voted yea; motion passed.

Contract Agreements:

Resolution 2024-38 was presented to the board to enter into an agreement with CTEC. A motion to approve was presented by Dr. Patrick Scarpitti, Larry Friesel seconded. Motion passed.

Resolution 2024-39 was presented to the board to enter into an agreement with Licking County Sheriff's Office. A motion to approve was presented by Dr. Patrick Scarpitti, Larry Friesel seconded. Motion passed.

Personnel:

- a. Authorization to hire a Finance Manager and a Clerk was presented to the board. A motion to approve was presented by Dr. Scarpitti, John Wetmore seconded. Motion passed.
- b. Authorization for the acceptance of resignation for Faith Fosco, Dental Assistant, was received. A motion to accept with regret was presented by Dr. Scarpitti, Carole Wachtel seconded. Motion passed.

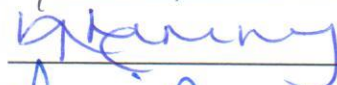
Board Member Comments: None.

The June 18th, 2024, Licking County Board of Health was adjourned at 6:22 PM on a motion by Dr. Patrick Scarpitti, seconded by John Wetmore. Meeting adjourned.

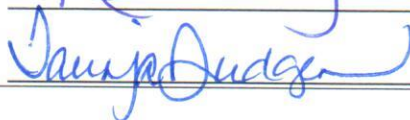
Approved:



Neisha Grubaugh, Board President



Greg Chumney, Assistant Health Commissioner



Taunja Dudgeon, Director of Fiscal Services