

FINDLAY CITY BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

REGULAR SESSION

Sept. 16, 2015

FINDLAY CITY MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Members Attendance:

- A Mayor Lydia Mihalik, *President Ex Officio*
- X Dr. Stephen Mills, Health Commissioner/Board Secretary
- X Mr. Gregory Cline, *President Pro Tempore*
- X Mr. William Alge
- X Dr. Robert McEvoy
- X Mrs. Joan Work
- A Licensing Council Rep Vacant

Staff Attendance:

- X Mrs. Barbara Wilhelm, Deputy Health Commissioner
- X Mr. Craig Niese, Environmental Health Director
- A Mrs. Becky Bern, Nursing Director
- X Mr. Eric Helms, Plumbing Inspector
- X Mr. Chad Masters, Emergency Response
- X Mr. Noah Stuby, Implementation Coordinator

X Will McHugh

Call to Order: Board President Greg Cline called the meeting to order at 7:32 A.M.

Minutes: Mr. Cline called for a motion to accept the August minutes. Dr. McEvoy moved to accept the minutes from the August 19, 2015 Board of Health meeting as circulated. Seconded by Mrs. Work. **Motion carried 4-0. Filed.**

HEALTH COMMISSIONER REPORT

1. Dr. Mills updated the Board on activities of the Hancock Pathways action group. He shared a copy of the brochure that is being developed and noted the University of Findlay has put together a video on the benefits of community trails. A logo and website have also been developed and the Hancock Parks District has established a fund titled the Blanchard River Greenway Trail to accept donations. Next steps will include bringing the information to the public to start raising the necessary funding. The group is trying to make sure what they are doing coordinates with other projects including the downtown improvement project and any development of FEMA affected areas around the river. The first phase of the Pathways project will be to extend the current trail from Riverside Park to Bright Road.

DEPUTY HEALTH COMMISSIONER REPORT

1. Drug overdoses continue to be a concern with seven overdose deaths recorded in the first half of this year. Mrs. Wilhelm noted that she recently trained and distributed 5 Naloxone kits to members of the Hancock Metrich Unit and officers indicated there had been at least three more overdoses over the weekend. In July and August Blanchard Valley Hospital saw 22 emergency room visits related to drug overdoses. In addition to tracking these numbers a committee has been working on how to conduct overdose reviews. The hospital, ADAMHS Board, treatment providers and the health department are looking at the possibility of working with the University of Findlay to develop a research project surrounding these reviews. The

University is interested and are investigating a protocol and project that could get IRB approval.

- 2..Pursuant to previous Board discussions Mrs. Wilhelm shared a resolution regarding the legalization of marijuana that had been provided in the Board packet. Law Director Don Rasmussen has reviewed and approved the resolution. **Dr. McEvoy moved to approve the resolution against the legalization of marijuana.** Seconded by Mr. Alge. **Motion carried 4-0. Filed.** Dr. Mills noted more discussion is being seen on social media regarding the heroin problem. People are speaking out and sharing their story. Dr. McEvoy noted an excellent program is being held at the University of Findlay on Wednesday evenings regarding addiction and is open to the public. They will be bringing in a nationally known speaker on Wednesday November 18, 2015.
3. Mrs. Wilhelm explained that new performance management software for use with the new combined health district has been purchased. This software will be extremely useful as we pursue accreditation as is designed to enhance and manage the performance of a public health organization. Money was set aside in a special project account and the purchase was made through the Findlay City Health Department so the expense will come before this Board for approval. She further explained that these costs will be considered when the city and county rectify costs as the end of the year.

NURSING REPORT

1. There was no report from the nursing division.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT

1. Mr. Niese updated the Board on the status of mosquito spraying. His division finished up spraying around the fairgrounds just prior to the fair. Unless a mosquito borne illness would surface he is winding down the spraying program for this year. With the weather turning cooler mosquito activity is decreasing.
2. The Board was also made aware of a recent car accident involving one of the staff sanitarians. The vehicle was struck as he was turning into the University of Findlay parking lot. The employee was a little sore but suffered no serious injuries and refused treatment. The Board expressed their concern and relief that the employee was not injured.
3. **Dr. McEvoy motioned to approve the plan and specifications for: The Links Indoor Golf, 2435 S. Main St.** Seconded by Mr. Alge. **Motion carried 4-0. Filed.**

EMERGENCY RESPONSE / EPI REPORT

1. Mr. Masters informed the Board that he had received results from the out-of-state outbreak following the meeting on August 19th, and both samples were negative for Cryptosporidium and Giardia. These results were communicated to the family and education on exposure, spread, and prevention was provided as well.
2. Mr. Masters updated the Board that following the August 19th meeting in which he discussed a long term care facility, Mr. Masters did receive two (2) stool samples and submitted to ODH Lab for testing. Both samples came back from the ODH Lab positive for *Norovirus G1*. These results were conveyed to the facility along with education to reduce risk of future gastrointestinal illnesses. Dr. McEvoy inquired as to whether there are more cases of Norovirus now or is it due to better reporting by the facilities. Mr. Masters responded that he feels it is due to better reporting. Mr. Masters stated that he communicates regularly with long-term care facilities on the reporting requirements, and he will be mailing an information packet to these businesses in October which explains when and how illnesses are to be reported.
3. Mr. Masters provided an update on the AED training that was held at the Findlay Village Mall on September 9th. There were 16 mall employees who were certified in AED use and Basic Life Support (BLS) by two Medical Reserve Corps volunteers, John Stanovich and Debra Parker. Both of these individuals are pharmacists and professors at the University of Findlay. Mr. Masters stated that there was an article and photo in The Courier on September 10th about the training. Mr. Masters explained that the employees at the mall, including management, had only high praise for the instruction they received and Mr. Masters wrote thank you letters to both instructors (copies to Katherine Fell, University President) and passed along those employee comments to them.

PLUMBING REPORT

1. Mr. Helms had nothing new to report.

MEETING REQUESTS

Mrs. Work moved to approve the travel requests.

1. September 22, 2015: Noah Stuby to attend Baby & Me Tobacco Free Facilitator Update, Columbus Ohio. No Cost.
2. October 29, 2015: Barb Wilhelm and Noah Stuby to attend *Writing A Quality Improvement Plan for Your Agency*. Sponsored by O.S.U.. Cost \$160 per team & lunch.
3. Oct. 14-15, 2015: Craig Niese, Kurt Schroeder and Don Pierson to attend Northwest Ohio Environmental Health Association Fall Conference. Cost Lodging, Registration

Seconded by Dr. McEvoy. **Motion carried 4-0.** Filed.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

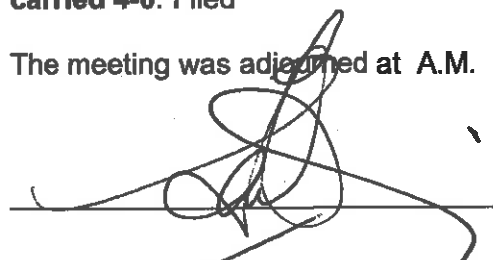
None

NEW BUSINESS

EXPENSES

Mr. Alge moved to approve the expenses for September. Seconded by Dr. McEvoy. **Motion carried 4-0.** Filed

The meeting was adjourned at A.M.


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