

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

April 11, 2013

Attendees: Scott Garrison, Rita Hart, Lynn Jones, George Kellner, Dr. Kevin Ketring, Jean Hicks, Cammie Mitrione, Jim Squires, and Mayor Doyle Webster

The minutes of March 14, 2013 were approved.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Mr. Squires stated the Fire Department received a grant to buy new defibrillators.

HEALTH COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Smoke Free Quarterly Report

Mrs. Mitrione said there are no new complaints. There are three complaints closed with fines which are supposed to be collected at the State level. Mrs. Mitrione said she will check on their status.

6 Star Honor Awards

Mrs. Mitrione reported that Maple Knoll has earned seven of the thirteen awards for this year. She said the criteria for the award is as follows: Less than 2 Critical violations during routine Health Department inspections per license year (March 1, 2012– February 28, 2013), no follow up inspections per license year, no SmokeFree violations per license year, in good standing with other City of Springdale agencies, have a valid food license according to the requirements of the Ohio Revised Code for one full license year and renewed license by due date. Educational requirements: Persons-In-Charge (Manager, Supervisor, Owner) – Show proof of ServSafe Certification or equivalent food safety training. Mrs. Mitrione said Maple Knoll applied for their main kitchen but had had a repeat violation so it was rejected. The winners will get a certificate and window sticker and some good publicity as it will be put on the City website, in the local paper and in the newsletter.

Mayor Webster said Ponderosa had had some problems years ago. Mrs. Mitrione replied, yes. They have an elaborate buffet and a lot of food prep. She said it is amazing that they made the list.

Plan Reviews

Mrs. Mitrione stated that Benihana is adding a sushi bar and Gilligan Oil/Dunkin Donuts is open at Kemper and Princeton. SkyZone has opened. Full Throttle is supposed to be sanitizing the helmets and they are going to offer fountain drinks, ice cream and pre-packaged foods. Chili's has removed a broiler and added a pizza oven.

Micro Markets

Mrs. Mitrione said Springdale now has its second micro market. She said the vending lobby wanted to offer more food options with no attendants. Micro Market is a new category, more than vending but less than an FSO or RFE. The State has set the fee as \$90 plus \$10 State fee. One market is in the Sheakley Building and the other is in Executive Center II

Opioid Epidemic

Mrs. Mitrione said apparently heroin use is on the rise and there is an ongoing opioid epidemic in Ohio. She said she went to a meeting that was held at the Health Foundation concerning the opioid epidemic in the Tri-State – Hamilton County area and there was a presentation led by Dr. Judith Feinberg on needle exchange programs. The purpose of the needle exchange is to stop the spread of hepatitis which is expensive to treat and which causes other health issues later in life. Cincinnati has a program and Hamilton County is looking into it. Mrs. Mitrione said she talked to the police and fire chiefs and they are seeing an increase in drug overdoses in our area. It is not a huge increase but there is an obvious increase. Mr. Garrison said opioid deaths have passed car accidents in number of deaths. Dr. Ketring said heroin is cheaper than pain medication.

Mayor Webster asked if the squad thinks there's a need, should we try to do anything or contract with Cincinnati of Hamilton County?

Mrs. Mitrione said she will ask Dr. Judith Feinberg, a professor of medicine at UC to come to a BOH meeting to discuss the opioid epidemic in Hamilton County and needle exchange programs.

Mrs. Hicks said we need more funding for mental health counseling.

NURSE'S REPORT

Tri-State Medical Reserve Corp

Mrs. Hicks stated the 2013 Tristate Disaster Volunteer Summit is April 13, 2013. Registrations are still being accepted. Courses being offered include: Field Medicine During an Emergency, Damage Assessment, CPR, First Aid, Introduction to Radiation Response, Bioterrorism 101, Intro to TMRC, Weather Spotting Training. See flier for more details.

Communicable Diseases:

Mrs. Hicks said Hep B, Hep C, Syphilis and flu related hospitalizations were the most often reported diseases in Hamilton County.

The CDC MMWR report on Trends in Tuberculosis show that for the 20th consecutive year, the incidence of new TB cases has declined. Continued vigilance and surveillance is needed to reach CDC's goal of <1 case per million persons (currently 3.2 per 100,000). Tb cases are primarily among foreign-born persons (especially Asian), persons infected with HIV, homeless persons, those who are incarcerated and those who report excessive alcohol use. Drug resistant Tb has the potential to cause a greater proportion of US TB cases.

Botulism antitoxin has been approved by the FDA. This is good news since it meets an urgent need for treatment measures in the case of a terrorist event.

Mrs. Hicks attended the Mass Antibiotic Dispensing Workshop presented by ODH and CDC. She said volunteers will be needed to assist the Health Department if a Mass Antibiotic Dispensing Event occurs. We are encouraging volunteers to sign up for the Medical Reserve Corp. We know that many volunteers will show up if needed and will also provide "just-in-time" training.

Flu season news

Flu cases in Ohio are at the "regional" activity level. The Pneumonia and Influenza Mortality chart shows that this mortality rate was well above the epidemic threshold during December and January and have now decreased to within the "expected" range.

The second chart shows that the Confirmed Influenza associated hospitalizations peaked in January and is now in the "typical range". During the current flu season, 4,830 influenza associated hospitalizations have been reported compared to 439 in the 2011-12 season.

Children's Health Fair

The Children's Health Fair is scheduled for Thursday, May 16th at the Springdale Community Center for children in the third grade attending school within the Princeton School District. Planning is ongoing.

Healthy Women/Healthy Lives

The Tri-Health Women's Health Fair is scheduled for Saturday, June 8th at the Healing Center. Free screenings include mammogram, blood pressure, cholesterol, BMI, glucose, osteoporosis for women. Open to women with and without insurance. Appointments must be made for mammogram. Please share the flyer in your Board packet with any woman interested in a Health Assessment.

Immunization Program

Mrs. Hicks said I have ordered extra Tdap to assist with the summer-time attempts by parents to get their children immunized before the beginning of the school year. ODH supplies vaccines for children without insurance, Medicaid or insurance that does not cover vaccines.

County Health Rankings

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation 2013 County Health Rankings are available at www.coultlyhealthrankings.org . The comparison of Hamilton County to surrounding counties and Ohio was reviewed. Hamilton County ranked better in some areas such as ratio of physicians and dentists/population, slightly fewer smokers and obesity. The county ranked worse in other areas such as excessive drinking, sexually transmitted diseases, children in poverty and premature death. The rankings give information that can be used to guide health improvement efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

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