

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
September 12, 2013

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

Absent: Lynn Jones

The minutes of May 9, 2013 were approved with changing Neil Strong supports to Sheriff Neal is a strong supporter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Infectious Disease Program

Mrs. Mitrione stated Dr. Judith Feinberg attended a Council meeting in June after being at the Board of Health meeting in May. Mrs. Mitrione said that two churches were approached about housing the mobile unit and they both declined. Then she talked with the manager of Olde Gate Plaza on Northland Boulevard who said the mobile unit could be parked there. Mrs. Mitrione has had e-mail communications with Dr. Feinberg who is recovering from surgery. A September start up date had been mentioned but that has been pushed back until November. Mrs. Mitrione stated new funding dollars have been made available by ODH for Naloxone kits/training that she had made Dr. Feinberg aware of. She provided Dr. Feinberg a contact name and number at the Cincinnati Health Department to ask them about utilizing the homeless van. She said Springdale has done its part and now it's up to Dr. Feinberg to complete funding process. Mayor Webster commended Cammie for the work she has done on this.

Dr. Ketring said he thought she had start up funding. Ms. Mitrione acknowledged that was her understanding too. Mrs. Mitrione responded Dr. Feinberg has asked Hamilton County, Cincinnati and Springdale for letters of support for the Project Dawn Naloxone funding. Dr. Feinberg also stated she was going to do part II an interview with someone from the Cincinnati Enquirer.

Dr. Ketring asked what support is she asking, what does the van look like, and what literature will she be handing out? If people find it objectionable, it will come back to us. He asked about advertising, words on the van. He said it was promoted as an infectious disease program.

Mayor Webster replied she doesn't know what the van will look like. We would be supporting her efforts to get funding for the project.

Mrs. Mitrione said I think we will have input when the mobile unit comes to Springdale. She said there is a Springdale resident who is a health educator looking for a co-op experience. She was referred to Dr. Feinberg.

Mrs. Hart said based on the professional presentation and the fact that Springdale wants it focused on the infectious disease aspect, she didn't think it would be an issue.

Public Health Futures

Mrs. Mitrione said accreditation was on the agenda at the Health Commissioners Conference she attended earlier today and will attend tomorrow. She said House Bill 59 Biennial Budget Bill passed in June and finalized issues brought to the table by the Public Health Futures Report. Mrs. Mitrione shared a bill summary from the AOHC with the board.

Accreditation issue has requirement that Ohio health departments apply for accreditation by July 1, 2018 and that they be accredited by July 1, 2020. Director of ODH shall conduct evaluation of health departments by July 2016.

Board of Health Continuing Education -requires the completion of 2 hours of continuing education by each Board of Health member. Topics are to include ethics, public health principles and member responsibilities. CEUs obtained by Board of Health member for license renewal can likely be counted toward education requirement.

Contracting between political subdivisions - ODH to prepare and offer Board of Health model contracts and MOUs for use by Board of Health entering into shared services.

Non-contiguous Health Districts – removes requirement of health districts to be contiguous to unite to form one general health district.

Data and Outcomes – By July 2014 ODH to establish public health quality indicators and policy/procedures for sharing/reporting this health information.

Mrs. Mitrione said a few health departments are already accredited. She stated that many Ohio health commissioners are not satisfied with the outcome. Mayor Webster said it's another effort to do away with smaller health departments. We'll be down to four in this area if Norwood goes out.

Mrs. Mitrione said she had talked with Sharonville about sharing an accreditation coordinator. She has talked with Cincinnati and they are not doing anything yet. She said they already do many of the things that are required. They just may have to report them differently. She also shared a letter from ODH Director Wymyslo that asks for AOHC member representation on work groups that will attend a series of work group meetings with stakeholders to develop consensus in how best to implement the PH futures items included in the current budget bill for recommendations to the legislature for consideration in the SFY 2014-15 budget. Mrs. Mitrione said she put her name in to be on the Contiguous Health District Board. She was appointed as one of two AOHC representatives to this work group.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed 2014 Food License Fees

Mrs. Mitrione reported the fees increased 6% last year and it is similar for this year. She uses a financial food fee template from the State to come up with the fees. Information includes the hours worked conducting inspections, overhead expenses, benefits. The variables are overhead costs.

Mayor Webster asked how much income will be generated with the new rates. Mrs. Mitrione replied she would get that information and e-mail it to the board.

HEALTH COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Norwood Health Department

The levy supporting the Norwood Health Department in August 2013 failed. The newest Health Commissioner hired a year or so ago at Norwood took another job and the Medical Director is Acting Health Commissioner. Mrs. Mitrione spoke the ODH Vital Stats Director about getting a vital statistics program but the State said it is not opening any new programs and will close existing offices as health departments close.

Miscellaneous

Mrs. Mitrione reported the hiring process has started for the administrative assistant position in the Health Department. Interviews of 10-13 candidates will begin in October.

Ten people received mammograms the last time the mammogram van was here in the summer. They are scheduled back September 24th from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Mrs. Mitrione said she will find out the number of students at the Autism Center. She thinks it is currently around twenty.

NURSE'S REPORTCommunicable Diseases

No outbreaks of communicable diseases occurred this summer in Springdale. Most frequently reported were Chronic Hepatitis B & C, syphilis, Campylobacteriosis and acute Hepatitis B

Springdale Health Fair – October 29th

Flu vaccinations will be given between the hours of 12 – 3 PM at the flu clinic on October 29. Other services will be checking blood pressures and BMI. Annual flu vaccinations will also be available during immunization clinic days for children. We will again have flu vaccine available for the adults for \$20 and free for children. We are still waiting for the flu vaccine from ODH that we will offer for free to children.

Latino Coalition of Southwest Ohio (LCSWO)

They are planning the 2nd Annual Expo Latino to be held on Sunday, November 10, 2013 from 2-5PM at the Vineyard Church in Springdale. The expo will include community forums/speakers and informational booths focusing on Community Safety, Education, and Health. Mrs. Hicks is helping to coordinate the Health Fair portion of the Expo

Healthy U Diabetes Workshop

The Healthy U Diabetes Workshop is being held September 9 – October 14th. This time we had an overwhelming response due to the flyer that was sent to OPERS retirees with postage paid by Council on Aging. An additional workshop was scheduled in Hamilton (begins on October 21st) for those on the waiting list.

Immunization Program

Mrs. Hicks said we had a busy summer giving immunizations to children. This slowed on the first Wednesday in September but we usually see a renewed demand during the month of October when the children who need to get caught up for school come to us. We are able to give Tdap to adults who have contact with small children.

Children's Health Fair

The Children's Health Fair was very successful with good reviews on the evaluation forms. Approximately 600 children and chaperones attended the event on May 16, 2013.

Healthy Women Healthy Lives

The Healthy Women Healthy Lives Fair was held on June 8, 2013 at the Vineyard Church. More than 115 women attended and more than 70 had mammograms done in the mammogram van. This number exceeded the goals that had been set for this year.

Health Insurance

Mrs. Hicks said starting October 1, 2013 persons seeking health insurance will be able to compare plans available and enroll by going to the website <https://www.healthcare.gov> . Healthcare coverage will start on January 1, 2014. Answers to questions can be found at this website.

Respectfully submitted,

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Health Commissioner