

Springdale Board of Health  
February 11, 2016

Mayor Webster called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Health Members

Present: Scott Garrison, Rita Hart, Lynn Jones, Dr. Ketring, James Squires  
Dr. Webb, Medical Advisor

Others Present

Mayor Webster; Holly Emerson, Council representative to the Board of Health  
City Staff: Matt Clayton, Health Commissioner; Jean Hicks, Public Health Nurse

Minutes of the January 14, 2016 Board of Health Meeting – Minutes of the January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Board of Health (BOH) meeting were considered. Mrs. Emerson made a motion to approve the minutes and Dr. Ketring seconded the motion. With a unanimous “aye” vote, the minutes were approved as published.

City Council Report

Mrs. Emerson reported on the January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 City Council meeting and highlighted the nominations of two members, Roy Mitchell and Greg Johnson, to the Tax Review Board; these two ordinances were approved with a 7 – 0 vote. The third member of the Tax Review Board is appointed by the Mayor, who designated Barbara Slaughter.

Mrs. Emerson also reported on the February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 City Council meeting, highlighting the approval of Ordinance No. 3-2016, which provides for the issuance of real estate acquisition bond anticipation notes not to exceed \$3M. This transaction is for the purchase of the old Sheraton Hotel. Additionally, Mrs. Emerson reported on the proposed changes to the Zoning Code. The next reading of the ordinance, which will adopt the new Zoning Code, will take place at the February 17<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting and the final reading and Public Hearing will occur at the March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 City Council meeting.

Old Business

Mr. Squires inquired as to the status of the Warm Hands Massage Parlor and whether there were going to be any additional charges. Mr. Clayton confirmed that the business was closed down and reported that he had turned over all information to the Springdale Police Department and had not heard anything else but promised to follow-up for an update.

Mr. Squires also asked Mr. Clayton if he had looked into Mrs. Hart’s inquiry at the January BOH meeting about a point of disposal in the City of Springdale for medications. Mr. Clayton’s research showed that there are three non-Springdale drop locations within five miles, and ten within ten miles. Mr. Clayton reported that the Ohio Attorney General’s Office had stopped dispensing the drop boxes; however, there are legally-approved containers available on the market. In spite of other nearby locations, Mr. Clayton felt this service would be beneficial to Springdale residents and therefore discussed the concept with Administration. The medication drop box would be housed at the Springdale

Police Department and, under federal law, would need to be bolted down and under video surveillance. In order to make a good business decision, Administration asked Mr. Clayton to perform a Cost-Benefit Analysis to weigh the benefits of providing this service versus the cost of providing the service (equipment, manpower, transportation). Mayor Webster instructed Mr. Clayton that he could move forward into initiating this program. Mr. Clayton thanked the Mayor for his executive decision.

### New Business

Mrs. Emerson mentioned hearing that some pharmacies in the Greater Cincinnati area can provide Narcan without a prescription. Mr. Garrison confirmed that Hart Pharmacy in Price Hill can do that. Mrs. Hicks reminded the BOH that doctors can write prescriptions for patients and/or family members and that could be filled at any pharmacy. Mr. Clayton reported that he was able to acquire Narcan from Hamilton County without charge; this was given to the Springdale Fire Department. He is also submitting an application for additional Narcan without cost to the City of Springdale. There was additional discussion about the cost of Narcan and that this is also used for Fentanyl overdoses, which are being seen more frequently and usually require more of the Narcan than a heroin overdose.

### Health Commissioner's Report

Matt Clayton

The Springdale Health Department (SHD) recently completed its' 2015 Annual Report and this was presented to BOH members for their review.

Mr. Clayton announced that there is an upcoming Smoke-Free Ohio Program audit and that he reviewed the files and is satisfied with the SHD's preparedness for this audit.

Under **Nuisances, Animal Bites, and Food Illnesses**, Mr. Clayton provided a summary of complaints since the last meeting; individual complaints were included in the Board of Health packet. There was a complaint of grease in the drive-through at Burger King; however, an inspection found no evidence thereof. There was a report of unsanitary living conditions at The Crosslands. Mr. Clayton noted that The Crosslands has a new owner and management and is undergoing renovations. There was a report of an air filtration issue at the Meadows; however, this turned out to be a non-issue. There was a sewage complaint at the Colony, which has been corrected. There was a report of a food-borne illness at the Main Street Café in Maple Knoll; however, there were no findings upon inspection.

**Food Service Operations** – Construction continues at the Chipotle located on the Tri-County Mall out lot; Chipotle plans to begin operations in early March 2016. LuLu's Noodles is under new ownership. Tan Thai suddenly went out of business. Happy's Pizza also closed, on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) will provide free food safety training for approximately 40 southwestern Ohio Environmental Health Professionals on March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at the Springdale Community Center. This training will provide Continuing Education Units for Registered Sanitarians.

The Food Program License renewal letters were mailed out to all Food Service Operations and Retail Food Establishments the first week in February (hand-out of letter included in BOH packet.) Attached to each letter was a list of updates to the Ohio Uniform Food Safety Code, which take effect March 1, 2016. (Hand-out of ORC 3717-1 Changes included in BOH packet.)

The SHD is holding a three-hour Person-in-Charge ServSafe class on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and the two-day ServSafe class on March 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. (Hand-out of registration form included in BOH packet.)

**FSO Sewage Complaint** – A sewage to surface event occurred at 12183-12185 Springfield Pike in January. There was a sewage blockage in their line, so Hooters called a plumber who attempted to auger out the line. When that did not work, the plumber utilized a high pressure cleaning method ('jetting of the line') and blew the blockage out, which was strewn from the hill down to the street. The SHD issued Orders for the remediation of the contamination. Issues were also issued to the food facility operators (Hooters and Rib City) to remove the litter and debris from the property and to clean up the grease spillage around the dumpsters. There was a lot of BOH discussion about how this occurred. The fault was in Hooter's system - grease is only to be discarded via their three-compartment sink but was being discarded instead throughout. Grease interceptors were not common until the 1980's and Hooter's plumbing was already in place. The Springdale Public Works Department and the Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) assisted with the investigation. Contamination of the main sewer line at Springfield Pike was found and MSD reported that over 600 linear feet of grease build up were found. Hooter's plumbing will have to be reworked and agreed to the addition of a grease interceptor and committed to monthly treatment of the current grease trap until the installation of a new in-ground grease interceptor is completed. Rib City was not implicated in the sewage blockage.

**Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB)** – Mr. Clayton, Mrs. Hicks, and Mrs. Jergens met again with the PHAB consultant on January 22, 2016. The PHAB Self-Assessment was discussed (this was distributed at the January BOH meeting). A plan was formulated for completing the Community Health Assessment and progressing with the Strategic Plan and the Community Health Improvement Plan. Mrs. Emerson asked about the timeline for accreditation. The current timeline has the application being submitted by 2018 with accreditation by 2020.

**Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)** – SHD participated in the PHEP Ebola Exercise Planning Team meetings in January. The regional Ebola tabletop and functional exercises are scheduled for Spring 2016. SHD continue to complete the deliverables for the PHEP, City Readiness Initiative, and Ebola grants in a timely manner.

**Western Kentucky University (WKU) Masters of Public Health (MPH) Student Internship Program** – Dr. Parth Modi began his WKU MPH internship with the Health Department on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Dr. Modi will be spending 280 hours working primarily on the PHAB Accreditation prerequisites (the Community Health Assessment, the Strategic Plan, and the Community Health Improvement Plan). Dr. Modi will additionally be involved in Springdale's PHEP and health education programs, which will equip Dr. Modi with valuable public health experience.

**Center for Disease Control (CDC) Public Health Associate (PHA)** – Mr. Clayton continues work to gain a CDC PHA, who is a full-time employee that is paid by the CDC but whose work would be directed by the SHD. The PHA would assist with the accreditation process and PHEP projects. Mr. Clayton is hopeful that the PHA position, which is a two-year assignment, would begin in June 2016.

**Willows Work Group** – Mr. Clayton reported on the Willows Work Group's (WWG) meeting held January 8<sup>th</sup>. One new development is that Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME), Willows management, and the Princeton School District are working collaboratively to set up tutoring services at Heritage Hill Elementary, who is now participating in the WWG. Mr. Clayton has been heavily involved with the planning of a neighborhood block party, sponsored by the Willows of Springdale, to be held on May 7<sup>th</sup> at Chamberlain Park. Other Springdale Departments (Police, Fire, and Recreation) are participating as well. The purpose of this event is to provide Springdale residents with information about city services as well as the services of our community partners and to develop community involvement. Community partners Smithfield/John Morrell and Springdale Ice Cream and Beverage have both committed to providing food at the block party. Two new partners in the WWG are Su Casa and the Greater Cincinnati Interfaith Workers House; they plan on attending the next WWG meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup> (this meeting not held as of the BOH meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup>; agenda of February 12 WWG meeting included with BOH packet). The agenda for the February 12<sup>th</sup> WWG meeting includes an update of service calls at the Willows from the Springdale Police Department, Fire Department, Building Department, and Health Department as well as a report from the Willows on maintenance projects. Mr. Clayton provided a list of the Willows 2016 Capital Improvement Projects as well as the monies and time frame for each line item (handout). The \$569,000 designated for these 2016 capital improvements is in addition to the normal \$92,000 per month budgeted for maintenance and repairs (reported in November). The next meeting is scheduled for March 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Pool and Spa Program** – Mr. Clayton reported that he had followed up with the ODH and surrounding Health Departments about questions raised about the Pool and Spa Program at the January BOH meeting with the first reading of Regulation No. R1-2016 concerning the Pool program including pool licensing fees. Ongoing violations of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 37.49, which governs this program, are a misdemeanor. The SHD would have to go through Hamilton County; therefore, this process would not assist the SHD with recouping the expenses of having to do re-inspections of noncompliant pools. Mr. Clayton presented to the BOH a "Swimming Pool and Spa Program Administrative Policy" (handout) which would provide the SHD a process with which to better handle noncompliant pools. Mr. Clayton reported that he had the Springdale Law Director review the policy and that it "passed legal muster". The Board discussed the draft policy and recommended that a list of the "critical violations" mentioned in the policy be defined. Mr. Clayton agreed and said these would be listed on the reverse side of the policy, which the SHD is planning to include with the Pool Licensing Renewal letters when they get sent out. The timing of re-inspection(s), and of a hearing, if necessary, was also discussed. Mrs. Jones made a motion to accept the Swimming Pool and Spa Program Administrative Policy and Dr. Ketring seconded the motion; the motion passed with a unanimous vote. Mr. Clayton recommended that the Board keep the same pool licensing fees as last year and a first reading of Regulation R1-2016, which would approve these

fees, was held. (The Cost-Benefit Analysis regarding these fees was discussed at the January BOH meeting.) A third and final reading and the Public Hearing will be held at the March meeting.

**Hotel/Motel Initiative** – Mr. Clayton thanked the Mayor and the BOH for their approval at the last BOH for him to research programs to improve Springdale’s hotels/motels. Mr. Clayton received information about Columbus, Ohio’s hotel/motel initiative from the City of Columbus Attorney’s Office and the specific portion of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC 3767.01 Nuisances – disorderly houses definition) (handout) applicable to hotels/motels and forwarded this information to the Springdale Law Director for his review. Mr. Clayton developed a nuisance abatement program, the Springdale Community Improvement Program (SCIP), based on the successful Problem-Oriented Policing (POP) model approach taken in Columbus. The program is designed in such a manner that it could be utilized as a tool in various situations – Mr. Clayton gave the example that it could be potentially applicable to noncompliant rental properties in the future. The first meeting was held on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016, with the Springdale Health, Building, Fire, Police, and Economic Development Departments all participating. The agenda included program goals and provided a synopsis of the current state of hotels/motels (detailed in SCIP meeting minutes handout). The potential conduct of joint inspections was discussed as well as how to involve the hotels/motels and Springdale’s elected officials. The SHD suggested developing a written policy that the program would follow; this would be provided, once established, to the hotels/motels; the group agreed to review this policy when written. Chief Mathis suggested each department summarize issues they have with each facility for the next meeting, which is scheduled for March 4<sup>th</sup>. Additional items for discussion include SCIP objectives and discussion of recent service calls/inspections, and path forward (agenda handout).

**Cincinnati Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CABVI)** – The SHD hosted the CABVI on January 21<sup>st</sup> at the Community Center. Information was presented about services available to Springdale residents with vision loss or impairment and their significant others/caretakers. This presentation brought forth the awareness that there is need for large print and/or Braille menu options. **Large Print / Braille Menu Initiative** – In their food license renewal packages to food service operators, the SHD included a letter discussing this need. SHD hopes to help fulfill this need. Food service operators were requested to let the SHD know if they intend to provide large print and/or Braille menus. The SHD will partner with the CABVI to promote a list of the food establishments which offer these menus. Mr. Clayton also reached out to the Council on Aging to help with this promotion.

Public Health Nurse’s Report

Jean Hicks, RN

**Ebola Update** - A deceased woman in Sierra Leone tested positive for Ebola on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 via a postmortem swab. She died on January 12<sup>th</sup> but received an unsafe burial. On January 20<sup>th</sup>, one of her contacts tested positive and is undergoing treatment.

**ZIKA VIRUS** – The CDC expects limited outbreaks of this mosquito-borne virus in the U.S. It became a nationally notifiable condition in 2016 (handouts). Since it may be linked to causing severe birth defects and/or Guillain-Barre Syndrome, the CDC and WHO have

issued travel alerts cautioning pregnant women to avoid travel to many Central and South American countries. There is no vaccine available for the Zika virus. Prevention of mosquito bites is the only prevention method currently available. There are precautionary measures that can be taken, such as insect repellent, limiting exposure and removing breeding sources (e.g., ensuring no standing water). Zika is spread primarily through the bite of an infected *Aedes* species mosquito but can also be spread from mother to baby during pregnancy or at birth and the use of condoms and/or abstinence is recommended to prevent transmission through sexual contact. On February 9<sup>th</sup>, two cases were identified in Ohio – a 21-year old man and a 30-year old woman, both returning from Haiti (not linked). Prior to these Ohio cases, CDC was reporting 35 cases in 12 states. Planning is already underway for a Zika virus tabletop exercise to ensure Ohio's preparedness prior to the 2016 mosquito season, May to October.

**SHIGELLOSIS** – There has been an increase in Shigellosis cases, a fecal-oral disease, in the southwest Ohio area. All cases are referred to the appropriate Health Department for follow-up. There are four cases in Springdale, all related to the child's daycare, which is not in Springdale. Mrs. Hicks pointed out the isolation requirements. (Handout of ODH's "Summary of Exclusion and Screening Guidelines" included in the BOH packet.)

**FLU** – Mrs. Hicks reported that, after a slow beginning, influenza activity and severity is increasing throughout the United States. The influenza H1N1pdm09 virus has been detected in young- to middle-aged adults resulting in some fatalities and intensive care unit admissions, some of which had tested negative by the rapid Influenza detection test. Influenza vaccinations and antiviral treatment of those suspected of having influenza are being recommended by the CDC. The SHD is out of Influenza vaccinations; however, they are still readily available at local pharmacies. The flu viruses that are being seen are still the viruses for which the 2015-16 influenza vaccine was developed and provides some protection. (Handout of the CDC Health Advisory Network Health Advisory dated February 1, 2016, concerning Influenza included in the BOH packet).

**Immunizations** – Mrs. Hicks announced that there are new requirements for children entering Grade 7 and Grade 12 for the next school year – one dose of MCV4 (Meningitis) prior to 7<sup>th</sup> grade and a second dose for children entering 12<sup>th</sup> grade unless they receive their first dose after the age of 16 years. In that case they would just get one dose. The SHD continues to offer ODH vaccines to children who do not have insurance and to those covered by Medicaid insurance. (Handout of ODH Immunization Summary for 2016-2017 School Attendance included in BOH packet.)

**Children's Health Fair** – Mrs. Hicks noted that the popular Children's Health Fair is scheduled for Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> for the third grade students in the Princeton School District at the Community Center.

**Healthy U Diabetes Workshop** – The six-week long program will be offered May 12 – June 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 – noon. The program will be advertised in the Springdale newsletter, the website, and Facebook as well as on the Council on Aging (COA) website. The COA representative said that PERS retirees have been notified of the program, encouraged to attend, and referred to the COA website for dates and times.

Board of Health Discussion

Mrs. Hart stated that a very real health issue exists right here in Springdale - it is an ongoing struggle for schools to get attendees to obtain and maintain compliance with the immunizations schedule. Mrs. Hart, from her experience in the Princeton School District, believes that many parents are not aware of immunization requirements. Mrs. Hicks and Mrs. Hart cited specific examples (e.g., TDAP for 7<sup>th</sup> graders and Hep A for Preschoolers). The BOH discussed avenues in which to distribute this information, such as the City's Facebook page, the Health Collaborative, and the City's newsletter. Mr. Clayton mentioned that articles for the next issuance of the City's newsletter was February 22<sup>nd</sup> and that he and Mrs. Hicks would submit an article on immunization requirements.

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The Board of Health adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Matthew Clayton, Health Commissioner