

Springdale Board of Health
September 8, 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

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 May 12th, 2016 Board of Health Meeting – Minutes of the May 12th, 2016 Board of Health (BOH) meeting were considered. Mrs. Hart made a motion to approve the minutes and Dr. Ketring seconded the motion. There was no discussion and with a unanimous “aye” vote, the minutes were approved as published.

City Council Report

Mrs. Emerson reported on the City Council meeting that had occurred from June through early September 2016. As there was a lot of material to cover, the following highlights were covered:

The Atrium Hotel and Conference Center has closed. They planned to renovate the hotel into an assisted living facility. Planning Commission denied their PUD request in June, and when it came before City Council in August, it was again denied with a vote of 2-5. The Atrium’s zoning change request was also denied. Mayor Webster indicated that the matter may go to court, but nothing has been officially filed as of yet. The general consensus was that there are plenty of pre-approved locations in which to build an assisted living facility without making changes to zoning.

Regarding the asbestos removal at the old Sheraton Hotel, O’Rourke’s bid was denied. A company called Aztec submitted a much lower bid. O’Rourke will still perform the demolition work, which is to be completed in 2017. Mr. Clayton advised that the material to be removed is actually vermiculite, which contains less than one percent asbestos.

The Springdale Fire Department will be holding an Open House on October 8th, 2016 from 11 am to 3 pm. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The ComeUnity Bash was to be held on September 10th from 3 pm to 9 pm at the Springdale Community Center.

A citizen came forward to complain about the skunk problem in Heritage Hill. City Council is considering limited city-funded animal-control service. Administration will be researching and providing further information.

Several complaints have been received regarding 11671 Neuss Avenue. The house burned down and become a nuisance. The owner has since passed away. The City is trying to locate the new responsible party and has made contact with the daughter of the late owner. The dumpster is due to be removed by September 14th at the latest.

Old Business

Mrs. Hart inquired on the status of the prescription drug drop-box program. Mr. Clayton advised the prescription drug drop box is at the Springdale Police Department and is in use/ available to the general public.

Mr. Clayton gave an update on the elderly veteran discussed at the May meeting, and his daughter. Assistance is being provided by Disabled American Veterans.

New Business

- None.

Health Commissioner's Report

Matt Clayton

Nuisances, Animal Bites, and Food Illnesses – Reports were made of animal bites, food poisoning, hoarding, and poor maintenance of apartment buildings. As several months had passed since the last Board of Health Meeting, Mr. Clayton reported on the more major reports that had been received. Progress has been made with the hoarding issue at a unit in the Olde Gate Condominiums. Fifty-two cats were reported another condo in the Olde Gate complex. That complaint has been successfully resolved. A previous complaint regarding grease contamination of the sewer main under Springfield Pike originating from 12185 Springfield Pike (the location of Hooters restaurant) was rectified with the installation of a 250 gallon grease interceptor. A complaint was made regarding a suspected worm in some roast beef from Subway. It was determined that the item in question was a tendon or some other part of the meat, and not a parasitic worm. Many complaints were made regarding The Willows Apartments and the lack of proper maintenance. This was determined to be due to lack of proper maintenance staff. The City has been putting pressure on The Willows to concentrate on maintenance of currently rented units. The complex has recently hired two new maintenance workers. A meeting was to be held in mid-September. Improvement has been noted and is most likely due to a more open line of communication between the City and the Willows. There is a good possibility maintenance has been so slow because of the inundation of complaints, but with added maintenance and fewer flips, the influx should taper off soon.

Food Program – Several new noteworthy food service operations: A new ice cream and smoothie shop, La Michoacana, was due to open on Northland Boulevard in mid-September. The new Outback Steakhouse at Tri-County Mall anticipates that it will be open in October 2016. Macy's Progress Park has a new employee cafeteria with outdoor seating is slated to open in October 2016. Jai Indian Restaurant opened on Springfield Pike in June 2016 and has had great reviews on Yelp.

Ella Jergens of the Springdale Health Department Environmental Health Division conducted two sets of courses this summer. She instructed two ServSafe classes and two Person in Charge food safety classes. Eleven individuals in the food service industry received Person in Charge training, and eighteen received ServSafe training.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) / Ebola/ C.R.I – A regional Ebola exercise was held on May 24, 2016 and a functional exercise was held June 29, 2016.

Springdale participated in both. A mass casualty exercise will be held in spring of 2017. Springdale Health Department plans to continue to attend meeting of the Southwest Executive Steering Committee, the SW Ohio Emergency Response Committee, the REDI Group, the Public Health PIO group, and the Disaster Preparedness Coalition.

Willows Work Group (WWG) – There was a planning meeting held for Buckle Up for Life in June 2016. Participants thus far include Springdale Health Department, Springdale Fire Department, Springdale Police Department, Princeton City School District (Heritage Hill Elementary School), The Vineyard Church, The Healing Center, Su Casa, Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME), and the Disaster Preparedness Coalition. Car seats are to be provided by Toyota, and car seat techs from Cincinnati Children's Hospital will be in attendance.

Spring 2017 Sports Camp at Chamberlain Park - The Principal at Heritage Hill Elementary has offered the use of the school's gymnasium during inclement weather for a spring 2017 Sports Camp. The goal is to get kids involved, promote health, fight childhood obesity, and improve their overall quality of life. Planning meetings have been held to discuss this Spring Break program and the next meeting was to be held September 13, 2016 immediately following the WWG meeting.

Public Health Accreditation (PHAB) – The Ohio Department of Health awarded \$40,000 in grants to the Springdale Health Department for the 2016 PHAB accreditation program. The Springdale Health Department is spearheading a multi-jurisdictional grant for LHDs in Hamilton County. Overall, Springdale Health Department will receive a total of \$27,500 in funding for accreditation. Mayor Webster inquired regarding the status of the accreditation schedule. Mr. Clayton indicated that we are currently ahead of schedule. Discussions have occurred on the state level about moving the accreditation deadline to a later date, but nothing definite has been decided.

Zika Virus – A presentation was given at the Springdale Community Center June 10th regarding prevention of the Zika Virus, and the PowerPoint presentation is available on the Health Department's website.

Swimming Pool/ Spa Program – Zero reports of pool-related injuries or waterborne illnesses were reported for this season.

Greater Cincinnati Hoarding Collaborative – The Springdale Health Department joined the Greater Cincinnati Hoarding Collaborative, which met for the first time on July 13th, 2016. This is a group that includes other local health departments, Hamilton County Department of Jobs and Family Services, and the Red Cross. Mayor Webster, Mr. Squires, and Mrs. Hart inquired regarding the goal and origin of the program. The goal of the group is to provide education and communication regarding hoarding, and to communicate with surrounding communities. It is a collaboration of all local organizations that work with hoarders. Hoarding seems to be a larger problem in other areas of Hamilton County than in Springdale.

Springdale Nuisance Abatement Program (SNAP) – The Annual SNAP Forum was held June 3rd at the Community Center. Speakers included Barrie Perks of the Cincinnati Visitors and Convention Bureau, Police Chief Mathis, Economic Development Director Christine Russell, and Matt Clayton of the Health Department. Several locations were visited for one-on-one meetings between owners/operators, Chief Mathis, and the Health

Commissioner. There has been increased cooperation because of these meetings. The Super 8 Motel has been particularly cooperative and eager to clean up the property, and has increased their corporate ranking from a D to a B+. The Crossland Hotel is under new management and hopes that will help make an impact. Springdale Inn and Suites has made some small steps forward, but still needs a lot of improvement. Many hotels in the community are being given incentives to move forward and improve. The next SNAP meeting will be held October 7th, 2016 at 10 am. Mr. Clayton commended Ella Jergens on her excellent work with the hotel inspection program.

Student Internship Program – Springdale Health Department hopes to host graduate and undergraduate student interns from the Public and Community Health program at University of Cincinnati and the MPH program at Western Kentucky University. The goal is to host the first intern in spring 2017. Our past student intern Dr. Modi has been a great asset in helping us work toward accreditation.

Tobacco Cessation Program –Springdale Health Department and Springdale Recreation Department will host interest meeting for a series of tobacco cessation workshops. The meetings will be held October 10th and 11th at the Community Center. The actual workshops are expected to occur in January of 2017. Ms. Hicks noted that e-cigs will also be targeted. SHD has been invited to participate in the Hamilton County Tobacco Prevention Coalition. The initial meeting on August 30th, 2016 was attended by Matt Clayton of the Springdale Health Department and Jay Dennis of the Springdale Recreation Department. A request was submitted by SHD for a tobacco cessation grant, with an award range of \$30,000 to \$60,000. It was also noted that seniors and first-generation Americans are the most likely to use tobacco.

Jerkmania - Mr. Garrison inquired as to whether there was a fire at Jerkmania. Mr. Clayton advised that the physical restaurant is only be used as a commissary for their food truck.

Narcan - Mrs. Hart asked about the use of Narcan and Carfentanil, as well as quantity on hand. Mayor Webster requested that that information be given as a monthly stat so that we can study the trend. Mr. Clayton advised that three doses had been given to individuals at La Quinta, all of whom survived. Springdale receives Narcan from the Hamilton County Heroin Task Force. Ten doses were given to the Fire Department and the ten due to be given to the Police Department were given to the Health Department and then transferred to the Fire Department. There is another program known as Kaleo Cares, and we will apply in January. The price keeps rising, so once we run out of the free supply it is unclear how much we will be able to supply. Mr. Garrison advised that no one has requested Narcan, although the pharmacy does have it. It used to be in atomizers with a syringe, but is now a nasal mist which is much more expensive. The drug is non-prescription.

Children's Health Fair – The Children's Health fair was held on May 13th, 2016. It was very successful. There were approximately 270 children in attendance, as well as teachers and parents. There were twenty learning centers, and the biggest complaint was that there wasn't enough time to go to all of the centers.

Healthy Women, Healthy Lives – The Healthy Women Healthy Lives event was held on June 4th at the Healing Center and was sponsored by Tri-Health. This event aims to provide services to uninsured and underinsured women. More than ninety women participated and benefitted from blood pressure screenings, cholesterol screenings, glucose screenings, osteoporosis screenings, and mammograms. There is already some funding in place for next year's event.

Healthy U Diabetes Workshop – The Healthy U Diabetes Workshop was rescheduled for October 13th – November 17th at the Community Center. The City makes money for the Council on Aging for people who attend at least four out of six meetings.

Latino Coalition of Southwest Ohio – The Annual Latino Expo will be held October 16th in the Healing Center at the Vineyard Church. This will be a combination of entertainment and education. There will be opportunities to interact with the police and fire departments, as well as health testing, some vaccinations, and screenings. Xavier University nursing students will administer many of these procedures. YMCA will promote their pre-diabetic program and Medicaid will educate on their products. There will be many interpreters available. Mr. Clayton advised that Operation Give Back has donated the use of their van to transport members of the community, which should help with attendance, however, a bilingual driver is still needed.

Annual Health Fair – The Annual Health Fair is scheduled for October 18th at the Community Center, along with the Business Expo. Flu vaccines will be available for employees of the City and people without insurance. Walgreens will be billing for flu shots, and Sam's Club may be doing earing screenings.

Immunization Program – The immunization program provides ongoing help to uninsured children and those covered by Medicaid. This program happens on the first and third Thursday of each Month, and Mrs. Hicks advises to call the day of to see if there are any openings, as appointments are booked up through November.

Cardiovascular Program – Adult visitors to the Community Center and Springdale Senior Group are still encouraged to have their blood pressure and pulse checked monthly. Approximately thirty people per month use this service.

Board of Health Discussion

Mrs. Hicks provided a report regarding a report of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. No one had been able to get in contact with the patient since the case had been reported, and no one was certain whether treatment had been administered. The patient's sister was located and contacted via Facebook, and she put him in touch with the proper authorities. Treatment had been administered.

Dr. Ketring reported on the Zika virus. There has only been one potential case reported locally, and the woman had recently been to Florida. She has been tested but results have not yet been returned. Mr. Clayton advised that we have applied for a Mosquito Control Grant with the EPA, but if we want the grant we have to establish mosquito traps. Currently the species of mosquito that transmits the Zika virus is not in this area.

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 13th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The Board of Health adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Matthew Clayton, Health Commissioner