



Springdale Board of Health
January 13, 2022

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

Board of Health Members

Present: Scott Garrison, Rita Hart, Carol Quinlan-Hall, Dr. Ketring, James Squires

Others Present

Mayor Webster; Dan Jacobs, Council representative to the Board of Health

City Staff: Matt Clayton, Health Commissioner

Minutes of the December 9, 2021 Board of Health Meeting

Minutes of the December 9, 2021 Board of Health meeting were considered. Mr. Squires requested an update on one of the complaints that were discussed at the December meeting. Mr. Squires also asked if current staffing concerns would have an effect on the Springdale Health Department being accredited. Mr. Clayton stated that would not be an issue, and stated that an individual had accepted the position on Monday. Dr. Ketring made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 9, 2021 Board of Health Meeting; Mr. Squires seconded. The Board of Health minutes were accepted unanimously.

City Council Report

Mr. Jacobs gave the City Council Report. His report is as follows:

Presentation of Redevelopment of 11700 Princeton Pike (Tri County Mall Location)

Mr. Jacobs gave a brief description of the presentation by explaining that while the presentation was about an hour long, he stated that the developer gave a history of their developments in other cities, and what their goals were for the City of Springdale. The developer is looking to have residential, educational, and some retail at this location. Mayor Webster also discussed the future development of 11700 Princeton Pike. Mayor Webster stated that this development will be in five phases over approximately ten years, with it being two years per phase. Mayor Webster also stated that over 40% of the project will be completed in Phase I. The developer hopes to close on the property on February 28, 2022. About 70% of the existing mall will be salvaged. The traffic flow system that is currently in place will remain. Parking garages would remain for residential projects and other development at this location. Local contractors would also be used at this project. The architects on this project were also the original architects for Tri County Mall. The presentation was brought before Springdale City Council at the special meeting held on December 22, 2021. Mayor Webster presented the Board of Health members with various photos of the development and expansion that shown to Council. The information is also listed on the City of Springdale website, under the Building Department – Planning Commission page.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Health Commissioner's Report

Matt Clayton

Nuisances, Animal Bites, and Food Illnesses

Before Mr. Clayton asked of concerns regarding complaints included in the Board of Health packet, he discussed a recent event that occurred regarding a gentleman living in a box truck parked in the lot of a local business. The Springdale Health Department and the Springdale Building Department are currently working with the gentleman to try and encourage him to find safe housing. More information will be included as the investigation progresses. Mr. Clayton also discussed a recent situation involving a residence that was referred by the Springdale Police Department. After the Springdale Police Department went to the residence because of guns being discharged at the home, the responding officers observed unsanitary conditions in the home and a sewage backup in the basement. Additionally, Mr. Clayton observed multiple bags of garbage in the kitchen of the home and drain flies. Mr. Clayton issued three orders based on his observations. At a later scheduled date, Mr. Clayton returned to observe that the sewage in the basement had been addressed, and the garbage throughout the home had been removed, and the flies observed during the initial visit were no longer present. Mr. Clayton asked the Board of Health members if they had any questions on the complaints that were included in their Board of Health packet provided to them. There were no questions.

COVID Report

In the Board of Health packets, Mr. Clayton included the Springdale COVID report dated January 13, 2022. He noted that on January 13, 2022, there were 1,938 cases, 277 of which occurred in the first 11 days of January. Mr. Clayton stated that, if we continue at that rate, by the end of this quarter we would exceed by more than a factor of five the previous highest quarterly case number for the City of Springdale. Mr. Clayton predicted the case numbers would peak and then begin a rapid decline, similar to the Omicron case curve recently observed in other countries. This statistic does show how infectious the omicron variant is though. The encouraging news was that hospitalizations were down, and vaccinations were increasing.

Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC) Program

Mr. Clayton gave an update on the MAC Program. The most recent time study was in December; the same week as a large amount of Springdale Offering Support activities. With also have one staff position vacant, the amount of revenue that the Springdale Health Department would be receiving information was reduced. Mr. Clayton stated that the Springdale Health Department would be receiving \$3,752 for the quarter based upon the most recent time study. The dates for the next time study were not known at the time of this meeting. Mr. Clayton speculated that the next time study would most likely be in March 2022, based upon the schedule for previous quarters.

Food Program

Mr. Clayton gave an update on recent food program activity. Panda Express opened in December 2021. Five Guys Burgers and Fries opened up again in December 2021 after an extensive renovation. Viet Hua had plans that were approved, but no recent updates. Arby's plans were approved and construction is

ongoing. La Michoacana Dulceria opened in December 2021. Plans for the Bully bar on Northland Boulevard were approved. However, the facility has not yet provided a date to begin operation.

Springdale Offering Support

Mr. Clayton stated that the 2021 Adopt a Family Program was a large success again for 2021. There were 62 sponsors, some of which sponsored multiple families. Eight nine families were adopted, and some additional families received other forms of assistance from the program. A total of 316 local children in need were assisted through the 2021 SOS Adopt A Family Holiday Program. Mr. Clayton stated that the Springdale Police Department and the Springdale Fire Department were instrumental in the success of the program this year. Mr. Clayton specifically thanked Debra Boggs from the Health Department, Keenan Riordan from the Springdale Police Department, and Elizabeth Johnson from the Recreation Department for their extensive efforts to make the 2021 SOS Adopt A Family Holiday Program a success. Mr. Clayton expressed his appreciation to the many Springdale employees from every department who volunteered to help wrap gifts and sort canned and non-perishable food items. Volunteers from Humana, the Springdale faith-based community, and residents also assisted.

Springdale Health Personnel Update

Rachel Stothfang transferred to the Springdale Health Department from the Springdale Tax Department to perform COVID contact tracing, case interviews, COVID outbreak investigations, and to serve as the Springdale Health Department's liaison to the Princeton City School District on COVID cases. Becky Carrasco will transition into a new role of assisting with PHAB accreditation. Becky has quality control experience from her previous place of employment (Humana). Three candidates for the Director of Environmental Health interviewed on Friday, January 7th.

COVID Discussion

There was discussion regarding the recent increase in requests for testing kits and the recently updated requirements regarding protocol for COVID isolation and quarantine. Mr. Clayton stated that the Springdale Health Department requested at home COVID test kits from the Ohio Department of Health. He also stated that Springdale Health requested test kits from Hamilton County EMA, who referred Springdale Health back to the Ohio Department of Health. Mr. Clayton provided information on the specifics of and rationale provided by ODH for the next COVID isolation and quarantine guidelines. Mr. Clayton noted that these new protocols were adopted from the CDC guidance.

Public Health Nurse's Report

Mrs. Ellis, RN

Hamilton County Drug Overdose Report

Mr. Clayton gave Nurse Ellis' report since she was unavailable to attend the meeting. Mr. Clayton stated that in the report there were 139 emergency room visits, which is a 9.4% increase, and 911 dispatches had a total of 195, which is a 25.8% increase. Narcan usage for November had eight instances which were administered, and December had three doses. Nurse Ellis previously asked the Fire Department how there could be such a change in the amounts. They stated that it's not uncommon for overdoses to be higher during the holidays. He asked if any Board of Health members had questions regarding the Hamilton County Drug Overdose Report for December 2021. There were no questions.

Communicable Disease Report

Mr. Clayton reported that of the 228 cases, 219 were from COVID, six were Chlamydia, two were Hepatitis C, and only one case of Hospitalized Influenza.

Miscellaneous Information

Mr. Clayton reminded Board of Health members of various items that Nurse Ellis included in the packet. Mr. Clayton also reminded Board of Health members that COVID clinics continue every Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. at the Springdale Community Center. All forms of COVID vaccines and boosters are currently available. Mr. Clayton also wanted to state that the nursing staff for these clinics has continually served Springdale and surrounding communities by having these, and other clinics in December as well. There were 721 shots given at these clinics in December. There have been 9,420 shots given since December 2020. Mr. Clayton wanted to personally thank those nurses for their continued efforts over the past year.

Board of Health Discussion

No items for discussion.

The next meeting will be Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. The Board of Health meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Matthew Clayton, Health Commissioner