Fairfield County
Health
Department

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Health Commissioner

BOARD OF HEALTH RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Fairfield County Health Department
Minutes of the Board of Health
July 12, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

MEETING LOCATION: Fairfield County Health Department, 1550 Sheridan Drive, Lancaster

The meeting was called to order by President Brian Oliver at 4:00 PM.

Board Members Present
Brian Oliver
Tina Childers
Dr. Steven Kapetansky
Dr. Teresa Wood

Board Members Absent
Dr. Michele Morrone -attended virtually

A quorum was established. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

STAFF PRESENT
Mary Smith, WIC Director; Jamie Ehorn, Administrative Services Director; Bobby Persinger, Health Promotions Supervisor; Rachel Moresea, Environmental Health Director; Baylie Blevins, Planning and Performance Supervisor; Gale Neville, Nursing Director; Sheila Wolfe, Environmental Health Food Supervisor; Danielle Wolfe, Mosquito Intern; Edward Hinkel, Mosquito Intern; Dr. Aebi, Medical Director; Breanna Boudinot, Environmental Health Specialist-in-Training; Kelsey Nein, Environmental Health Specialist-in-Training; Joe Ebel, Health Commissioner (virtually)

OTHERS PRESENT
N/A

PUBLIC COMMENTS
N/A

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting minutes from the board meeting on June 14, 2023, were presented and approved with no changes noted.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF:

Mrs. Moresea introduced the Mosquito Interns, Danielle Wolfe and Edward Hinkel.
Brian Oliver introduced the new Nursing Director, Gale Neville.

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND BILLS

Jamie Ehorn, Administrative Services Director provided financial reports and a bill list to the Board for approval.

Tina Childers made a motion to approve the financial report and bill list. Teresa Wood seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Ehorn presented resolution 2023-11: Amend Certificate, Appropriation Unappropriated Monies and Update Receipt Line for several funds and accounts.

Steven Kapetansky made a motion to approve resolution 2023-11. Tina Childers seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

There are currently two positions posted, a Public Health Nurse replacing Mrs. Neville who took the Nursing Director position and an Account Specialist position.
TeenWorks has provided a teen to work with the health department again this summer, she has been helping with projects in several departments. This is her second summer at the health department.

HEARING AND VARIANCES

Rachel Moresea, Environmental Health Director, presented a variance request for 13965 Custers Point, Thornville for the distance requirement for a well from the driveway and private roadway. This is an existing home with a small lot size. The environmental division feels this is the best possible location for the well.

Teresa Wood made a motion to approve a variance request from OAC 3701-28-07(J) Table 1 for the property located at 13965 Custers Point, Thornville. Steven Kapetansky seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 2023-12 was presented that would empower the Health Commissioner and/or the Environmental Health Director and/or other environmental health staff with the authority to embargo foods in a retail food establishment or food service operation and the authority to tag

equipment or articles to require its use to be ceased in a retail food establishment. This resolution would rescind and replace resolution 2006-97.

Tina Childers made a motion to approve resolution 2023-12. Steven Kapetansky seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

STAFF REPORTS

Environmental Health Report

Rachel Moresea, Environmental Health Director provided a written report to the Board. The food division approved Madison's Bar and Grill Mobile Unit for 2023. Talking points and inspection reports for both Madison's Bar and Grill Mobile Unit and Madison's Bar and Grill Carry Out were provided to the Board for review.

Dr. Morrone congratulated the Environmental Division on passing the Ohio Department of Health Food Service Operation audit.

Nursing Report

Gale Neville, Nursing Director provided a written report to the Board. Mrs. Neville's goal in her new role is to make the department a user-friendly resource for the community. She plans to attend events, participate in coalitions, and work on getting her division out in the community.

WIC Report

Mary Smith, WIC Director, provided a written report to the Board. Ms. Smith shared that the open house for the new WIC suite had a good turnout. WIC staff distributed 18 coupons at the last Farmer's Market, and they plan to distribute more at the next event. Starting August 11th, WIC staff will be at the Pickerington location on Wednesdays and Fridays to assist clients.

FEATURED PROGRAM:

Bobby Persinger, Health Promotions Supervisor presented on Suicide Prevention/COE grant. His presentation covered data on suicide deaths in the county, the investment from the county and the health department's response to the crisis.

Planning and Performance

Baylie Blevins, Planning and Performance Supervisor provided a written report to the Board. Mrs. Blevins has been planning for a full-scale exercise to occur in October of this year. Many Fairfield County agencies are engaged and will be participating in the exercise. Mrs. Blevins presented at the MRC Regional Workshop last month, her presentation was featured on the Health and Human Services website. There are currently 75 volunteers signed up with MRC. Fairfield County has access to over 3000 volunteers. The environmental division completed a foodborne tabletop exercise during their training day in June. Staff are able to sign up for self-defense training starting today.

Health Promotion

Bobby Persinger, Health Promotion Supervisor, provided a written report to the Board. Two Project Dawn events were held yesterday. There were over 100 naloxone kits handed out at the Chamber Council event. Mr. Persinger recently submitted a Child Injury Action grant and an Adolescent Health Resiliency grant. Next week he will submit for a sewage education grant and a continuation of the Cribs for Kids grant. The COE (suicide prevention grant) has ended; however, the suicide prevention subcommittee will maintain the new suicide prevention website.

Health Commissioner's Report

Joe Ebel, Health Commissioner provided a written report to the Board. Mr. Ebel is currently attending a NACCHO education conference out-of-state and was present virtually. The conference has over 2500 people in attendance. The theme this year is "take care of yourself first".

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

The board would like to use the Wigwam in Pickerington for the September 13th meeting from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Mrs. Ehorn will check for location availability.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: August 9, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.
LOCATION: FCHD, 1550 Sheridan Drive, Ste. 102, Lancaster, OH, 43130

ADJOURN The Board of Health Meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m. on a motion by Tina Childers. Teresa Wood seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Approved:

_____ Date: 8/9/2023 Brian Oliver, Board President

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