

STARK COUNTY COMBINED BOARD OF HEALTH

June 14, 2023

The regular meeting of the Stark County Combined Board of Health was called to order by David Thorley, at 8:00 am. Members in attendance were:

David Benner Phil Francis Karen Hiltbrand Braden Kail

Jennifer Kungle Terrence Seeberger Dave Thorley Ben Wheeler

A motion was made by David Benner, seconded by Braden Kail, that the minutes of the May 10, 2023 meeting be approved by the Health Commissioner and Secretary to the Board. The voice vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

FINANCIAL

A motion was made by Phil Francis seconded by Braden Kail, that the following resolution authorizing payment of vouchers for May 2023 be approved as seen in the attachments.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Health of the Stark County Combined General Health District, Stark County, Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the expenses as presented by Kirkland Norris, Health Commissioner of the Stark County Combined General Health District be approved for payment.

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SECTION 2: That the Auditor of Stark County be and is hereby authorized to draw warrants on Stark County, Treasurer, for payment of vouchers, hereof.

ADOPTED: July 12, 2023, by the STARK COUNTY COMBINED BOARD OF HEALTH

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With one abstention, the voice vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

RESOLUTION

It was moved by, David Benner seconded by Braden Kail, that the **PAYROLL REIMBURSEMENT** be approved as submitted in the attachment: NOW THEREFORE, Kirkland Norris, Health Commissioner, is hereby ordered and authorized to sign any payroll forms required by the Office of the Auditor for the warrant dates of June 7 and 21, 2023, to transfer, advance, or reimburse District Health for salaries, PERS, insurance, Medicare, and travel from Funds 006, 007, 008, 018, 025, 049, 085, 095, 125, 162, 163, 216, 258, 288, 411, 412, 413, 519, 553, 560, 632, 721, 722, 965, and 966. The voice vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

The resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law, adopted July 12, 2023, by the Board of Health, Stark County Combined General Health District.

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PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

A motion was made by David Benner, seconded by Jennifer Kungle, authorizing the reimbursement of personnel items for May 2023. The voice vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

A motion was made by David Benner, seconded by Phil Francis, authorizing the Transfer of Appropriations. The voice vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Mr. Norris presented the financial report, seen in the attachments. A motion was made by David Benner, seconded by Braden Kail, to approve the monthly financial report as presented. The voice vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Braden Kail, seconded by David Benner to acknowledge the resignation of Brooke Cottrill, PHN, and grant permission for the Health Commissioner to hire a replacement. The voice vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Braden Kail, seconded by Phil Francis to acknowledge the letter of resignation of Ana Shundry, Environmental Health Specialist, and grant permission for the Health Commissioner to hire a replacement. The voice vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

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BOARD OF HEALTH CONTINUING EDUCATION

The mandatory requirement of two hours has been completed by all Board of Health Members for 2023.

REPORTS

Amanda Uhler, Director of Nursing Services presented the **NURSING REPORT**, seen in the attachment labeled Nursing Services Board Notes.

Kay Conley, Director of Administration and Support Services, presented the **ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES REPORT**, seen in the attachment labeled Administration and Support Services Board Report.

Debbie Dawson, **LEGAL ADVISOR**, reported that she has continued to work with Environmental Health Services, Ms. Dawson is currently working on a swimming pool case and an improper placement of a well. She continues to work with the Sanitary Engineer on cases for hook-up to the sanitary sewer.

Paul DePasquale, Director of Environmental Health Services, presented the **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT** in the attachment labeled Environmental Health Notes.

Variance

A motion was made by Braden Kail, seconded by Karen Hiltbrand to grant property owner Jacqueline Largent, 12847 Kreighbaum Road, NW Uniontown, Ohio 44685,

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permission to retain the existing water well to be used for monitoring purposes only. This property is in the neighborhood west of the Industrial Excess Landfill in Uniontown, Ohio (see the “Notes” section for additional details).

Approval with the following condition:

1. A signed “Hold Harmless Agreement” that indemnifies the Stark County Board of Health, the Stark County Health Department, its members and employees from any and all damages which might be caused directly and indirectly by the location and installation of the said water well (ALREADY RECEIVED);
2. The well will be used exclusively for monitoring purposes;
3. All pumps and water lines associated with the well must be removed and no water well components are to be connected to the potable water system;
4. If the well is located outside of the dwelling, a locking well cap must be securely installed on the well with the key being in possession of the homeowner.

Notes: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) continues to oversee the sampling of 1,4-dioxane, or dioxane, in the groundwater at the Industrial Excess Landfill (IEL) Superfund site and in the neighborhood west of the site. The USEPA has classified dioxane as likely to be cancer-causing to humans. The Ohio Department of Health (ODH), the agency in charge of the Ohio Private Water Systems Program, sent the Stark County Health Department (SCHD) the following 1,4-dioxane recommendations:

- Any resident with a private water system with a detection of 1,4-dioxane above the value of 0.46 parts per billion (ppb) should immediately cease using the water for drinking.

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Those homes should be connected to the public water system and abandoned/seal existing well or provided an alternate source of water.

The water sample collected from the private water system well located at 12847 Kreighbaum Rd, NW, Uniontown, Ohio in Stark County and analyzed by the USEPA indicates the presence of 1,4-dioxane at 41.4 ppb and the owner has connected to the public water system. The voice vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business this month.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by David Benner, seconded by Karen Hiltbrand to grant permission to the Health Commissioner to approve the homeowners that have applied for the home sewage treatment system replacement/repair funding assistance through the Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund. The applicants have qualified in accordance with the criteria set forth by the Board of Health in the Stark County Home Sewage Treatment System Assistance Program – Owner Application. The voice vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

A motion was made by David Benner, seconded by Jennifer Kungle to grant approval to add health care procedure code 87953, orthopoxvirus detection by nucleic acid using amplified probe technique, as a billable code for the Reproductive Health and Wellness

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Program. Fees for this procedure will be \$36.79. Calculated according to the SCHD Billing Policy. The voice vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

A motion was made by David Benner, seconded by Karen Hiltbrand to grant approval of the amended agreement for the CDBG-CV grant through the Stark County Commissioners to reduce funding from \$1,150,005.32 to \$700,005.32 to include funding for the Regional Planning Commission's COVID Septic/Sewer duties and provide funding for the SCHD Water Pollution Loan Treatment Program Liaison (Emily Zwick) through June 30, 2024. This agreement has been reviewed by legal counsel. The voice vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session this month.

BOARD OF HEALTH CONCERNS/HEALTH DEPARTMENT ACTIONS

Board of Health members received an email and questionnaire from the State Auditors Office regarding the department's current State Audit. The Health Commissioner explained the Fraud Risk Assessment Questionnaire and advised the Board members to complete the questionnaire at their leisure. The Health Commissioner also stated that he would be discussing this questionnaire with the State Auditor as this is a new protocol and was never explained before dissemination of the email.

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HEALTH COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Mr. Norris informed the Board of Health that they will be invited to a strategic planning session held at RG Drage on Friday, September 8, 2023, beginning at 8:30 am.

Mr. Norris provided an update on the situation at Exit C&D. Staff met with the explosive expert, the expert cannot guarantee that they will be successful in removing the explosives. They were working on a site safety plan to address the explosives in the asbestos area. The quote for removal is \$65,000.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 am, with the next regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. at the Stark County Health Department.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY