

# LORAIN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD OF HEALTH

Meeting Minutes for February 9, 2022

Present:

Prefix	Name and Credentials	Position
Mr.	Edward X. McNamara	President
Dr.	William A. Spreng, DVM	Vice President
Dr.	Timothy Beidleman, DM	Member
Dr.	Grant Cornick, DO	Member
Mr.	Thomas G. Eschtruth	Member
Mr.	William Gardner	Member
Mr.	Max T. Schaefer	Member
Dr.	Patricia Schrull, DNP, RN	Member
Mr.	Edward von Hofen	Member

Guests:

Legal Counsel, LCPH staff members, Lorain County citizen

The President called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

## Minutes from the Last Regular Meeting on January 12, 2022

The President requested a review of the January 2022 regular meeting minutes. Mr. Gardner moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Schaefer seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, all members voting aye, the President declared the motion passed.

## Financial Report

#2022-9

Mrs. Deborah Chavez provided an update on the financial status of LCPH. With it being a new year, LCPH collected 7% of its budgeted revenue and spent 9% of the appropriated expense budget to date. Health savings account payments for staff were made in January 2022. State auditors are still working on the 2020 audit, and it will be shared when available. Mr. Gardner moved to approve the financial report. Mr. von Hofen seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all members voting aye, the President declared the motion passed.

## 2022 Budget Recertification

#2022-10

Mrs. Chavez provided information on the budget recertification. Mr. Gardner moved to approve the budget recertification. Dr. Spreng seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all members voting aye, the President declared the motion passed.

## Out-of-County Travel

#2022-11

The Board of Health reviewed travel requests. Mr. Schaefer moved to approve out-of-county travel. Dr. Schrull seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all members voting aye, the President declared the motion passed.

## Personnel

#2022-12

Mr. von Hofen moved to approve the following personnel actions:

- Promotions: Ashley Branson, RN and Sheryl Rini, RN from School Nurse to Program Manager effective 2/28/2022.
- Appointment: Tracy Verlotti, RN effective 2/7/2022. Michelle Parsons, RN effective 2/22/2022.

- Resignation: Sarah Stoyka, LPN school nurse effective 2/4/2022. Vivian Taylor, Health Education Specialist effective 2/16/2022

Mr. Schaefer seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all members voting aye, the President declared the motion passed.

### **2022 Organizational Chart**

**#2022-13**

Mr. Mark Adams discussed the proposed organizational chart for 2022 and the position description for the Health Equity Coordinator. This item was tabled from the January 2022 Board of Health meeting. The Board of Health engaged in discussion about the position description, with Mr. Adams noting requests for revisions and clarification of duties both internally at LCPH and externally in the community. Mr. Schaefer moved to approve the 2022 organizational chart with the proposed changes discussed by the Board of Health. Dr. Beidleman seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, there were six members voting aye (Mr. Eschtruth, Dr. Cornick, Dr. Schrull, Mr. von Hofen, Mr. Schaefer, and Dr. Beidleman) and two members voting nay (Dr. Spreng and Mr. Gardner). The President declared the motion passed.

### **Contracts**

**#2022-14**

Dr. Schrull moved to approve the following contracts:

- Agreement with Burges & Burges for 2022 CHA
- Water Pollution Control Loan Fund model contract
- MOU with University Hospitals for CHA and CHIP

A question regarding other hospitals' involvement was posed by Dr. Schrull, and Mr. Adams noted LCPH is working with their legal departments to coordinate MOUs for the CHA. Mr. Eschtruth seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all members voting aye, the President declared the motion passed.

### **Resolution #2022-2: Clearview Safe Routes to School**

**#2022-15**

Mr. Gardner asked about the areas in the Clearview School District impacted by Safe Routes to School, and Mr. Adams and Mrs. Erin Murphy provided clarification. Dr. Spreng moved to approve the resolution. Mr. Schaefer seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all members voting aye, the President declared the motion passed.

### **Resolution #2022-3: Elyria Safe Routes to School**

**#2022-16**

Dr. Schrull moved to approve the resolution. Mr. Schaefer seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all members voting aye, the President declared the motion passed.

### **Legal Services' Report**

No report

### **Health Commissioner's Report**

Mr. Adams provided an update on LCPH personnel and programming. Staff members were interested in the Ohio TechCred opportunity introduced by Mr. McNamara last meeting.

LCPH followed the County Administration's lead by closing the office for inclement weather on Thursday, February 3, 2022. It was an opportunity to test LCPH's notification system.

He provided an update on COVID-19 in Lorain County. Cases counts in the county have been declining. Elyria and Lorain were part of a statewide study that was looking at viral loads in human waste, and he noted viral

loads were also down. Multiple Omicron variants were identified, and at this time, there are no other variants of concern.

Following the report, Dr. Spreng inquired about an internal committee to address health equity. Mr. Adams explained coordinating the committee was a grant deliverable, but the committee has not yet met to address issues. Dr. Spreng asked for the Board of Health to remain updated on activities and progress and would like the Board to review the committee charter once completed. He also noted that there needs to be a diverse group of LCPH staff members taking part in the committee.

Mr. Schaefer moved to accept the Health Commissioner’s report. Dr. Beidleman seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, all members voting aye, the President declared the motion passed.

**Comments**

One citizen attended the meeting and provided comments on health equity and her personal experience with equity initiatives at the state school board level. She said she would share resources with Mr. Adams via email.

Dr. Comnick provided feedback on the Ohio Equity Institute and Ohio Department of Medicaid grants, ultimately wanting the money to be put to good use within the county to address infant mortality. He would like funds to be spent wisely by hiring the best people for the positions required and making an actionable impact in the community.

There being no further business to discuss, Dr. Spreng moved to adjourn. Mr. Schaefer seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, all members voting aye, the President declared the motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Attest:

President: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_