

LORAIN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD OF HEALTH

Meeting Minutes for November 9, 2022

Present:

Prefix	Name and Credentials	Position
Dr.	Patricia Schrull, DNP, RN	Vice President
Dr.	Grant Cornick	Member
Mr.	Thomas G. Eschtruth	Member
Dr.	Eric Lockhart	Member
Mrs.	Kionna McIntosh-Pharms	Member
Mr.	Edward von Hofen	Member

Guests:

Legal Counsel, USI Insurance Services, LCPH staff members

The Vice President called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Minutes from the Last Regular Meeting on October 12, 2022

The Vice President requested a review of the October 2022 regular meeting minutes. Dr. Lockhart moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Eschtruth seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, all members voting aye, the Vice President declared the motion passed.

USI Presentation on Employee Health Insurance

#2022-74

Mr. Stibora from USI Insurance Services presented employee health insurance renewal information to the Board of Health. He reviewed the negotiated 2023 plan with and without prescription rebates. The Board of Health engaged in discussion on options. Mrs. McIntosh-Pharms moved to accept the Medical Mutual of Ohio insurance plan for employees with no changes to employees' costs in 2023 (\$115 per pay for family and \$46 per pay for single). Mr. von Hofen seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all members voting aye, the Vice President declared the motion passed.

Financial Report

#2022-75

Mrs. Deborah Chavez provided the financial update. LCPH collected 81% of its budgeted revenue and spent 69% of the appropriated expense budget to date. She noted LCPH received funds from the county administration to construct a trail that will lead from the LCPH parking lot to the Lorain County Metro Parks trail behind the building. LCPH also paid funds for work completed a part of the water pollution control loan fund and for fees for vital statistics. Dr. Lockhart moved to approve the financial report. Mr. von Hofen seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all members voting aye, the Vice President declared the motion passed.

2023 LCPH Budget

#2022-76

Mrs. Chavez shared information about the 2023 budget. Approximately \$3 million was added to be budget because of grants for COVID-19 detection and mitigation strategies for confinement facilities and congregate living. Budgeting for additional staff members was also added. Dr. Lockhart moved to approve the 2023 budget. Dr. Cornick seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all members voting aye, the Vice President declared the motion passed.

Out-of-County Travel

#2022-77

Dr. Lockhart moved to approve out-of-county travel. Mr. Eschtruth seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all members voting aye, the Vice President declared the motion passed.

Personnel

#2022-78

Dr. Lockhart moved to approve the following personnel action:

- Appointments: Christine “Tina” Tabanji, WIC clinical dietitian effective 11/18/2022.

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

Agreements, Contracts, and MOUs

#2022-79

Mr. Mark Adams, Health Commissioner, reviewed the list of agreements, contracts, and MOUs with the Board of Health. Mrs. McIntosh-Pharms moved to approve the following items:

- Lorain/Medina Community Based Correctional Facility Agreement for COVID-19 Detection & Mitigation
- Lorain County Detention Home Agreement for COVID-19 Detection & Mitigation
- Lorain County Sheriff’s Office Agreement for COVID-19 Detection & Mitigation
- Avon Oaks Nursing Home Agreement for COVID-19 Detection & Mitigation
- Road to Hope Agreement for COVID-19 Detection & Mitigation
- Welcome Nursing Home Agreement for COVID-19 Detection & Mitigation
- Service Agreement for Flexible Childcare for A. Moen

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

Second Reading – Food Safety Program Fees

#2022-80

The Board of Health reviewed the document with the proposed food safety program fees. Mrs. Jill Lis, Director of Environmental Health, Emergency Preparedness, and Epidemiology, mentioned there will be a public hearing on November 29, 2022 at 9:00am. Mr. Eschtruth moved to approve the second reading. Dr. Lockhart seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all members voting aye, the Vice President declared the motion passed.

Home Sewage Treatment System Variances

#2022-81

Mr. Adams and Mrs. Lis shared information and answered questions on requested variances for home sewage treatment systems. Mr. Eschtruth moved to approve variances for the following properties:

- 14700 State Route 301 (Parcel #15-00-005-000-0006)
- 42220 Butternut Ridge Road (Parcel #10-00-012-000-016)
- 4660 Lucas Court (Parcel #06-22-006-102-046)

Dr. Lockhart seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all members voting aye, the Vice President declared the motion passed.

Legal Services’ Report

Mr. Chris Pyanowski had no report.

Health Commissioner’s Report

Mr. Adams introduced Ms. Sara Tillie, Program Manager in the Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention Division, to present on tobacco prevention in Lorain County. The presentation included information on policies and actions that have occurred to prevent tobacco use, data on compliance checks, and the potential creation of a tobacco licensing program. Ms. Tillie’s presentation served as a .25-hour CEU session for the Board of Health.

Following the presentation, Mr. Adams provided updates on the following:

- Strategic planning process at LCPH
- Lorain County's tuberculosis program and an upcoming meeting with the County Commissioners to talk about the program

Dr. Lockhart moved to approve the Health Commissioner's Report. Mr. von Hofen seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, all members voting aye, the Vice President declared the motion passed.

Comments

Mr. Eschtruth had questions about COVID-19 cases in Lorain County, and Mr. Adams provided an update on cases and current hospitalizations. He mentioned there are increases in the number of influenza and RSV cases. There was a brief discussion about COVID-19 following the questions.

There being no further business to discuss, Dr. Lockhart moved to adjourn. Mr. von Hofen seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, all members voting aye, the Vice President declared the motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Attest:

President: _____

Secretary: _____