



KENT CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
201 E. Erie Street 2nd Floor
Kent, Ohio 44240
HEALTH BOARD MINUTES
May 11, 2021

Board Members Present

Christopher Woolverton, President
 Emily Mattern, Vice President
 Michelle Frederick
 Louise Frederick
 Jack Amrhein

Staff Present

Joan C. Seidel
 Eric Gorczynski
 Michael Anguilano

Guests

Dr. Angela DeJulius
 Florence Hsu

Absent

Pam Ferguson

I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Woolverton called to order the Kent City Health Board Meeting of May 11, 2021 at 5:31 p.m. Ms. Seidel started the roll call: Chris Woolverton: here; Emily Mattern: here; Jack Amrhein: here; Michelle Frederick: here; Louise Frederick: here.

Motion: A motion to excuse Pam Ferguson from the May 11, 2021 meeting was made by Mr. Amrhein and seconded by Ms. Mattern. With no objections the motion passed.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Kent City Health Board Meeting minutes from the April 13, 2021 meeting were distributed and reviewed prior to the meeting. A motion for approval was requested by Mr. Woolverton.

Motion: A motion to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2021 meeting was made by Ms. Mattern and seconded by Mr. Amrhein. Mr. Woolverton stated they were approving the minutes from March at the April meeting but the minutes say "April" with "motion from the January meeting". Ms. Seidel confirmed stating it may be a cut and copy edit and we'll make those corrections. Mr. Woolverton rephrased Ms. Mattern's motion "to approve the amended April meeting minutes" and was accepted by Ms. Mattern and okayed by Mr. Amrhein. With no further discussion, an "aye" vote was cast by all, motion carried. Corrections were made prior to the close of the meeting.

III. GUEST COMMENTS

None given.

IV. REPORTS

A. Statistical Report for April 2021

Ms. Seidel wanted to make sure the new formatting was noticed and acceptable. The spreadsheet is now more complete and accurate. One of the case investigators helped with the set up, he was very good with Excel. The previous one was corrupt and difficult to work with, and the new report is more helpful in identifying fees. The former spreadsheet will be archived. Mr. Woolverton found it a lot easier to track items and thanked those involved for doing it. Ms. M. Frederick commented on the amount of birth certificates issued this year compared to 2020, inquiring if it was due to online orders. Ms. Seidel stated the increase could be from the driver's license renewal ban being lifted.

B. Health Department Report

Ms. Seidel presented a COVID update reporting the total case count for Kent City is now at 2,378 with 12 deaths, 72 hospitalizations and a 97.2% presumed recovery. A median age of 22 stayed pretty solid with an increase of the 7 day average to 25 cases county wide, 3 being from Kent. Portage County remains in red-level 3. The cases in southern Ohio are decreasing but most of the northern Ohio remained in the red with high counts. Testing numbers continue to decline, seeing very few positives which has not been the case for some time. The health department has also been doing waste water sampling; Ms. Seidel mentioned that Mr. Gorczynski will provide a presentation.

In terms of vaccination, while there is increased availability of vaccine, including 200 doses of Johnson & Johnson transferred from KSU DeWeese Health Care Center, there's decreased demand so the health department will be working diligently to spend through those doses by the June 23 expiration with getting pop up clinics started. A bedridden individual received the vaccine at the resident's home with assistance from the Fire Dept. Other doses were dispersed with one waste at lower social economic status housing. 180 doses of Moderna were offered by Case Western Reserve however, the health department was unable to accept due to the expiration date.

The health department has continued to participate in Portage County Health Department District press briefings as they're scheduled, and has presentations and Zoom meetings scheduled while also answering event status questions from the community.

In terms of food service, AOHC (Association of Ohio Health Commissioners) has sent out Health Commissioner surveys on cost methodology analysis for 2022 fees. There were concerns of fee changes because of the alteration that COVID had for 2020 with many other health

departments using sanitarians as contact tracers. Ms. Seidel mentioned the Kent City Health Department completed inspections, but important to note the difference between the fiscal year and the calendar year for when those fall and not increasing fees for this year as well as the fee freezing which could all impact future fees- approximately 10%, with actual amounts being calculated when the report is run in August.

Housing, Body Art, and Pool programs have no update. Vital Statistics is awaiting the Registrar job posting. Online certificate ordering with Permittium is working well. Since joining, seven other counties in the State have joined.

In terms of grants, the health department is working through effectively spending COVID monies. The Tobacco grant award notice has not yet been received with an expectation that the health department will be funded for it. The Mosquito Control grant was approved, and Intern candidate interviews took place awaiting three that were selected to accept offers.

In terms of additional items and notes, the health department staff signed up to host a table at the Kent Farmers Market each Saturday to do community outreach with attendees and gauge interest to also provide vaccine. Ms. Seidel mentioned her volunteer work at the Thomas Anderson Memorial Gardens as another good way of connecting with the community.

Mr. Anguilano reported the Accreditation action plan status of around 50% completed while continuing to plug ahead and also mentioned the Public Health Accreditation Board being aware of House Bill 110 challenges on affected local health departments.

i. Environmental

Mr. Woolverton called on Mr. Gorczynski to give his PowerPoint presentation with guest Ms. Hsu on the Monitoring of SARS-COV-2 RNA in Wastewater, a KSU dormitory and off-campus student housing sewer study. Ms. M. Frederick commented while the presentation was being brought up regarding having COVID vaccine clinics at the same time the High School has physical exams. Ms. Seidel stated 1st and 2nd doses were just recently given there for 16 years of age & up with 156 vaccinations dispersed each time; and the health department is working on doing a clinic for 12-15 year olds. Also, at this time COVID 19 vaccine cannot be provided with any other vaccines being given. Mr. Gorczynski and Ms. Hsu began the presentation reporting about the monitoring of wastewater with Kent State University which started in January this year, and is still ongoing with the results being used to identify trends to help track and control outbreaks of COVID-19. Ms. Seidel mentioned on two occasions Binax Now COVID19 test kits were distributed to residents of housing units where there was a concerning upward trend in waste water sampling data.

C. Nursing Report and**D. Communicable Disease Report**

Ms. Seidel stated the communicable disease report as reporting first quarter numbers. Mr. Woolverton noted confusion with the percentage columns. For the nursing report, Ms. Seidel commented about the lack of trending and interventions due to much of the focus being on COVID.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS**A. House Bill 110**

Ms. Seidel stated that many letters of support for the health department were to be entered into testimony; the bill moved to the Senate, specifically to the Health Sub-Committee for review and at this time is still undetermined if there will be any changes they are willing to make. Mr. Amrhein spoke of the Kent City Charter with the board having home rule and how that gives the board stricter abilities to take legal action.

VI. ACTION ITEMS**A. Expenditures and Encumbrances**

Ms. Seidel reminded about the board wanting more ecologically friendly mosquito insecticides and stated the cases of Aqua Zenivex represent that change in product.

Expenditures & Encumbrances for April 2021			
4/1/2021	Ohio Division of Real Estate	Burial Permit Transmittal Fees for March 2021	\$142.50
4/6/2021	Treasurer, State of Ohio	FSO Transmittal Fees March 2021	\$1,364.00
4/6/2021	Ohio Dept. of Agriculture	RFE Transmittal Fees March 2021	\$420.00
4/12/2021	Treasure, State of Ohio	Vital Stats Technology fees for Jan - March 2021	\$38,516.88
4/13/2021	EP OPCO USA LLC (Veseris)	4 Cases of 825106 Aqua Zenivex E20	\$6,440.00
4/19/2021	Brothers Distribution, Inc.	Batteries for Mosquito Traps	\$402.40
4/30/2021	Premier Pool Management LLC	2-day CPO® Certification Class- First Time for Justin Smith	\$300.00

Motion: A motion to approve the expenditures and encumbrances for April 2021 was made by Mr. Amrhein and seconded by Ms. M. Frederick. With no further discussion, an “aye” vote was cast by all, motion carried.

B. June 2021 Health Board Meeting

A request by Ms. Seidel was made to move the June 8, 2021 Kent City Health Board Meeting and combine it with the July 13, 2021 meeting due to being on out of town. A motion for approval was requested by Mr. Woolverton.

Motion: A motion to move of the June 8, 2021 meeting and combine it with July 13, 2021 was made by Ms. M. Frederick and seconded by Ms. Mattern. With no further discussion, an “aye” vote was cast by all, motion carried.

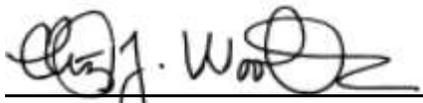
C. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

D. ADJOURN MEETING

Motion: A motion to adjourn the health board meeting of May 11, 2021 was made by Mr. Amrhein and seconded by Ms. Mattern. With no further discussion the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Approved:



Christopher Woolverton, President



Joan C. Seidel, Secretary