



The Board of the Logan County Health District (LCHD) met in regular session Wednesday, March 13, 2024. President Varian called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. followed by the pledge to the flag. Members present on roll call were Dr. Varian, Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Oldiges. Administration present at the LCHD were Health Commissioner Travis Irvan, Director of Environmental Health Matt Stonerock, Director of Nursing Lee Watts, Director of Community Health Megan Bailey, and Director of Business Operations Christina Bramlage. Staff present was Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Heather Kean.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC FORUM

No one was present for the public forum.

IN THE MATTER OF CONSENT AGENDA

The items on the consent agenda this month are

- February's Board minutes;
- monthly bill vouchers;
- January's financial reports;
- routine bookkeeping matters;
- renew cleaning service contract with Bertha Kauffman; and
- renew medical director contract with Dr. Nicholas Morton.

It was moved by Mrs. Watkins and seconded by Mrs. Smith that the Board approve all consent agenda items. Ayes: Mrs. Oldiges, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Watkins. Nays: none. Motion carried. (See Notes to Minutes for details.)

IN THE MATTER OF BOARD EDUCATION

Epidemiologist Alexis Zaborniak presented the 2023 Infectious Disease Report of Logan County, Ohio. The report covered COVID-19, Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, Hepatitis C, and Syphilis. The rates of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) in Logan County show the need for harm reduction. The Health District has obtained grants to provide educational materials and supplies to residents in need in Logan County. The goal is to help ensure that the residents of Logan County are educated on how to stay safe.

IN THE MATTER OF FUNDING FOR BOARD EDUCATION

Board of Health members are required to obtain two hours of education per year, and Christina ensures that training is provided throughout the year to easily obtain the requirement. Recently, there was a request about funding board members' education outside of the Health District. Health Commissioner Travis Irvan is checking with the Prosecutor's Office to check on the legality. Board members decided that if the Prosecutor's Office determines that the Health District can pay for Board members' education, the request should come to the Board for a case-by-case discussion and decision on payment.

IN THE MATTER OF INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF

Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Heather Kean was introduced to the Board. She was hired on February 20, 2024. Mrs. Kean was warmly welcomed by the Board.

IN THE MATTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH UPDATE

Registered Environmental Health Specialist Arie Pequignot completed and passed his yearly evaluation.

IN THE MATTER OF NUISANCES

Isabel Tracey, 61626 Mount Zion Rd. McArthur, OH 45651

Ms. Isabel Tracey's property at 8417 CR 97 Belle Center, OH, has an accumulation of solid waste including but not limited to various appliances, tires, scrap metal and wood, and other miscellaneous solid waste scattered throughout the property. On February 5, 2024, Arie Pequignot, REHS, investigated and confirmed an accumulation of solid waste including but not limited to various appliances, tires, scrap metal and wood, and other miscellaneous solid waste scattered throughout the property. On February 6, 2024, REHS Pequignot mailed a Sanitarian Order to Isabel

Tracey to comply on or before February 27, 2024. On February 28, 2024, REHS Pequignot Reinspected the property and found no compliance. It was moved by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Oldiges to declare that the condition constitutes a public health nuisance and issue an order to remove all solid waste from the premises to a licensed solid waste facility within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the Board of Health order. Ayes: Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. Oldiges, and Mrs. Smith. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Norman Rath, 1400 Reservoir Rd. Lima, OH 45804

Mr. Norman Rath's property at 11007 Oneida Path, Lakeview, Ohio has a vacant house with several openings on the roof and siding on the structure. On July 13, 2023, REHS Amanda Harshfield investigated and found an open and vacant house. On July 13, 2023, REHS Harshfield mailed a Sanitarian Order to Norman Rath to repair or demolish the house and remove all solid waste to a licensed solid waste facility before August 13, 2023. On July 24, 2023, Mrs. Harshfield spoke to Norman Rath by phone and Mr. Rath stated he was working on hiring someone to repair the siding. On July 31, 2023, Mrs. Harshfield spoke to Mr. Rath by phone. Mr. Rath stated he was working on the house. Mr. Rath also stated he planned to work in the house on Sundays and was still evaluating if the house was worth repairing or should be torn down. On August 23, 2023, Mrs. Harshfield reinspected and found the house still open. On February 15, 2024, Mrs. Harshfield observed some new boards on some of the holes in the house, but the house still has openings in multiple locations. It was moved by Mrs. Watkins and seconded by Mrs. Smith to declare that the condition constitutes a public health nuisance and issue an order to demolish the house and remove the house and all solid waste from the premises to a licensed solid waste facility within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Board of Health order. Ayes: Mrs. Oldiges, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Watkins. Nays: none. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF NURSING REPORT

Director of Nursing Lee Watts reported that a measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccination clinic will be held on Monday, March 18, 2024, by appointment. The Health District was able to obtain free period kits for distribution from Periodkitsohio.org. Due to perseverance from a past director of nursing, we received several payments recently from Medicaid for COVID-19 vaccines provided over the past three years. Health Commissioner Travis Irvan reported on the most recent COVID-19 statistics, including that there have been no deaths in the last three weeks in Logan County due to COVID-19. (See Notes to Minutes for stats.)

IN THE MATTER OF COMMUNITY HEALTH UPDATES

Director of Community Health Megan Bailey reported that the outreach on social media had a total reach of 19,510 with 519 interactions! The top five social media postings in February 2024 were the Super Bowl picture for birth certificates, tobacco posts, chicken pox vaccinations, 6,000 plus identified rare diseases, and skunk mating season. Mrs. Bailey reported on the Narcan distribution, Tobacco Quitline screenings and referrals, the number of safe sex kits distributed, and health fairs attended. (see Notes to the Minutes for Stats). Megan explained that Wellness Wednesday clinics will start at the Health District on Wednesday, March 20, 2024. This clinic will be open to anyone. Other agencies and organizations will be on-site for clients. Services include but are not limited to wound care by Mary Rutan Hospital, Sharps containers give-away, mental health services by Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol Services Board of Logan/Champaign County, vaccines and harm reduction services by the Logan County Health District, and fentanyl test strips give-away by Nationwide Children's Hospital. Mrs. Bailey was happy to report that the 2023 Annual Report and the 2024 first quarter District Advisory Council (DAC) newsletter are finished. (See Notes to Minutes for reports.)

IN THE MATTER OF REPLACING FRONT DOOR

Director of Business Operations Christina Bramlage reported that the lock on the front door is broken and not operating properly. Companies were contacted to try and repair the door, but unfortunately, no one can locate parts to replace the lock. Three bids were obtained for the replacement of the door. Watkins Door and Window was the best price at \$8,500.00. A fifty percent deposit was required to accept the bid, and the deposit was in the vouchers approved for payment in the consent agenda.

IN THE MATTER OF 2025 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Director of Business Operations Christina Bramlage reviewed the 2025 anticipated health district operating budget, which is required to be submitted to the county budget commission each year at this time. (See Notes to Minutes for budget) The 2025 budget looks very similar to the 2024 budget since changes for next year are unknown at this time. Understanding that adjustments based on cash balances will likely be necessary before final approval in August, it was moved by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Watkins that the Board approve the anticipated budget as presented. Ayes: Mrs. Oldiges, Mrs. Watkins, and Mrs. Smith. Nays: none. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF HEALTH COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Health Commissioner Travis Irvan updated Board members on several items.

- Mr. Irvan reviewed the infectious disease stats for January 2024. (See Notes to Minutes)
- The Child Fatality Review Board met. There were six deaths reviewed under 18 years of age, but there was no common link between any of the deaths.
- Deaths by overdose are down; but unfortunately, suicide deaths are increasing.
- Thankfully, a recent chest x-ray for a suspected TB patient came back as clear, so there is not an active TB case in Logan County.
- Recently, the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) changed the fees for 2024, but the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) did not change their fees. Unfortunately, that leaves local health departments stuck in the middle and unable to meet both the ODA and the ODH requirements for fees. Currently, we are matching the ODH fees, but we may need to change our fees to match the ODA. More details to come as the ODA and the ODH work together.
- The District Advisory Council meeting is set for Ohio Hi-Point Career Center at 6:00 pm on March 21, 2024. There are currently two applicants for the Board of Health open position.

IN THE MATTER OF A RESOLUTION HONORING TOBI COLLINS

Whereas, Ms. Tobi Collins has faithfully served on the Board of Health for ten years;

Whereas, Ms. Tobi Collins has exemplified integrity, professionalism, and a genuine concern for our community;

Whereas, Ms. Tobi Collins’ passion for championing a safe and healthy community for Logan County and beyond will have lasting effects for generations to come;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Logan County Health District Board of Health:

- 1) Expresses its deepest gratitude to Ms. Tobi Collins for her outstanding service, unwavering commitment, and lasting impact on public health in our community and
- 2) That this resolution be entered permanently into our records as a testament to Ms. Tobi Collins’ years of service.

In official recognition, on this 13th day of March 2024.

It was moved by Mrs. Oldiges and seconded by Mrs. Watkins to approve the honorary resolution for Ms. Tobi Collins. Roll being called upon its adoption, the vote is as follows: Mrs. Watkins-aye, Mrs. Smith-aye, and Mrs. Oldiges-aye. Motion carried.

Dr. Grant Varian, President

Travis Irvan, Secretary

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Confirming the next regular meeting for April 10, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at the Logan County Health District, President Grant adjourned the meeting at 2:33 p.m. without opposition.

Dr. Grant Varian, President

Travis Irvan, Secretary