



Springdale Board of Health
September 14, 2023

Mayor Webster called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Mike Prokopius was introduced. Dr. Prokopius was at the meeting as an observer.

Board of Health Members

Present: Scott Garrison, Rita Hart, Carol Quinlan-Hall, Dr. Ketring, James Squires

Others Present

Mayor Webster; Dan Jacobs, Council representative to the Board of Health

City Staff: Charles Noble, Director of Environmental Health; Amy Ellis, Public Health Nurse

Minutes of the Board of Health Meeting

Minutes of the May 11, 2023 Board of Health meeting were considered. Mr. Squires made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 11, 2023 Board of Health Meeting; Dr. Ketring seconded. The Board of Health minutes were accepted unanimously.

City Council Report

Mr. Jacobs gave the City Council Report of items that occurred over the summer. Mr. Jacobs discussed several changes in the Police Department; the passing of Officer Ritchy Tuazon over the summer while he was on vacation, the introduction of new Police Chief Tom Butler, as well as a new contract approved for the Police Department as well as the Fire Department. Grant money was also able to be used for Police and Fire Department for those individuals who were working during the pandemic. This grant, as well as another grant, will assist in helping fund a pandemic bonus for their hard work during the pandemic by full and part time workers. Mr. Jacobs also discussed other legislation including firearms regulations. The original legislation was antiquated and the new legislation would simply abolish the City legislation and that the City would follow the federal and state regulations regarding firearms. Mr. Jacobs also discussed the purchase of land for the development of Wawa's gas station, as well as other infrastructure legislation.

Old Business

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None

New Business

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None

Health Commissioner's Report

Charles Noble

Nuisances, Animal Bites, and Food Illnesses

Charles Noble discussed animal bites that occurred over the summer. Mr. Noble also reviewed complaints and food inspections included in the Board of Health packet given to Board members.

Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC) Program

Charles Noble provided the dates and monetary awards from recent ODH MAC Program time studies. The YTD ODH MAC time study reimbursements for the Springdale Health Department total \$24,103, resulting from time study participation in the first and second quarter of 2023. The third quarter ODH MAC time study occurred from September 10-16, 2023. The monetary reimbursement from the ODH MAC third quarter time study will be provided at the October 2023 BOH Meeting.

Food Program

Mr. Noble stated that White Castle is completely remodeled. Hibachi Express will receive their final inspection from the Building Department and Health Department on September 15th, and should be opening within the next week. Badmos African Market is now open and Empowerment Center will need to get final approval from Hamilton County Public Health for a plumbing permit. Ida Mae's will be opening soon. Dave and Busters has plans for a kitchen remodel, and Fujisan Sushi is now open at Sam's Club. Pizzeria Da Tonino opening recently as well.

Springdale Health Department Interns

Mr. Noble discussed the interns that the Springdale Health Department had over the summer, as well as the current interns and the different items that they have worked on over the summer.

Springdale Personnel

Mr. Noble stated that a new part-time sanitarian is working in the Springdale Health Department. Shelbie Truett began work in the Springdale Health Department on May 8, 2023 as an Environmental Health Specialist in Training.

Public Health Nurse's Report

Mrs. Ellis, RN

Hamilton County Overdose Report

Nurse Ellis included the reports for May, June, and July 2023 (August was unavailable at the time of the meeting). Nurse Ellis stated that a new report was included in the Board of Health packet. The Overdose Decedent Dashboard Report not only gives the numbers, but also the cause and occupation of the decedents. Nurse Ellis asked the Board members if they would like to have the Decedent Dashboard Report included in the future. The Board was interested, and Nurse Ellis stated she will continue to include that report as well. The Naloxone Usage Reports for May, June, July, and August 2023 were not available. She asked if any Board of Health members had questions regarding the Hamilton County Drug Overdose Reports. There were no questions.

Communicable Disease Report

Nurse Ellis included the Communicable Disease Reports for June and July 2023 for Hamilton County and also included the breakdown for the City of Springdale. Nurse Ellis stated that while there was an uptick in the number of cases in May because of a small outbreak at one of the long term care facilities. There

was a family member of an individual that came to visit, and from there several cases developed at the facility. There was an uptick in cases in August once school started.

Covid-19 Vaccine Update

Nurse Ellis stated that newest Covid vaccine, after the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) met on September 12, they have made the recommendations for the newest formulation of the vaccine which is to cover the off shoots of the Omnicron Variant. No recommendations or regulations have officially come from the CDC at the time of the Board of Health meeting. What Nurse Ellis had read in recent articles is that individuals can receive an additional dose as long as it has been four months from the last dose, with immunocompromised being only two months from the last dose. Nurse Ellis wanted to clarify that currently these are recommendations, and not requirements for the vaccine at this time. Nurse Ellis wanted to make clear that there is a significant change in the location that individuals can get the vaccine. Since the government will no longer be the sole provider of the vaccine, it will be privatized and only individuals without insurance or underinsured will be able to receive shots in the future from local health departments. This will mean that many seniors will have to go to local pharmacies or other places other than the Springdale Health Department to receive the newest vaccine since many of them have Medicare. Nurse Ellis stated that since this vaccine is now privatized, other local health departments checked the price of the vaccine. The cost per individual vaccine is \$100. If the Springdale Health Department purchased just 100 doses, it would be \$10,000. Nurse Ellis further explained that if the Springdale Health Department was to vaccinate, for example, Maple Knoll, at approximately 400 doses, that would be \$40,000 for that facility alone, as well as bill insurance, which would also get quite complicated. Nurse Ellis stated that she is currently awaiting an initial ten dose supply which will be available for uninsured or underinsured individuals only. Nurse Ellis suggested that individuals contact their primary care physicians first to see if it is available at their offices, and also to check if individuals should receive the latest dose.

VFC Immunization Clinics

Nurse Ellis stated that in May there were four additional clinics held at Heritage Hill Elementary besides the two clinics that are held at the Springdale Health Department. In June, July, and August had the Springdale Health Department holding the regular clinics. Recently, three Princeton City Schools have been requesting help to get approximately 125 students vaccinated. This would not be a matter of seeing these students once, it would mean seeing these students two to three additional visits. While the Springdale Health Department will do what it can to help these schools, other clinics and facilities will need to help as well.

Miscellaneous Items

Nurse Ellis included emails from Ohio Department of Health regarding Covid-19 Vaccine commercialization as well as a congratulatory email for the Springdale Health Department's efforts in the encouragement of children receiving the HPV vaccine.

Board of Health Discussion

No items for discussion.

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. The Board of Health meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Matthew Clayton, REHS, MPH

Matthew Clayton, Health Commissioner