



The Ashtabula County Board of Health met in regular session in the basement meeting room of the Ashtabula County Health Department, 12 West Jefferson Street, Jefferson, Ohio, on the above date at 6:00 P.M.

Answering roll call were:	Dr. Harlan Waid Jr.	“Yea”
	Rebecca Robinson	“Yea”
	Duane Marcy	“Yea”
	Robert Russell	“Yea”
	Barb Klingensmith	“Yea”

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. Harlan Waid Jr.

The Ashtabula County Combined Health District Advisory Council met on March 28, 2024, at the Ashtabula County Health Department in Jefferson, Ohio.

The Ashtabula County Combined Health District Advisory Council elected Deb Friedstrom, Plymouth Township to serve as chairman of the Advisory Council and Jeff Smith, Cherry Valley Township, to serve as Secretary of the Advisory Council.

The Ashtabula County Combined Health District Advisory Council re-elected Duane Marcy, Pierpont Township, to serve a five year term (March 2029) as a member of the Ashtabula County Board of Health.

The Ashtabula County Combined Health District Advisory Council elected Barb Klingensmith, Orwell Township, to fill the unexpired term of Bryce Heinbaugh (March 2028) as a member of the Ashtabula County Board of Health.

The motion was made by Robert Russell to nominate Dr. Harlan Waid Jr. for Board of Health President. The nomination was seconded by Rebecca Robinson.

Roll Call:	Rebecca Robinson	“Yea”
	Duane Marcy	“Yea”
	Robert Russell	“Yea”
	Barb Klingensmith	“Yea”
	Dr. Harlan Waid Jr.	“Yea”

The motion carried.

The motion was made by Duane Marcy and seconded by Robert Russell to nominate Rebecca Robinson for Board of Health Vice President.

Roll Call:	Dr. Harlan Waid Jr.	“Yea”
	Rebecca Robinson	“Yea”
	Duane Marcy	“Yea”
	Robert Russell	“Yea”
	Barb Klingensmith	“Yea”

The motion carried.

The motion was made by Rebecca Robinson and seconded by Duane Marcy to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Health which was held on March 13, 2024. Since the minutes were reviewed by the Board Members, and there were no alterations or corrections, the minutes are approved as recorded.

Roll Call:	Dr. Harlan Waid Jr.	“Yea”
	Rebecca Robinson	“Yea”
	Duane Marcy	“Yea”
	Robert Russell	“Yea”
	Barb Klingensmith	“Abstained”

The motion carried.

The motion was made by Robert Russell and seconded by Duane Marcy that the bills and salaries be paid and to approve travel requests for staff for the month of April 2024 and expenses to be paid for the same.

Allie Maraffi, Administrator, and Kenny Bailey, Director of Quality and Performance Management, to attend the AOHC Spring conference in Columbus on April 29 – May 1, 2024, to include registration, hotel, food, and mileage.

Roll Call:	Rebecca Robinson	“Yea”
	Duane Marcy	“Yea”
	Robert Russell	“Yea”
	Barb Klingensmith	“Yea”
	Dr. Harlan Waid Jr.	“Yea”

The motion carried.

The Board then reviewed the work summaries for the month of March 2024 for the registered environmental health specialists, plumbing inspectors, and nurses.

Open Forum (Public Comment

Administrative Report

- a. Financial Health
 - i. Cross Fund Reports for April 2023 and April 2024
 - ii. Current Budget Performance Report

Nursing Report: Dave Shumate, BSN, RN, Director of Nursing

Medical Director Update.

A motion was made by Robert Russell and seconded by Rebecca Robinson that Dr. Lancaster will be the permanent replacement as the Ashtabula County Health Department Medical Director.

Roll Call:	Duane Marcy	“Yea”
	Robert Russell	“Yea”
	Barb Klingensmith	“Yea”
	Dr. Harlan Waid Jr.	“Yea”
	Rebecca Robinson	“Yea”

The motion carried.

- a. Epidemiology Report (including COVID/Flu/RSV)
- b. Tuberculosis Update
- c. Meningitis case
- d. Nursing Department Activities
- e. Well Child Clinic
- f. RAM Clinic
- g. Nursing staff update
- h. Nursing position
- i. Libby Holden, Epidemiologist/Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, presented a summary about the Preparedness Summit that she attended last week in Cleveland to the Board of Health.

Libby informed the Board that the conference was very interesting and informative, but there were some things that she learned that would not be applicable to our agency. One of the main topics of discussion was on communication and the importance of partnerships. An example of this was when a group from East Palestine spoke about their relationship with poison control during the train derailment, as well as their real-life implementation of ICS. ICS trainings are required of all staff at the health department, but we’ve never activated it.

Some other topics that she learned about were artificial intelligence(AI) and the importance of having policies to safely use it, how to create your own MERV filters, climate change, and local POD procedures. There was also a presentation from the CDC where they discussed how and when PHEP funding should be disbursed to local health departments, which the Northeast Ohio Region plans to address with the state.

Old Business: Randall Barnes, Director of Environmental Health

- a. Board of Health Order Updates
 - Two cases were abated; Jeff Linberg, Ashtabula Township, and Victoria Delmonico, Ashtabula Township.
 - Some progress was made on solid waste at James Thibeault’s property in Rock Creek but not enough to dismiss.
 - Finally, Woodworth case was dismissed as of April 12, 2024. Property has been cleaned up and vacated, campers are gone.

- b. One Recovery Grant Status
 - i. May 3rd is the due date. We are approximately 20% completed. Miriam Walton, former MHRSB Director, is on the committee who decides what grants get passed along to the state. Dr. Lancaster told Miriam Walton about our intentions to use the grant for a mobile unit. Miriam endorsed the idea.
 - ii. This grant application is due May 3rd. At this point we are roughly 20 percent completed. This grant has to “pass through”.

New Business:

- a. Verify with current board members the date and time for all Ashtabula County Board Meetings for 2024.

A motion was made by Robert Russell and seconded by Rebecca Robinson to keep the same meeting date as the second Wednesday of the month and the same meeting time as 6:00 pm.

Roll Call:	Robert Russell	“Yea”
	Barb Klingensmith	“Yea”
	Dr. Harlan Waid Jr.	“Yea”
	Rebecca Robinson	“Yea”
	Duane Marcy	“Yea”

The motion carried.

- b. Updating the ashtabulacountyhealth.com website to add names of Board of Health members.

The board then examined a solid waste disposal complaint pertaining to the property located at 50 East Main St., Orwell Village, owned by Carollyn Olah, 81 East Main St., PO Box 191, Orwell, Ohio 44076. The tenant on the property is Anthony Kromer.

Inspections of the property revealed the presence of trash throughout the property which included paper wrappers, plastic spoons, straws, plastic bottles, bags, tires, metal drum, oil containers, aluminum cans, pieces of rope, bottle caps, candy wrappers, and paper cups. This solid waste must be removed and disposed of in a licensed landfill.

The improper disposal of solid waste is a public health nuisance and violates Ohio Solid Waste Disposal Regulations. The presence of miscellaneous debris and waste on the property will contribute to rodent infestation and a mosquito public health nuisance as the debris can collect water and allow mosquitoes to breed. Mosquitoes can transmit West Nile Virus and Encephalitis.

In view of these violations, a motion was made by Robert Russell and seconded by Duane Marcy that the Ashtabula County Board of Health order Carollyn Olah to: (1) remove and dispose of all solid waste at a licensed landfill by May 1, 2024; (2) submit receipts from a licensed landfill to confirm proper disposal of solid waste on or by May 1, 2024; (3) submit proof that there is weekly trash service for this address to the Ashtabula County Health Department by May 1, 2024.

Failure to comply with this order will result in the matter being referred to the Ashtabula County Prosecutor's Office for enforcement action.

Roll Call:	Barb Klingensmith	“Yea”
	Dr. Harlan Waid Jr.	“Yea”
	Rebecca Robinson	“Yea”
	Duane Marcy	“Yea”
	Robert Russell	“Yea”

The motion carried.

The board examined sewage disposal, plumbing, private water system, and building code violations pertaining to the property located at 2099 Sodom Rd., Orwell, Ohio 44076, Wayne Township, owned by Tyrone and Avrael Earl, 6118 Institute Rd., Rome, Ohio 44085.

Inspections revealed that Tyrone and Avrael Earl are occupying two dwellings on this lot with no functioning home sewage treatment system, private water system, and plumbing with zoning and building permit approval. There has been no approval of any home sewage treatment system, private water system and plumbing given by the Ashtabula County Health Department at this time.

The occupancy of the dwellings without approval of the home sewage treatment system, private water system, plumbing, and building code regulations violates several home sewage treatment system rules, private water system and plumbing regulations and most likely several building code regulations.

A motion was made by Duane Marcy and seconded by Robert Russell that the Ashtabula County Board of Health order Tyrone and Avrael Earl to: (1) obtain local zoning and sewage system installation and plumbing permits by April 26, 2024; (2) install an approved home sewage treatment system and private water system by July 1, 2024; (3) only one dwelling per lot is permitted. Tyrone and Avrael Earl must also obtain approval from the Ashtabula County Building Department for the newly occupied building.

Failure to comply with this order will result in this matter being referred to the Ashtabula County Prosecutor's Office for follow up enforcement action.

Roll Call:	Dr. Harlan Waid Jr.	“Yea”
	Rebecca Robinson	“Yea”
	Duane Marcy	“Yea”
	Robert Russell	“Yea”
	Barb Klingensmith	“Yea”

The motion carried.

Suicide and Overdose Review Boards – Information only

These groups would be similar to child fatality review meetings. Participants would meet to determine how and why these deaths occurred, how they may have been prevented, and what things can be implemented to mitigate future occurrences.

The next meeting of the Board of Health will be May 8, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

The motion was made by Rebecca Robinson and seconded by Barb Klingensmith to adjourn the meeting since there was no further business at hand.

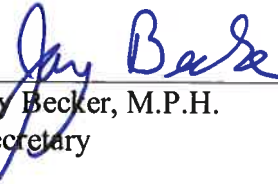
Roll Call:	Rebecca Robinson	"Yea"
	Duane Marcy	"Yea"
	Robert Russell	"Yea"
	Barb Klingensmith	"Yea"
	Dr. Harlan Waid Jr.	"Yea"

The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned.



Dr. Harlan Waid Jr.
President



Jay Becker, M.P.H.
Secretary