



## **Clermont County Public Health**

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### **Clermont County General Health District Board of Health Meeting**

The Clermont County Board of Health held its monthly meeting on April 14, 2021. Andrew Crum, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Mr. Crum led the Board Members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Call to Order:**            Dr. Janet Rickabaugh, absent            Dr. Joseph Khan, present  
                                 Andrew Crum, present                        Dennis Brown, present  
                                 Eric Heiser, absent

Others present included Julianne Nesbit, Health Commissioner; Tim Kelly, Assistant Health Commissioner; Tara Jimison, Director of Nursing; Maalini Vijayan, Director of Environmental Health; Kelly Shepherd, Director of Plumbing; Dr. James Kaya, Medical Director; Katrina Stapleton, Fiscal Officer; Bethany Bertsch, Administrative Assistant and others as listed on Attachment #1.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Ms. Nesbit stated a consent agenda was prepared for the Board and asked if any member wanted items moved to the non-consent agenda for further discussion and consideration. No members requested further discussion of items on the consent agenda. Ms. Nesbit recommended approval of the following items:

- 1. Variances Black Water Holding Tank Extension Requests-** Recommendation to approve extending the variance for a black water holding tank for an additional month.
  - a. Buskirk- 5051 Nature Trail, Union Township (4-V-21)
  - b. Tindle- 5511 Aviator Ave, Goshen Township (7-V-21)
- 2. Acceptance of Resignation of Stephanie Adams, Office Specialist in the Administration Division-** Recommendation to accept the resignation of Stephanie Adams, Office Specialist in the Administration Division, effective April 2, 2021.
- 3. Acceptance of Resignation of Jacob Baker, Sanitarian-in-Training in the Environmental Health and Water and Waste Divisions-** Recommendation to accept the resignation of Jacob Baker, Sanitarian-in-Training in the Environmental Health and Water and Waste Divisions, effective April 14, 2021.
- 4. Approval to Appoint Kathryn Elliott and Cheryl Adams to Temporary COVID Support Staff Positions in the Nursing Division-** Recommendation to appoint Kathryn Elliott and Cheryl Adams to Temporary COVID Support Staff Positions in the Nursing Division at the salary indicated on the attached salary sheet. (Attachments #2 - #3)
- 5. Approval of Mutual Aid and Facilities Use Agreement with the University of Cincinnati-Clermont-** Recommendation to approve the Mutual Aid and Facilities Use Agreement with the University of Cincinnati-Clermont effective March 13, 2021. (Attachment #4)
- 6. Approval to Join the Services Agreement between ProLink Healthcare, LLC and the Ohio Department of Health for Vaccinator Support-** Recommendation to approve joining the Services Agreement between ProLink Healthcare, LLC and the Ohio Department of

Health entered into on January 26, 2021 for Vaccinator Support effective March 17, 2021. (Attachment #5)

- 7. Approval of Contract for Services with Dianna Schuster to Provide COVID-19 Vaccinations-** Recommend approval of the contract for services with Dianna Schuster to provide COVID-19 vaccinations effective March 11, 2021. (Attachment #6)
- 8. Approval to Amend the Contract for Service with Barbara Friend-** Recommendation to approve amending paragraph 13 of the contract for vaccinator services with Barbara Friend that was entered into on January 28, 2021 regarding compensation effective March 22, 2021. (Attachment #7)
- 9. Approval of Subordination of Mortgage for Gary Langford at 6001 Jess Thelma Dr.-** Recommendation to approve subordination of mortgage for Gary Langford. (Attachment #8)
- 10. Approval of Board of Health Meeting Minutes for March 10, 2021-** Recommendation to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2021 Board of Health Meeting.

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve consent agenda items #1 through #10. Dr. Khan seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes; motion carried.

#### **NON-CONSENT AGENDA:**

##### **Variances:**

**Connect a New Home to an Existing Household Sewage Treatment System- 6464 Long Glady, Wayne Township (9-V-12)-** Ms. Nesbit stated Chris and Sara Creager requested a variance to connect a three bedroom home to the existing two bedroom Wisconsin mound system at 6464 Long Glady, Wayne Township (9-V-12). Staff recommended approval.

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve connecting a three bedroom home to the Wisconsin mound system at 6464 Long Glady, Wayne Township (9-V-12). Dr. Khan seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes; motion carried. (Attachment #9)

**Isolation Distance- 550 Ibold Road, Miami Township (10-V-21)-** Ms. Nesbit stated Jacob and Brittany McNear requested an isolation distance variance to construct a new home five feet from the septic tank of the existing aerobic treatment unit system at 550 Ibold Road, Miami Township (10-V-21). She indicated the property had limited area to build a home and Mr. McNear stated the number of bedrooms would be decreasing from five to three. Staff recommended approval.

Dr. Khan made a motion to approve the isolation distance variance to construct a new home five feet from the septic tank of the existing aerobic treatment unit system at 550 Ibold Road, Miami Township (10-V-21). Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes; motion carried. (Attachment #10)

**Isolation Distance- 2580 Bergen Road, Stonelick Township (11-V-21)-** Ms. Nesbit stated David McDufford requested an isolation distance variance to route the gradient drain outlet less than ten feet from the private water easement owned by the homeowner at 2580 Bergen Road, Stonelick Township (11-V-21). Staff recommended approval.

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the isolation distance variance to route the gradient drain outlet less than ten feet from the private water easement owned by the homeowner at 2580 Bergen Road, Stonelick Township (11-V-21). Dr. Khan seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes; motion carried. (Attachment #11)

**Isolation Distance- 2160 Countryside Drive, Jackson Township (12-V-21)-** Ms. Nesbit stated Sam Boggs requested an isolation distance variance at 2160 Countryside Drive, Jackson Township (12-V-21). She indicated two plans were submitted. Plan A requested an isolation distance variance for a room addition to be 27 inches from the existing septic tank, 25 inches from the septic tank to the nearest deck post, 9 feet from the hot tub to the edge of the septic tank, 3 feet from the edge of a concrete sidewalk to the edge of the sand filter, and to install an access door with easy access for full service of the septic tank beneath a deck that was already in the process of being installed. Plan B requested an isolation distance variance for a room addition to be 27 inches from the existing septic tank, 32 inches from the nearest deck post to the septic tank, 9 feet from the hot tub to the edge of the septic tank, and 3 feet from the edge of a concrete sidewalk to the edge of the sand filter, with removal of the deck from over the septic tank. Staff recommended disapproval of Plan A and approval of Plan B.

Mr. Boggs and his representative, Joe Speeg, stated they would prefer approval of Plan A to allow more space for the deck but would move forward with Plan B if it is approved. It was indicated a manual rolling deck could be installed on a track in Plan A. However, the post for the track would be against the tank for support. Ms. Nesbit stated placing a post against the tank would not be advisable and could damage the tank when installed.

Ms. Nesbit asked about the possibility of a removable cover that would allow access to the tank. Mr. Boggs stated the option was considered to install a trap door in the deck for access. Mr. Crum asked the distance from the top of the tank and the bottom of the deck's floor joist. Mr. Speeg indicated the distance was approximately 18-20 inches from the tank to the floor joist of the deck. The dimensions of the tank's lid was discussed and Ms. Nesbit indicated if the tank needed to be replaced the deck would need to be dismantled. She mentioned the tank could be abandoned and the system relocated. She stated access would need to be available to service providers and Clermont County Public Health staff for inspections.

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the isolation distance variance for Plan A, which included a room addition to be 27 inches from the existing septic tank, 25 inches from the septic tank to the nearest deck post, 9 feet from the hot tub to the edge of the septic tank, 3 feet from the edge of a concrete sidewalk to the edge of the sand filter, and to install an access door with easy access for service and regular inspections of the tank from Clermont County Public Health. Dr. Khan seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes; motion carried. (Attachment #12)

**Isolation Distance- 1212 Rolling Meadows Drive, Monroe Township (16-V-21)-** Ms. Nesbit stated Samantha and Francis Lynn requested an isolation distance variance to construct a mound with zero foot distance to the Right of Way for Rolling Meadows Drive with no replacement area at 1212 Rolling Meadows Drive, Monroe Township (16-V-21). Staff recommended approval.

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the isolation distance variance to construct a mound with zero foot distance to the Right of Way for Rolling Meadows Drive with no replacement area at 1212 Rolling Meadows Drive, Monroe Township (16-V-21). Dr. Khan seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes; motion carried. (Attachment #13)

**Connect a Room Addition to an Existing Household Sewage Treatment System: 3 to 4 bedrooms- 4848 Teal Ln., Union Township (14-V-21)-** Ms. Nesbit stated Sandra Sanchez requested approval for the addition of a fourth bedroom for an in-law-suite on the existing leach line system at 4848 Teal Ln., Union Township (14-V-21). Staff recommended disapproval.

Ms. Nesbit indicated an inspection determined two of the system's three leach lines had portions under a shed located behind the home. She mentioned during the inspection a sewage overflow pipe was found discharging sewage wastewater into a drainage way on the east side of the home. The discharge pipe had since been removed and concrete sealed to eliminate the discharge. She informed the Board that the existing leach line system was older and not well functioning, with previous issues.

Dr. Khan made a motion to disapprove the variance request for the addition of a fourth bedroom on the existing leach line system at 4848 Teal Ln., Union Township (14-V-21). Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes; motion carried. (Attachment #14)

**Connect a Room Addition to an Existing Household Sewage Treatment System- 1925 State Route 131, Stonelick Township (15-V-21)-** Ms. Nesbit stated Don Smith requested approval for the addition of a full bathroom located in an existing auxiliary building and adding a new gravity building sewer pipe connecting to the existing aerobic treatment system at 1925 State Route 131, Stonelick Township (15-V-21). Staff recommended approval.

Dr. Khan made a motion to approve the variance request for the addition of a full bathroom on the existing aerobic treatment system at 1925 State Route 131, Stonelick Township (15-V-21). Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes; motion carried. (Attachment #15)

**Adoption of Resolution 06-21 Declaring Properties Public Health Nuisances-** Ms. Nesbit noted four members were required to adopt a resolution as an emergency order. Mr. Crum suggested the resolution declaring properties public health nuisances be tabled until the May 12, 2021 meeting.

Mr. Brown made a motion to table the adoption of resolution 6-21 declaring properties public health nuisances until the May 12, 2021 meeting. Dr. Khan seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes; motion carried.

**Approval and Payment of Bills-** Ms. Nesbit presented the Health District's bills for consideration. Following the Board's review and discussion, Mr. Brown made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Dr. Khan seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes; motion carried. (Attachment #16)

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Annual Financial Report-** Ms. Stapleton reported the Annual Financial Report was submitted by April 1, 2021. She indicated the agency spent well over the \$3 per capita that was required to receive state subsidy. Throughout 2020 the agency spent \$20.35 per person in the county. Ms. Stapleton stated the biggest change this year was the addition of a COVID spending breakdown to the workbook that was sent to the Ohio Public Health Partnership. When reviewing the data 25% of payroll went to COVID-19 related activities and when reviewing the full-time equivalent of staff about 33% of staff time was spent, which totaled 37,438 hours spent working on the pandemic. To break down that time, 8% went to contract tracing, 64% to disease investigation, and 28% to other for enforcement. Ms. Stapleton reminded the Board that the Annual Financial Report assigns a dollar amount to the hours staff spent working in each foundational public health service. Attachment #17)

**Senate Bill 22-** Ms. Nesbit indicated she attended a presentation the previous week to discuss Senate Bill 22. The bill was originally put forth by Senator Johnson from District 14, which includes Clermont County. Ms. Nesbit explained the original intent of the bill was to put limitations on the Governor and the Ohio Department of Health involving emergency orders and review by a

legislative committee. The bill was vetoed by the Governor; however, the legislature voted to overturn the veto.

The original checks and balances provided by the bill would have been supported by the agency; however, an amendment by the House was added that negatively impacted local public health departments. The amendment would take away the ability of local public health departments to close schools, which Ms. Nesbit indicated was not a concern as the agency works with school superintendents on the matter of closing. The portion of the amendment she stated was of most concern involved local health departments not being able to issue quarantine or isolation orders unless there was a confirmed diagnosis. Ms. Nesbit indicated she reached out to state representatives to voice her concerns. She stated individuals could return home from countries with a high risk of exposure to diseases like Ebola and the agency would not be able to issue orders for quarantine or isolation if the individuals chose not to stay at home. A citizen could potentially expose the community to deadly diseases and public health would not be able to act on behalf of the public.

She indicated proposals are being prepared for changes to Senate Bill 22. Ms. Nesbit hoped amendments could be added to the state budget bill to potentially fix some discrepancies. She mentioned an opinion has arisen that the bill is unconstitutional but she was unsure how that would be handled. The bill goes into effect on June 23, 2021.

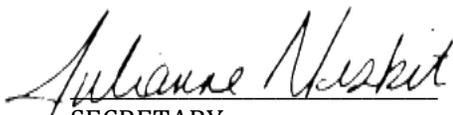
Additionally, Ms. Nesbit reported a state representative added to the state budget bill to abolish health departments in cities with a population of less than 50,000. While there would be no direct impact in Clermont County, Ms. Nesbit voiced her concern on forced mergers, abolishments, and the impacts that could have in the future.

**BOARD OF HEALTH EDUCATION:**

**COVID-19 Discussion-** At 7:14 PM, Ms. Nesbit opened a discussion on updates of COVID-19 to the Board of Health. The discussion concluded at 7:35 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Dr. Khan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 PM. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes; motion carried.

  
SECRETARY

  
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED