**February 12, 2013**

The Galion City Board of Health met in regular session at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 12, 2013, at Galion City Health Department. Board members present were President Doug Schilling, Vice President Dennis Long, Pamela Fellner, Terry Gribble and Wendy Butz. Also present were Health Commissioner Dr. Steve Novack, Director of Nursing Sandy Crossland, R.N. and Environmental Health Director Stephanie Zmuda, R.S. Mr. Schilling called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m.

**Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Gribble made a motion for the approval of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fellner. The motion was unanimously passed.

**Approval of Month Minutes**

Mr. Long made a motion that the minutes from the meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kerr. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Monthly Reports**

Dr. Novack stated that the mission of Galion City Health Department (GCHD) is to improve the health and well-being of those that we serve.

Mr. Schilling wants to arrange a meeting with MT for wifi connections and overall IT support. The Board of Health (BOH) also asked to have Social Media Report online views per year and current month. Dr. Novack requests the BOH update contact information. The BOH members will be able to galionhealth.org emails for public contact. Dr. Novack stated that there is new city-wide alerting system called Code Red. It is linked on the web site. GCHD is getting bids on an emergency generator. He introduced BlueSky as a new option for Board communications and for documenting official functions.

Dr. Novack thanked the Board for their participation the strategic planning event February 1, 2012. In January there were several other events that warrant discussion. The first is that of the nursing facility in Galion that was in arrears to the city electric department. He stated that it appears that they have paid their bill. The other, likewise deals with nursing facilities. There was an outbreak of first flu then norovirus.

Dr. Novack stated that he discussed the upcoming change in city government with Mr. Mills, city attorney. Mr. Mills stated the he doesn't believe that the city government change will affect Board of Health governance.

There were no overdose deaths reported in January. There were two opiate overdoses, however, that were transported by Galion Fire/EMS. Mortality for January showed 24 deaths with an average age of death of 83 and a range of 53-95. He introduced a new measure for reporting: births. There were 27 births.

Ms. Crossland introduced Lindsay Coleman, nursing student at Ashland U. who will be studying public health with GCHD. There was increased interest in flu shots likely due to media reports of increased flu activity. The majority of insurance used is Medicaid. Ms. Crossland reported that 600 flu shots were 'reserved' for upcoming flu season. She said that four people presented for free hepatitis C screening; three were negative and one is pending. Chlamydia was the #1 reported disease in January with 5 cases. She also suggested a planned day of closure for 'spring cleaning.'

Ms. Zmuda referred to the communicable disease outbreak report. She states that she is working on Food Safety Reports. She also said that there has been testing for rabies in January than all of last year; three animals were tested and all were negative.

Mr. Long made a motion to approve the monthly reports, seconded by Ms. Kerr. Motion carried.

**Old Business**

Health Priority and Strategic Planning- Friday, Feb 1 2013- Dr. Novack reviewed the results of the recent strategic planning session on February 2, 2013. His synopsis showed that Vaccine Preventable Diseases, food borne illness, depression/other mental health/substance abuse were discussed.

Ms. Swinehart Resignation- Tabled for next month. Ms. Crossland will schedule meeting with Ms. Swinehart.

CBOSS CPP Proposal- pending ODH review- Tabled

**New Business**

2013 Health Priorities- Dr. Novack asked the Board to consider the following health priorities for 2013: Vaccine Preventable Diseases, food borne illness, depression/mental health/substance abuse. Mr. Schilling asked for an overall plan prior to the determining health priorities. He stated further that accreditation must be one of the goals. The Board discussed nursing services, the upcoming release of the Avita Health Assessment. Mr. Long requested quarterly reviews on progress.

Restaurant Association and Cross Coverage- Ms. Zmuda discussed the possibility of the formation of local restaurant association. Mr. Schilling asked about the utilization of the current Food License Advisory Committee. Ms. Zmuda also stated that she has discussed with Shelby Health Department possible cross-coverage. No action for this item

BlueSky- $50 month- Dr. Novack stated that he has arranged a one month trial with BlueSky for Board communication. Mr. Long made a motion for acceptance. This was seconded by Mr. Gribble. The motion passed.

Monthly Bills- Mr. Long made a motion for Approval. This was seconded by Ms. Kerr. The motion passed.

**Adjourn**

9:34 a.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2012, at 7:30 a.m. in the Health Department office.

Respectfully Submitted,

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P. Stephen Novack, D.O., Commissioner

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Douglas Schilling, President