

**NORTON HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF NORTON
Wednesday, March 22, 2006**

The Health Advisory Board of the City of Norton, Ohio, convened for a public meeting in the Shirley L. McGuire Community Center Boardroom. Acting Chairperson Nancy Delnay called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Daniel Karant, Nancy Delnay, Dalia Spisak, Mike Zita

ABSENT: Dr. Robert Littlejohn

ALSO PRESENT: Joseph Harrison, Health Commissioner, BHD

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes of Tuesday, March 7, 2006. Ms. Dalia Spisak noted that the word 'pseudoephedrine' in the second sentence, on page two, paragraph three, was misspelled. With no further corrections, Chairman Daniel Karant called for a motion. **Ms. Spisak moved to approve the minutes as corrected; seconded by Mr. Mike Zita. ROLL CALL: Ms. Spisak-Yea, Mr. Zita-Yea, Ms. Delnay-Yea, Mr. Karant-Yea. The motion passed 4-0, approving the minutes as corrected. They were signed and processed accordingly.**

OLD BUSINESS:

A.) Emergency Preparedness Exercise:

Ms. Spisak stated that hopefully the Barberton Health District (BHD) would seek funding and that all the local Health Departments would work together in the Emergency Preparedness Exercise (EPE) for better community preparedness. Mr. Karant noted that the dry run exercise was scheduled for August 12, 2006, and volunteers were still needed. He said if funding does not come through, there will be little incentive for people to volunteer. Mr. Karant wondered if the exercise should be postponed. Mr. Joseph Harrison said it was postponed last year. He said that the BHD was trying to get sponsorships from various Barberton businesses. If there is no incentive for people to volunteer, there will not be enough volunteers for the exercise. Mr. Harrison said that the BHD would be looking for some type of grant. He explained that there would be forty positions in various stations so a lot of volunteers are needed to test the system.

Mr. Karant felt that if the exercise date was moved to the first part of October, 2006, and if the cost of flu shots were lowered, there would be a better volunteer response. Mr. Harrison said that they were using the Barberton High School, which can not be used while school is in session. He explained the hand-held computerized swiper system that is used for the Strategic National Stockpile. He said that the system needs the schools wireless network; however, it gets shutdown in August while school is not in session.

Mr. Harrison explained that there is a separate exercise being planned for each Health District in the thirteen county region on the same day for the PinPoint of Distribution (POD).

There was discussion regarding other possible locations to hold the EPE. Mr. Karant said that this would test each local Police Station, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Traffic Control, etc.

There was discussion by the Board pertaining to promoting and funding incentives. They agreed that caution needs to be taken in the promotion of the EPE, so that people would not think this is a real emergency. They also agreed that preparing a community for an emergency should be sufficient incentive to draw in volunteers, especially with recent natural disasters.

B.) Sanitary Sewer Tie-in Project:

Mr. Harrison reported that a Sanitary Sewer Tie-in Project meeting was scheduled for Thursday, March 23, 2006, in Norton. Businesses that have sanitary sewer available and yet have not connected will have ninety days to connect or they will have to appear in court. There was a brief discussion regarding tie-in fees.

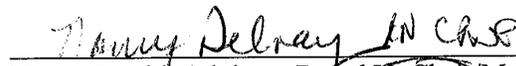
C.) 3020 Hillier Road:

Mr. Harrison reported that the BHD turned down a request regarding installation of a septic system for a Hillier Road property owner. They advised the owner to submit plans for an experimental system, but he will not.

ADJOURNMENT:

After discussion, the Board decided to schedule their next meeting for Tuesday, April 25, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center. With no further business coming before the Board, Chairman Karant adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m. Immediately following adjournment, the Board joined the Barberton Board of Health meeting in Norton Council Chambers.


Norton Health Advisory Board Chair/V.-Chair


Norton Health Advisory Board V.-Chair/Member

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