

**NORTON HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF NORTON
Wednesday, May 16, 2007**

The Health Advisory Board of the City of Norton, Ohio, convened for a public meeting in the Shirley L. McGuire Community Center Boardroom. Chairperson Daniel Karant called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Daniel Karant, Nancy Delnay, Dalia Spisak, Gail Hickey, Ken Braman

ALSO PRESENT: Paulette Kline, Health Commissioner, BHD
Ed Binic, Environmental Health Director, BHD

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes of Wednesday, April 18, 2007, and Chairman Karant called for a motion. **Ms. Dalia Spisak moved to approve the minutes as submitted; seconded by Ms. Nancy Delnay. ROLL CALL: Ms. Spisak-Yea, Ms. Delnay-Yea, Ms. Gail Hickey-Yea, Mr. Ken Braman-Yea, Mr. Karant-Yea. The motion passed 5-0, approving the minutes as submitted. They were signed and processed accordingly.**

III. OLD BUSINESS:

A.) Status of Norton Health Cases:

The following updates were given on Norton Health Cases:

1.) Summit C & D Disposal:

Mr. Ed Binic reported that the Summit C & D Disposal appealed the terms and conditions listed in their 2007 license. The Barberton Health District (BHD) is now involved in formal hearings at the Environmental Review and Appeals Commission (ERAC) for the State of Ohio, in which Mr. Mike Lyons, Norton Law Director, is heading the preparation. He said that there was a pre-hearing and they should learn the status of it later this month.

2.) 3134 Eastern Road, Leaf Case:

Mr. Braman wondered if there was anything new to report on 3134 Eastern Road. Mr. Binic said the BHD advised the Court that the owner has not removed the plastic bags from her property, so they have asked the Court to intervene.

3.) Mulch Makers:

Mr. Binic stated that Fred Martin Motor Company on Barber Road has complained of an odor coming from Mulch Makers of Ohio on Clark Mill Road. He explained that Mulch Makers of Ohio has a class-four license for a composting plant facility and is located in an Industrial District. Mr. Binic said that the BHD has inspected the compost facility and they are pleased with the cooperation of the business with their recommendations. The recommendations included turning the mulch, using an industrial deodorizer and planting some evergreen trees to help reduce those odors. Mr. Binic stated that another complaint has recently emanated from Fred Martin Motor Company; but it could be one that was submitted earlier and not received until now. He said that Mr. Rick Ryland, Administrative Officer, and Mr. Jeff Pritchard, Director of Planning and Community Development, have been actively involved with the BHD in this matter. The Akron Regional Air Quality Management District (ARAQMD) has also been involved and will continue to be to some degree. Mr. Karant asked how long Mulch Makers of Ohio have been in business at their current location. Mr. Binic said they have been there for a number of years. He added that the BHD recently learned that the Earth and Wood Products on Barber Road, located immediately to the south of Fred Martin Motor Company, was recently issued a class-four license from the Ohio Environmental Protection

Agency (OEPA) and that Norton and/or the BHD were notified. Ms. Paulette Kline said that if an OEPA violation occurs from a class-four licensed business, the OEPA will divorce themselves from the issue and the local health departments and administrations will have to handle it.

Mr. Karant sited a similar situation in Pennsylvania and he wondered if there was anything a health department could do. Ms. Kline said that whether or not this case is a true health hazard is being investigated. Mr. Binic said that since these businesses were in Industrial Districts and they have a right to do business, there would have to be some compromises made.

B.) Food Supplements:

Mr. Karant said that a couple of years ago a Norton teacher contacted him with a complaint that some parents were selling food supplements to students. He explained that at that time he could not closely research it because people did not want to be identified. He wanted the Board members' opinions as to whether or not they should pursue this issue any further. There was discussion that the type of supplements they were discussing was part of a multi-level marketing pyramid scheme. Ms. Spisak said that even if the products were of no actual danger, she believed that the NHAB could provide information for increasing awareness.

Mr. Karant stated that another issue with food supplements is that recently the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) voted down a declaration that food supplements would be illegal drugs and could only be sold as prescription. Ms. Kline said that she wanted to know the source of where these supplements came from, because she believed that if they are not produced in the United States, then there should be an obligation to take a look at them.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

1.) Food Inspection Program:

Mr. Binic reported that the BHD received excellent results from the Ohio Department of Agriculture retail food establishment inspection program. This is a very detailed inspection of food establishments that do not serve meals, such as grocery stores. He said it was a difficult program to administer, conduct and enforce and he was proud of the job that Ms. Pam Heuber, Food Sanitarian, and Ms. Jill Easterling, Environmental Clerk, have done with this program.

2.) Smoke Free Enforcement:

Mr. Binic announced that the Smoke Free Enforcement Campaign has begun statewide. To date, the BHD has received five (5) complaints regarding five different locations. Letters were prepared for hand delivery to these locations but due to a problem with the State's printing software program they will probably not be ready for delivery until the end of this week. Ms. Kline announced that town hall meetings in Norton and in Barberton were being planned to inform the residents and business owners of the regulations of the tobacco enforcement authority.

3.) 2007 Mosquito Control:

Mr. Binic stated that the 2007 mosquito control program has begun and the larvaciding operations have started early this year.

4.) State Environmental Personnel Assessment:

Ms. Kline said that the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) did a thorough State Environmental Personnel Assessment of the BHD's Sanitarian Department. The result was that the BHD is down 1.9 sanitarians, which means that the BHD does not have the capacity to perform the state-mandated services. There was further discussion and it was noted that the Summit County Health District (SCHD) has approximately seventeen (17) sanitarians and the BHD has three (3). Ms. Spisak commented that since the Mosquito Abatement District (MAD) does not have its own sanitarian and uses one of the BHD's, this leaves the BHD even more lacking. Ms. Delnay wondered that if the MAD has to hire a sanitarian, would the rates have to be increased to accommodate the salary. There was further discussion regarding the staffing of the BHD mandatory services. Mr. Karant wondered if the BHD and MAD were working well together. Ms. Kline said yes.

5.) New School Inspection Regulations:

Ms. Kline said that new school inspection regulations were beginning in September of this year and they are more intensive than the current ones. The BHD will be working with the School Administration to train the school personnel. She explained that the heating and air conditioning, chemistry labs, hand washing, types of equipment, storage of certain items, etc. would have to be inspected. Mr. Binic noted that inspections have occurred in the past but they were less intense; they were just recommendations. He said that the school boards took their recommendations seriously and corrected any problems found. With the new inspections, however, the schools will be mandated to make corrections, not just recommended.

6.) Vital Statistics:

Ms. Kline said that she attended a Vital Statistics meeting in Columbus where it was reported that a centralized location within the State of Ohio was being considered to house all Ohio birth certificates. She said there has been a problem with theft of birth

certificates so an intensive security building might be built. She added that it might lead to a Federal oversight of duplication and distribution of birth certificates. There was further discussion regarding this matter.

Ms. Kline reported that the vital statistics rating for the BHD had outstanding remarks along with the BHD Public Health Nurse statistics. She also reported that the BHD was the first Health District in Summit County to use the electronic death registering.

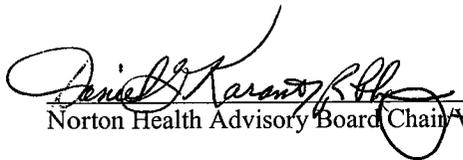
Ms. Kline mentioned that a meeting was scheduled with the Director of the Community Dental Medicine Program at the Barberton Citizens Hospital (BCH) regarding bringing some dentists during their residency to Barberton for dental emergency services at the BCH.

Ms. Kline said that she had a meeting last week with PPG Industries regarding their Emergency Response Plan. Mr. Pritchard and Sergeant Michelle Toris, Norton Police Department and the Barberton Fire Chief, Mr. Kim Baldwin, along with a few other people were in attendance. She thought they had an excellent plan, but they agreed that there were probably some gaps within the public health aspect that needed filling. Ms. Kline said that they asked her to coordinate a tabletop exercise for pandemic influenza, at their cost. Norton and Barberton would be included and the Summit County Physical Emergency Management would probably be included because they would be the ones to take on the step of response after Norton and Barberton. She said that PPG Industries also asked for an educational forum, which would include bringing all the Emergency Response Plans to the table for review. Ms. Kline concluded by stating that they wanted to be an annex to Barberton and Norton, and she thought this would be possible.

Mr. Karant wondered when the Emergency Preparedness Group (EPG) from Barberton and Norton would be meeting. Ms. Kline said they would convene soon and that Ms. Amy Rine, Health Educator, would be heading it. She explained that Ms. Rine has trained people with the Stark County Emergency Response on the Swiper System. Mr. Karant thought a backup pharmacist was needed but he said it is hard to find a volunteer. There was further discussion regarding a possible candidate for a backup pharmacist.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Karant announced that the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, June 20, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. There being no further business coming before the Board, Chairman Karant adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.


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