

**NORTON HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF NORTON
Wednesday, July 18, 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, Dalia Spisak, Gail Hickey, Ken Braman

ABSENT: Nancy Delnay,

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes of Wednesday, May 16, 2007, and Chairperson Karant called for a motion. **Ms. Dalia Spisak moved to approve the minutes as submitted; seconded by Mr. Ken Braman. ROLL CALL: Ms. Spisak-Yea, Mr. Braman-Yea, Ms. Gail Hickey-Yea, Mr. Karant-Yea. The motion passed 4-0, approving the minutes as submitted. They were signed and processed accordingly.**

III. OLD BUSINESS:

A.) Status of Norton Health Cases:

Chairperson Karant announced that Ms. Paulette Kline, Health Commissioner, Barberton Health District (BHD), Mr. Ed Binic, Director of Environmental Health, BHD, were out of town and would not be present that night. He said that Mr. Binic submitted a report regarding the status of health cases within Norton for their review. (See attached.) The following is discussion had by the NHAB regarding this report:

1.) January 1, 2007, State-wide Sewage Treatment and Disposal Regulations:

Chairperson Karant stated that the Norton Health Advisory Board (NHAB) researched and was educated on sanitary sewage, septic systems and Experimental Mound Systems during the process of the BHD creating sewage treatment and disposal regulations. Now that the Statewide regulations have been rescinded, Mr. Binic said that the NHAB would be involved with the revisions since they will effect Norton more than they will Barberton. Mr. Karant thought that the cost factor was probably the downfall of the regulations, so the main focus should be setting regulations that are affordable and still keeps us less polluted for the long-term.

2.) Summit C & D Disposal:

There was nothing further to discuss in regards to the Summit C & D Disposal case.

3.) Smoke-free Workplace Regulations:

Mr. Braman stated that Ms. Kline, Mr. Binic and Ms. Jill Oldham, MPH, CHES, BHD, held two (2) town hall meetings regarding education of the Smoke-free Workplace Regulations. He was the only one present at the first meeting, but four (4) people showed at the second meeting. The Board thought that this information might be better presented at public organizations where people meet regularly. Mr. Braman said that most complaints about the smoke-free regulations are from businesses due to loss of revenue. He said that Ms. Kline was in New York when their smoke regulations took effect, and it took businesses one (1) year to regain their revenue.

4.) Mosquito Control Program:

The Board the report regarding the mosquito control program and they wondered the location of the trap that caught 2888 mosquitoes. They thought this was a good question for Mr. Binic at their next meeting.

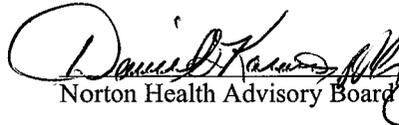
IV. NEW BUSINESS:

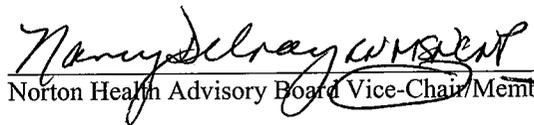
B.) Overweight Problems of Barberton and Norton:

Chairperson Karant reported that diabetes has continued to incline 100 percent over the past 25 years. The Board then discussed ideas for kids and parents programs with a positive spin on healthy lifestyle education. Mr. Karant said that from what he has learned about obesity there is more involved than proper eating and exercise. The biggest problems are non-activity, lack of sleep, stress and anxiety. The Board discussed various items, such as poison prevention, to make a health education documentary video for Channel 15. Mr. Karant suggested that the Board be ready to discuss this matter in more detail at their next meeting.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

The Board discussed the next scheduled NHAB meeting and decided to change it. They asked the Secretary to check on the Barberton Board of Health (BBH) August meeting before they would set a date for their next meeting. There being no further business coming before the Board, Chairman Karant adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.


Norton Health Advisory Board Chair/Vice-Chair


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