



Norton Health Advisory Board Memorandum

To: Karla Richards, Clerk of Council
From: Paula Fisher, Interim Boards & Commissions Secretary
Date: 3/5/09
Re: Norton Health Advisory Board Approved/Signed Minutes:
February 4, 2009

Attached you will find a copy of the approved/signed minutes from the Norton Health Advisory Board meeting held on February 4, 2009.

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**NORTON HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF NORTON
Wednesday, February 4, 2009**

The Health Advisory Board (NHAB) of the City of Norton, Ohio, convened for a public meeting in Council Chambers of the Safety Administration Building. Chairman Daniel Karant called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Daniel Karant, Nancy Delnay, Dalia Spisak

ABSENT: Michael Safron, Brenda Hlas

ALSO PRESENT: Paulette Kline, Barberton Health District (BHD), and Rick Ryland

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes of Wednesday, November 19, 2008. **Chairman Karant called for a motion. Ms. Spisak moved to approve the minutes as submitted; seconded by Ms. Delnay. ROLL CALL: Ms. Spisak-Yes, Ms. Delnay-Yes, and Mr. Karant-Yes. The motion passed 3-0, approving the minutes as written. The minutes were signed and processed accordingly.**

III. OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman Karant asked if there was any old business. Chairman Karant stated they needed to review the current Norton Health Issues. Chairman Karant questioned Paulette Kline, Barberton Health District (BHD) if she was doing a report on those today. Ms. Kline stated the issues would be brought up in the PowerPoint presentation.

Chairman Karant asked Mr. Rick Ryland if Summit County Health Department was scheduled for the next meeting. Mr. Ryland stated that he would contact Gene Nixon and set up a time for them when he knew when the next meeting was scheduled. There was discussion of when the next meeting was and Chairman Karant stated it would be Thursday, February 19, 2009.

Chairman Karant stated they would go ahead with Ms. Paulette Kline and the PowerPoint presentation.

Ms. Paulette Kline thanked the Board and stated they would like to continue the contract with the City of Norton. Ms. Kline proceeded with the presentation. She started with the history of the contract and what the Barberton Health Department has done since the inception of the contract.

Ms. Paulette Kline finished her PowerPoint presentation and asked if the Board members had any questions for her. Chairman Karant questioned Ms. Kline about the part in the contract that 3 members are to be at the Barberton Health Department meetings. Chairman Karant stated that they do not have voting privileges but he was not aware that this statement was in the contract. Chairman Karant stated that it reads that 2 members and the Council representative should be present in case anything comes up. Ms. Delnay stated when she started on the Norton Health Advisory Board, she went to all the BHD meetings, and while she knows she has the opportunity to speak, she stated the 3 members sit there, they don't vote and wished they had more of an authority. Ms. Delnay stated when they have any questions, they have the

availability to call and ask questions. Chairman Karant stated it was new to him to have 3 members at the meeting. BHD has always included us if the City of Norton has issues or the BHD has issues, you have always invited us to bring it up. Ms. Delnay stated that if we were asked to serve the community, I really would like the statement clarified by the Council. I do not want to fail the community and their expectations. Mr. Ryland stated that when the contract was written it was put in as a measure so the City of Norton could be a watchdog. Ms Spisak stated that having separate meetings and getting reports, we really do not need to have 3 members at the meetings, we discuss it at here and then the chairman clarifies it.

Chairman Karant asked if there were any other questions for Paulette. Ms Delnay asked if they were still intervening with the obesity in children in all the schools. Paulette stated that they are still working with the school and partnering with Barberton Citizens Hospital and received a grant from the Community Foundation.

Mr. Ryland stated that since Paulette Kline has been at the BHD, communications and cooperation has been very good between Norton and the Barberton Health District. Mr. Ryland stated that when he has a request or when he has a concern, they are very responsive. Mr. Ryland stated that due to the limited staff and the funding he does not think they can handle all of the issues and the possible mandates from the EPA in regards to the septic systems.

Ms Kline stated that when you had another district with more staff, you had despicable conditions with restaurants and properties. More people are not the answer for the ability to serve. Ms. Kline stated she is researching Lakemore and Springfield Township since they are stating that their needs are not being met.

Mr. Ryland stated that he would put the non-compliance on the backs of whoever is sitting in the administrative seat. The communications and what we have done and our expectations from the BHD have stepped up since he has taken office. The Mayor has even stated that the septic tank issue is horrendous. The EPA could come in and take over and mandate us to take action.

Ms. Spisak stated it sounds as though the issue is financial. Mr. Ryland stated that today our issue is financial, part of it is the City's lack of interest in what needed to change and because the staff not being able to get out and do septic inspections. It is good to have another department present because there are more people, a very positive appropriate and tempting picture. We have already seen another department fail, and if we do have a nice picture with promises, promises remain promises because if they don't do it for any number of reasons it is the citizens that suffer, we need to hear another side but because things are feeling more positive, the clarity of which the administration has spoken, we have been promised sewers for twenty-two years, the clarity of which administration has spoken is what helped to start to move forward. Ms. Kline stated they have a sanitary inspector that all he does is the septic inspections. Just need to have a commitment from City.

Mr. Ryland stated that before Paulette Kline became head of the Barberton Health District, the District failed with the administration. Ms. Spisak stated that the Barberton Health District was political and now is professional. Ms. Kline stated the issues need to be enforced.

Chairman Karant stated the overall view from before 2000 and since, Ms. Kline is correct of the Summit C & D Dump. A number of improvements have been done since Paulette Kline has taken over. In defense of Summit County Health Department, Gene Nixon came in just at the time of the City of Norton leaving, would Mr. Nixon have cleaned it up, Mr. Karant didn't know. We would be one entity out of 20-some with Summit County, would we be listened to or not. The measure of that is what impact has he had over the past 7 years that had been improved. Ms. Delnay thinks that it will be addressed when Summit County Health Department makes their presentation and stated that Paulette Kline did a great job of giving us facts and figures that are very helpful that we can make comparisons between the two health departments.

Ms. Kline stated that the Barberton Health District has a scrap tire ordinance for any dumping of scrap tires or collection of scrap tires and Ms. Kline presented that to the other health commissioners, since there are major problems with scrap tires in Summit County and certain pockets but you have to care where they are.

Chairman Karant thanked Ms. Paulette Kline for the presentation.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

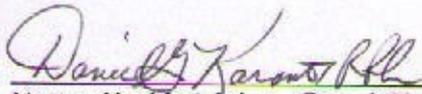
Chairman Karant asked if there was any new business. Chairman Karant stated the next thing on the agenda is Elections of Officers. **Chairman Karant called for a motion. Ms. Spisak nominated to keep the same Chairman and Vice-Chairman, seconded by Ms. Delnay. ROLL CALL: Ms. Spisak-Yes, Ms. Delnay-Yes, and Mr. Karant-Yes. The motion passed 3-0.**

There was discussion about the terms of the members on the Norton Health Advisory Board. Ms. Fisher gave the members their dates for their terms on the Board.

Chairman Karant asked if there was any other new business; there was none.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Karant announced the next NHAB meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 19, 2009 in Council Chambers. There being no further business coming before the Board, Chairman Karant adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.



Norton Health Advisory Board Chair/Vice-Chair



Norton Health Advisory Board Vice-Chair/Member

3-4-09

Date

**CITY OF NORTON, OHIO
NORTON HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**

AUDIENCE ATTENDANCE RECORD

The following individuals were present at the Meeting of the Norton Health Advisory Board Meeting,

Held on: **Wednesday, February 4, 2009**

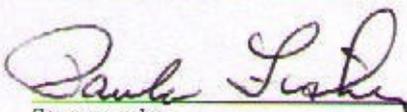
NAME:

STREET ADDRESS (NO PO BOX):

CITY & ZIP CODE:

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Rick Ryland City Hall Norton Ohio 44203

Signed: 
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