



Norton Health Advisory Board Memorandum

To: Karla Richards, Clerk of Council
From: Paula Fisher, Interim Boards & Commissions Secretary
Date: 3/19/09
Re: Norton Health Advisory Board Approved/Signed Minutes: March 4, 2009

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

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**NORTON HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF NORTON
Wednesday, March 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, Dalia Spisak, and Michael Safron

ABSENT: Brenda Hlas, Nancy Delnay

ALSO PRESENT: Rick Ryland, Gene Nixon (Summit County Health Dept.), Mike Meusel (Barberton Health Dept)

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes of Wednesday, February 4, 2009. **Chairman Karant called for a motion. Ms. Spisak moved to approve the minutes as submitted; seconded by Mr. Safron. ROLL CALL: Ms. Spisak-Yes, Mr. Safron – Yes, 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. Mr. Mike Meusel from the Barberton Health District spoke on the immunizations for the upcoming school year for kindergarten children. The dates for the immunizations will be as follows: Tuesday, April 14, 2009 from 4:00pm to 8:00pm and Thursday, April 16, 2009 from 8:00am to 12:00pm. There will be 5 different immunizations. Barberton Health Department has sent out to 100 businesses the information on the Eat Well Live Well campaign. Mr. Meusel stated they have been working in conjunction with the Summit South Chamber of Commerce, Barberton City Schools and Norton City Schools for the past 6 months on the Eat Well Live Well campaign. This is a free community wellness program that was developed to help with medical cost and employee absenteeism. They also have pedometers available at no charge to the participants. The idea is to take 10,000 steps a day for exercise and eat 5 fruits and vegetables and drink less soda and sweet drinks and watch the weight and exercise. Further information can be found at the website and they also have window stickers for the business that are participating. Environmental health is continuing with our household sewage treatment systems the Operations and Maintenance Program (O and M). Having completed to this date 98 total inspections in which 68 systems passed (corrected later in the minutes) 44 reinspections have been scheduled. Most reinspections are directing residents to install inspection ports for their system so BHD can evaluate for the effluent quality and have given residents 20 to 60 days to have the inspection ports installed. Up to this point we have had 23 designated failed septic systems. Hoping with nicer weather we will come into the program a little more full scale and should be progressing and should be sharing information with the Norton Administrator, Rick Ryland. The objective for the City is to develop the sanitary sewer infrastructure as far as we can, primarily into the areas that have the heaviest concentration of failures. Mr. Safron questioned if they have seen any patterns like clusters in areas or is it all over. Mr. Meusel stated they are concentrating on three main areas in the city. First area is Greenwich Road and the area around the Beldick Motel and the streets north of that and they will slowly be working their way west out to the Golf Course. That is the first area and then they will progress into the other areas. Mr. Safron questioned 23 failures out of how many inspections. Mike Meusel stated out of 98 total inspections but they do have 44 re-inspections to look at and those inspections can go either way. The final point that Mike Meusel made was about the C & DD landfills. Summit &

McCoy C & D Landfill has completed the final cap for the Phase I which is the closest area to the road and is the oldest area of the landfill that was the most concerned for the Barberton well fields. They have already started to vegetate the cap, which is required under the rules, and they have a year to complete that vegetation. They have not submitted their certification report that will be reviewed once the vegetation is completed and the final inspection will be done by the Health District to assure all the regulations have been met according to Ohio Administrative Code and C & DD regulations.

Chairman Karant asked if there were any questions for Mr. Meusel. Ms. Spisak questioned about the amount of inspections, and stated that 98 septic systems were inspected and 68 passed. Mr. Meusel stated that 26 passed almost equal with the amount of failures 23. Mr. Meusel stated that a good amount of the systems just has no way to access the amount of effluent until the residents install the inspection ports. Chairman Karant asked if anyone else had any questions, and there were none. Chairman Karant thanked Mr. Meusel for the update.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Karant asked if there was any new business. Chairman Karant stated the next thing on the agenda would be the presentation by Gene Nixon of the Summit County Health Department.

Mr. Nixon proceeded to hand out packets of material about the Summit County Health Department and then presented the PowerPoint presentation to the Board.

Chairman Karant asked if there were any questions for Mr. Nixon. Ms. Spisak stated she had questions from an email she received that asked about how many C & DD's Summit County has. Mr. Nixon stated none are active now. Ms. Spisak stated that the City of Norton has 2 active C & DD's and wanted to know if Summit County had enough staff to manage the visits to the C & DD's. Mr. Nixon stated that the same question could be extended to food service and home sewage and if the health district expands then you have to expand to meet whatever the challenges are new or old. Mr. Nixon stated they still have staff that remembers the C & D sites and is familiar with them and he is sure that is not a problem.

Ms. Spisak wanted to know if the residents might be required to visit the clinic in Stow. Ms. Spisak stated that Mr. Nixon had spoken earlier to Ms. Hlas maybe four years ago. Ms. Hlas stated that she thought there was a clinic in Coventry or that one was going to be built there. Mr. Nixon stated that to his knowledge there was not a clinic there, but we have been working in Lakemore at Edwin Shaw for a long time in double wide trailers and maybe that is what she is referring to. We are looking to restore the storefront property in Lakemore and we are hoping to use it for a couple years and we are looking at the opportunity with the Library. Mr. Nixon stated that they need to be in the community that has the greatest risk. Ms. Spisak stated that there are no plans to have a clinic in this area now or later in the future. Mr. Nixon stated that they would have a neighborhood commitment. Mr. Nixon stated that you need to tailor the needs to see where the highest need is. Ms. Spisak stated that Mr. Nixon knows about the sewage problems we have here and the work that we have ahead of us so we definitely have a need. Mr. Nixon stated that if they had a complaint of smell or a point of sale then they went out but that is not an effective way to handle that. Mr. Nixon has tried to take a look at the different neighborhoods and try to find solutions to correct the problems. Mr. Nixon stated that if he went out and started issuing orders that all these different septic systems need to be redone, the City and Council would be getting a lot of phone calls. Ms. Spisak stated that we are already there.

Mr. Safron questioned if they charge per millage. Mr. Nixon stated it is on a property valuation basis, technically a contract fee. Mr. Nixon stated the City pays us that contract fee, it is on a millage of a township and village but use the same formula for Cities. Mr. Safron asked that if they take into consideration that we do not need mosquito spraying. Mr. Nixon stated probably not. Chairman Karant asked how many clinics Summit County Health Department had, and Mr. Nixon stated that there are 3 clinics now and then they go out to the communities and do flu clinics. Chairman Karant asked how many communities or municipalities are you serving at this time. Mr. Nixon stated they have 10 cities and 18 with townships. Chairman Karant stated that they just had a table top drill at PPG and they have been identified as a higher risk area and with the top 5 locations, what would Mr. Nixon consider to be our major risk area as far as a large corporation or a target for a biological. Mr. Nixon stated that the top of the list is a disease outbreak I think pandemic flu is going to happen, it is inevitable based on history and secondly a terrorist attack is very unlikely and probably weather issues, blackouts, tornadoes, flooding is where Mr. Nixon would rate the highest risk. Chairman Karant stated for Summit

County and Barberton what does Mr. Nixon consider the greatest area needed for health care reform. Mr. Nixon stated that first and foremost is folks being able to see a doctor and to get care outside of emergency room care. Building the medical home model is where we need to concentrate our resources. Mr. Nixon stated that we need to have continued care management after the people leave the facilities. Mr. Nixon stated they received money from United Way to pilot a program of care management to see how it works and if it makes a difference. Chairman Karant stated that basically it is financial and transportation. Mr. Nixon stated that it is insurance, hospitals, and doctors to make health care access viable and realistic. Chairman Karant stated that the Barberton Health District has been working with the schools with Childhood Obesity and trying to replace vending machines with healthier selections and asked if Summit County Health Department was doing anything like this. Mr. Nixon stated they are working with the schools but stated they need to make the information available, but most people know that to eat less and exercise is the best policy, just like smoking, don't smoke and you will be healthier. Mr. Nixon stated that the obesity issue would best be dealt with in policy terms. Mr. Nixon stated that if we are going to make a difference it will be a long-term commitment there would be no quick fix. Mr. Nixon stated there is a bill in front of the Ohio legislature that addresses some nutrition issues in our schools, and those are going to be the kind of changes you need. Summit County has dieticians that work with the schools to develop more nutritious menus and later they are back to getting what the vendors are selling them. In the Governor's budget it calls for registered nurses in the school systems for not only giving out medicine but for medical intervention. We need to build a school support program where the health district supports school nurses that know all the school administrators, all the principals and a number of the teachers and make the rounds of all the schools provide training to the staff that they need on preparedness and all the things they need. They make recommendations to the schools that could help and with this legislation that could help with opening doors in the schools. Chairman Karant stated that if that passes then they would be hiring more on the staff. Mr. Nixon stated that yes that would be the steps to take. Mr. Nixon stated that the schools are incubators for disease since you have people in a more enclosed space. There is low personal hygiene and it is a dangerous mix and with nurses they are there to help in case of outbreaks.

Chairman Karant stated that Barberton has a program that is a syringe disposal program, which they are still running, and there is a minimal charge for that and wanted to know if Summit County has ever implemented that. Mr. Nixon stated he knew nothing about it. Chairman Karant stated that residents can take the used syringes to the health department and have them destroyed safely instead of putting them in trash and have trash handlers get stuck and that is the type of program Chairman Karant is looking at. Chairman Karant questioned if the Summit County Health District gets involved with the scrap tire program. Mr. Nixon stated that they have taken care of a few large dumps and gotten grants from the Solid Waste District to manage that.

Chairman Karant stated that they have a lot of issues in Norton with the Phase II Storm Water plan and we are moving on it. Chairman Karant questioned Mr. Nixon on how he would address the program at this point in Norton and stated the effort we have been talking about was to see if the City could qualify or see where we stand with the failed septic systems and how active would Summit County Health District be if we find a pattern of failures. Would we be wading through courtrooms or would Summit County be spearheading this to help us to qualify for grants and putting in the actual septic and putting in the waterlines? Mr. Nixon stated that the district could identify and provide documents of the problems and second they can issue orders and that puts the County directly as a partner. If the problem is such that they document within the catch area that there is a high percentage failed; we can issue orders, which then initiates EPA action then that would get the ball rolling. Mr. Nixon stated that it is collaboration. Mr. Nixon stated that there is more monies being freed up to take care of some issues. Mr. Nixon stated that has heard that low interest loans and grants are available and they are contacting the FDA and trying to find out about them so they can get the information out. Mr. Nixon stated that it is their responsibility to find out about all the programs so if the people come to them they can inform them of the different ways to help them with the problems. Chairman Karant stated that he had heard that if the resident is within a certain distance of a trunk line that they would have to tie in but is not sure if the system is failing or not. Mr. Nixon stated that if the trunk line is there they must tie in but it is a slow transition to tie in. Chairman Karant stated that prior to Mr. Nixon coming to Summit County, Summit County was not nearly as active, prior to his coming, and to Mr. Nixon's credit Chairman Karant stated that he has heard good things. Chairman Karant stated that is probably the taste that the residents have that if we go back to Summit County we may not get the attention that we deserve because we are just a small part of the County and from past history we did not get what we felt that we were paying for. That is the history that haunts you. Chairman Karant stated that since you have taken the reigns that should help us to access the differences that have occurred and where the opportunities are as a city. Chairman Karant stated we, as the board, will need to crunch this and get our information back to Administration and Council and Mayor and give a good advisory approach. Chairman

Karant stated that knowing the number of septic systems in our community questioned Mr. Nixon about the projected time it would take to inspect the septic systems. Mr. Nixon stated that if they focus on Norton as a priority, he stated it could be possibly done by the end of summer. Mr. Nixon stated that they had intended to do the whole county every 3 years. That would fall within that time easily. Mr. Rick Ryland questioned Mr. Nixon about the fallout quality and that the Summit County Health District issued orders and Mr. Ryland wanted to know what kind of orders. Mr. Nixon stated that in Green there was a particular area that they couldn't get the residents and some commercial property to upgrade the systems so Summit County issued orders on behalf of the City that this was a nuisance. That triggered the EPA action the City needed to initiate some change and that got taken care of forthwith. Mr. Ryland asked if it was for sanitary lines or upgrades of the systems. Mr. Nixon stated it was for sanitary lines, it extended the lines to that particular area and then it was accessed to that particular individual. Mr. Ryland questioned what Summit County receives from the EPA about the fallout reports? Mr. Nixon stated they actually get the data and access the information for the areas that they inspect. Mr. Ryland asked how the numbers were falling, and Mr. Nixon stated that there are bad areas and good areas and it depends on the community what goes into the outfalls. Chairman Karant stated that recently Barberton had to have an independent decision-maker to make determinations in certain cases so they wouldn't have to go to court process and wanted to know if Summit County did the same thing. Chairman Karant stated when you make an order or judgement what action do you take? Do you have someone there to make the decision or does it go through the court system? Mr. Nixon stated that it goes to Summit County Prosecutors.

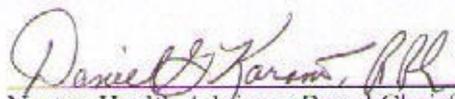
Mr. Tom Blankenship stated that after a resident has an inspection from Barberton Health Department and then Summit County becomes our Health district, would Summit County accept the certificate from Barberton Health Department. Mr. Blankenship was told from Summit County that they would not accept the certificate. Mr. Nixon stated that the intention is not to charge twice. Mr. Nixon stated that the program is pretty much the same and no one is going to pay twice since that would be double dipping. Chairman Karant stated that he knows the number of inspectors that Barberton has to do inspections, but wanted to know how many does Summit County have. Mr. Nixon stated that there are 7 or 8 Food Service Inspectors and they also do pools, the license, home sewage and water there are 5 or 6 and then they have solid waste approximately 20. Mr. Safron questioned how Summit County handles things like junk cars and things of that nature. Mr. Nixon stated that if it is the home, it is tricky. It depends on the Community, generally will try to address with orders through nuisance laws and if that doesn't work, what they do is get the Building Inspector and the Zoning Director and the Fire Captain and go out as a group and everyone document and talk to the home owner and usually that leverage is very successful. We may have to go to Prosecutor and show all the documentation and get support, but that is rare.

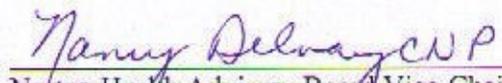
Chairman Karant asked what the contract proposal was if that was provided. Mr. Nixon stated that for 2009 would be \$93,972.00 based on the millage on the property evaluation, which would be about .34mills. For 2010 would be \$91,768 because projected property evaluations would decrease in Norton and the request is for 0% increase.

Chairman Karant asked if there were any more questions, and having none he thanked Mr. Nixon for the presentation.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Karant announced the next NHAB meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, 2009 in Council Chambers. There being no further business coming before the Board, Chairman Karant adjourned the meeting at 8:45p.m.


Norton Health Advisory Board Chair/Vice-Chair


Norton Health Advisory Board Vice-Chair/Member

3/18/09
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, March 4, 2009**

NAME:	STREET ADDRESS (NO PO BOX):	CITY & ZIP CODE:
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<u>MARK SPISAK</u>	<u>4051 BROOKSIDE CT</u>	<u>NORTON</u>
<u>Wanda Wagoner</u>		<u>Barberton</u>
<u>Franky [unclear]</u>		<u>Norton</u>

Signed: _____
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