



Norton Health Advisory Board Memorandum

To: Karla Richards, Clerk of Council
From: Paula Fisher, Boards & Commissions Secretary
Date: 10/21/11
Re: Norton Health Advisory Board Approved/Signed Minutes: August 18, 2011

Attached you will find a copy of the approved/signed minutes from the Norton Health Advisory Board meeting held on August 18, 2011.

Please note that the original document has been forwarded to, and will be on file with the Clerk of Council.

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**NORTON HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF NORTON
Thursday, August 18, 2011**

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

I. ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Cindy Mazey, and Johanna Edwards, Dalia Spisak

ABSENT: Mike Safron

ALSO PRESENT: Dan Karant, Bob Hasenyager, Gary Tuttle

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes of Wednesday, June 16, 2011 and **Chairperson Spisak called for a motion. Ms. Edwards moved to approve the minutes as submitted; seconded by Ms. Mazey. ROLL CALL: Ms. Edwards – Yes, Ms. Mazey – Yes, Ms. Spisak - Yes. The motions passed 3 - 0, approving the minutes as written.**

III. OLD BUSINESS:

Chairperson Spisak asked for the guests to introduce themselves. We have Bob Hasenyager and Gary Tuttle from Summit County Health Department and Dan Karant representative of Summit County Public Health. Chairperson Spisak stated that we have our guests to speak about the mosquito issues from Summit County. Mr. Hasenyager stated that he would speak about the program and what they would be doing in Norton if the city was not in MAD. Chairperson Spisak stated that at the beginning, in terms of the merger, that mosquito abatement would simply occur even though the MAD was providing a service. She stated that we were aware of the larvacide program and the new guidelines of not simply spraying and that the primary goal was the larvacide. Chairperson Spisak stated that we had a presentation from MAD and stated that Mr. Harrison stated that Summit County was not providing any mosquito abatement services. Mr. Hasenyager stated that was correct. Mr. Hasenyager stated there was a question if the city would have a discount for that program since the city was in MAD. Mr. Hasenyager stated that there is no discount. There was a discussion about what the funds would be used for and it is used through the General Fund. He stated that some of the programs would be household sewage program, household water program, rabies, garbage nuisance complaints. Mr. Hasenyager stated that it depends on the program and what the expended amount would be for each community. Mr. Hasenyager stated that the MAD could do more than spraying, like water pool abatement process drainage, and ditch work to try to eliminate breeding grounds that Summit County does not have the funds to do. If the MAD would be doing that then SCHD would pick up the duties of surveillance. Chairperson Spisak asked the Board if they had any questions. Ms. Mazey stated that when we heard from Mr. Harrison, she understood that there was surveillance being taken from both areas and Mr. Hasenyager stated that last year they did and we do not do that now. Ms. Mazey asked how they are communicating their findings with the MAD. Mr. Tuttle stated that they get a weekly report from the EPA and everyone in the stated area that does mosquito control sends in their numbers and the stated puts them on a spreadsheet and emails it back to everyone. Ms. Mazey stated that from the information there is no direct communication between the Summit County Health District and MAD. Mr. Hasenyager stated that is correct.

Chairperson Spisak asked Mr. Karant to highlight the information that he has gathered concerning Senate Bill 166. Mr. Karant stated that he had talked to Mr. Ryland concerning this and it gives the cities the option to withdraw from MAD. He stated that they have to wait 90 days after it is approved which should be in October. Mr. Karant stated that talking to both City Manager in Norton and Mayor Genet, he thinks there is an opportunity. Mr. Karant stated that it is not such a bad idea for the way we took care of mosquitos back about 5 or 6 years ago, but spraying more chemicals into the air is possibly harming other insects and also the environment and is a tremendous waste of money. It is not solving standing water that could be addressed with the money the MAD is appropriated. There are also some budget problems with the state auditor and a negative report and it has

given a black eye to MAD. It is an opportunity for the cities to get together to approach the MAD. They may be able to convince them to have a change of focus and policy to where they are not just throwing chemicals around but use the money for equipment and apply for EPA permits to eradicate the standing water. Summit County then could be spraying if necessary and they could provide the service, but as long as MAD is around they can not cross over. SCHD does not go out spraying unless they show West Nile or bacteria in the mosquitoes. Mr. Karant stated that Summit County is spraying some right now since there are positive pools right now. There is a very rich set of pools right now.

Mr. Hasenyager stated that SCHD does some spraying for nuisance problems but what they don't do is regular time spraying. Mr. Hasenyager stated that they set traps and Mr. Tuttle stated that they don't set traps in places where people don't live. He stated that they have increased their surveillance team by 4 people who work full time and they set over 200 traps in Akron this year to find the best spot for next year. Mr. Tuttle stated you have to know where the disease is and you have to spray for the mosquitoes and you won't be able to get rid of all them. Mr. Karant stated that if the two cities worked together with the MAD, he thinks they could be convinced to change the philosophy of MAD or it may cease to exist. Chairperson Spisak stated that Norton Health Advisory Board was discussing this situation when all this began. A merger above and beyond a MAD was for the purpose of reorganizing the environment because of how much standing water Norton has. Mr. Karant stated that the two boards should talk about the situation and communicate actively what they could do behind the scenes to help Mr. Harrison find new philosophy. There was more discussion concerning how to handle the standing water that affects the mosquito problem.

Chairperson Spisak stated that since Mr. Karant is going to make a presentation to the Council concerning the ideas as the Norton representative from Summit County, if it all sounds like a good idea from a broader public health district that maybe if the Board had a resolution in support of the presentation being an advisory board that would help at which time we could have a meeting with the Barberton Health Advisory Board. Mr. Karant stated that the city may be able to tell the MAD that if they do not handle the situation in a way that is pleasing to the city that they will withdraw and that would kill the MAD. He stated that the city has a lot more clout since June 30th when SB 166 passed. Mr. Karant stated that after 90 days either city may withdraw and that the city has a lot more power. Mr. Hasenyager spoke about the MAD and how it was set up for the districts and who is on the boards. Ms. Edwards asked who Mr. Harrison reported to. Mr. Karant stated that he reports to his board but he could not remember all the board members. Mr. Karant stated that the Mayors are the ones who should approach the situation with Mr. Harrison and then they could drive the point home. There was more conversation concerning the MAD and Ms. Spisak stated that there should be a presentation to Council and the Norton Health Advisory board put together a resolution together to present to the Mayor and Council. The board tried to write a resolution and then it was decided to have another meeting to sign the resolution with all the board attending. Ms. Spisak thanked everyone for their input concerning the MAD and Summit County Health District.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

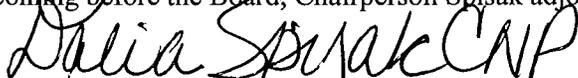
Chairperson Spisak stated that Ms. Mazey had gone to the SASWMA meeting and asked if she would tell the board her findings. Ms. Mazey stated that Mr. Safron and her emailed each other since they both went to the meetings. She stated that it was nothing they thought and she stated that the recycling center was going to be opened on a more limited basis due to money constraints. Ms. Mazey stated that the meeting was more a fact finding meeting. Ms. Mazey stated that they are trying to find ways to get people to recycle and what would it take to get people to recycle. Mr. Hasenyager stated that he is on the board for SASWMA and that Ms. Mazey's perspective on the meeting is correct. He stated that they are in the phase of what the community, businesses want. Chairperson Spisak thanked Mr. Hasenyager for his information on SASWMA. Ms. Mazey stated that she was impressed that they are going to the community to find out what direction they want to take. There was more discussion concerning the recycling. Chairperson Spisak stated that the board has heard a lot from the SCHD and she is grateful to be informed with what concerns the board.

Mr. Karant talked about the concerns in the Norton trailer park with all the problems that tie up a large amount of police assistance calls there and there are a lot of health issues and it has been ignored by the owner and the health district is meeting with the city administrator and stated that they have a file 5 inches thick. Mr. Karant stated that they need a lot of help with getting the area cleaned up. Mr. Hasenyager spoke more concerning the different rules and regulations for the trailer parks.

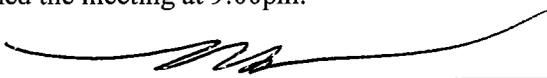
Chairperson Spisak asked Ms. Edwards to speak about the meeting she went to. Ms. Edwards stated that she and Dan Karant went to the Northeast Ohio Regional Indicators and Objectives (NEORIO) that was presented at Kent State University through their college of public health and this NEORIO came out of the health initiatives of 2010 and their objective is really to help improve the conditions of the health and welfare of the communities. The company does a demographical and needs assessments and a physical analysis and make recommendations. There was more discussion about the meeting. Chairperson Spisak thanked Ms. Edwards for the information that she had brought back from the meeting.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting will be held on September 8, 2011 at 7:00pm in Council Chambers. There being no further business coming before the Board, Chairperson Spisak adjourned the meeting at 9:00pm.



Norton Health Advisory Board Chair/Vice-Chair



Norton Health Advisory Board Vice-Chair/Member

Date 10-19-2011