



Norton Health Advisory Board Memorandum

To: Karla Richards, Clerk of Council
From: Paula Fisher, Boards & Commissions Secretary
Date: 5/18/12
Re: Norton Health Advisory Board Approved/Signed Minutes: March 15, 2012

Attached you will find a copy of the approved/signed minutes from the Norton Health Advisory Board meeting held on March 15, 2012.

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**NORTON HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF NORTON
Thursday, March 15, 2012**

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 Safron called the meeting to order at 7:05p.m.

I. ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Mike Safron, Johanna Edwards, Cindy Mazey, Charlotte Whipkey

ABSENT: Dalia Spisak

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Harrison, Terry Tuttle (SCHD), Aixa Bakuhn

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

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

III. NEW BUSINESS:

Chairperson Safron welcomed Mr. Harrison from MAD (Mosquito Abatement District). Mr. Harrison introduced a few of the board of directors of MAD. Mr. Harrison gave a power point presentation concerning MAD to inform the board of what they do and how they handle the mosquito problems. Mr. Harrison stated that MAD has moved to a new location at 131 Snyder Avenue in Barberton, but they are not quite in the office yet. He stated that they are getting everything ready for the spring. Mr. Harrison gave a handout that lists the services that MAD takes care of and a copy of their 2011 Annual Report for MAD (See Attached). Ms. Edwards asked if with the weather we have been having wet and damp would you be able to start earlier than June if you find larvae and Mr. Harrison stated yes. Chairperson Safron asked when MAD starts putting out the light traps and the gravid traps and Mr. Harrison stated that would start in May but they can start them earlier if they need to. Mr. Harrison stated they have had 5 calls already about mosquitoes and he stated that he thinks they are just gnats and Ms. Edwards stated that she has already had mosquitoes around her area. Mr. Harrison stated that if the weather stays like it is they will probably have to start earlier than May for the mosquitoes. Mr. Harrison also indicated that the purpose of the MAD is in the reduction of biting arthropods (in this case, mosquitoes) mainly the *Culex* (vector for West Nile Virus), and *Aedes triseriatus* (vector for La Crosse encephalitis virus (LACV) Cindy Mazey asked about the larvaciding and are they treating it by eliminating the sources and Mr. Harrison stated that they are trying to eliminating the drainage that would create the sources and they have to look at the areas with the engineer to be able to take care of this. Mr. Harrison explained some of the chemicals they use in the wet areas around the city. Ms. Mazey asked when they are spraying how much surface area is covered with the spray and Mr. Harrison stated that theoretically it is 300 feet but there are a lot of variables like is it hot or cool and how hard is the wind blowing and which way is the wind blowing. Chairperson thanked Mr. Harrison for his presentation and for the printouts.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

Chairperson Safron asked the board if there were any questions concerning the SCHD report from February and he stated that he noticed there were no Home Septic Treatment Systems inspections on the report and asked Mr. Tuttle about it and he is to get back with the board when he talks about it with Mr. Pruett. Chairperson Safron asked if Mr. Tuttle had anything to say and Ms. Mazey asked if he could speak about how the SCHD treat the mosquitoes and Mr. Tuttle stated that he would be happy to talk to them. Mr. Tuttle stated that the difference is MAD is an abatement of the mosquitoes whereas SCHD is concerned with the disease and is a health agency and there most important one is the *Culex* mosquito which serves as the vector for diseases such as West Nile Virus, and they use the same materials for adulticiding and larviciding and explained the difference of the materials. Mr. Tuttle stated the difference between the traps and that the SCHD shipped to Ohio

Department of Health about 90,000 mosquitoes since it was very wet last year. Chairperson Safron question if they were doing any trapping in the city and Mr. Tuttle stated not in the city of Norton. Chairperson Safron stated so there is no redundancy between the two groups and Mr. Tuttle stated no. They do not have a spray schedule but spray when surveillance indicates a need. The surveillance and larviciding usually begin in April. Mr. Tuttle stated as for larviciding that if they find one larva in the dip sample then they would treat the area and they will have to come up with a threshold when the permitting comes into effect. Ms. Edwards stated so you are looking at the variance and Mr. Tuttle stated yes. Chairperson Safron asked Mr. Harrison if they find 10 or more in a trap do they spray the whole ward and Mr. Harrison stated that if they don't have 10 or more they do not spray. Mr. Harrison stated the difference between SCHD and MAD is the SCHD does not do barrier spraying and Mr. Tuttle stated that yes SCHD does do barrier spraying. Mr. Harrison stated that the big difference is between the two is frequency. Ms. Mazey stated that she wanted to make sure that the MAD focus is toward larviciding and prevention as this is more a proactive approach and Mr. Harrison stated that they are proactive. They are always out looking for the mosquitoes. Their focus is the biting mosquitoes. Ms. Karen Miller a resident on the board of MAD questioned Mr. Tuttle about the spraying and what is the count that you use before you start spraying and Mr. Tuttle stated that they don't do it by a count but they look at what was it 3 weeks ago and what is it today. Ms. Miller stated "you stated that you treat the ditches with larviciding and if you see one larva you treat, Mr. Tuttle stated yes they treat even if they see one. Ms. Miller asked what the variance would be and Mr. Tuttle stated that if it doubled then he would spray. Ms. Bakuhn stated that SCHD is not only looking at numbers alone but if they get noticed of West Nile Virus they would have priority over that. She stated that they are looking at more of the disease mosquito control. Chairperson Safron wanted to make sure that the city is not being redundant for the spraying. Ms. Bakuhn stated that they would be setting out the traps and spray when needed but that is part of the contract we do not do if MAD is here. Ms. Mazey stated that you are less aggressive in the spraying and it is a philosophical difference and Mr. Tuttle and Ms. Bakuhn stated yes and they concentrate on the larviciding. Mr. Tuttle stated that they did 113 night sprays last year. Mr. Tuttle stated that if they find mosquitoes with West Nile Virus that area would take precedence over the nuisance mosquitoes. Mr. Harrison stated that their philosophy is they do both the nuisance and the disease mosquito where SCHD does for the disease. Ms. Whipkey asked if the city would do away with MAD what kind of service would we get or would it be the same service. Mr. Tuttle stated that we have a contract that we would start doing it but with the materials that is used by MAD. Chairperson Safron thanked everyone for their attendance.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting will be held on April 19, 2012 at 7:00pm in Council Chambers. There being no further business coming before the Board, Chairperson Safron adjourned the meeting at 8:45pm.



Norton Health Advisory Board Chair/Vice-Chair



Norton Health Advisory Board Vice-Chair/Member

Date 5/17/12