



Pickaway County Agricultural Society
Special Meeting Minutes
July 27, 2020

- I. Call to order – President, Von Cremeans at 7pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance – led by Scott Pritchard
- III. Roll Call – Directors not present: Jim Arledge, Jay Jude, Frank Reisinger, Brad Shannon
- IV. New business
 - a) After-Action Report/Improvement Plan for 2020 Pickaway County Fair by Pickaway County Public Health
 - In attendance representing PCPH:
 - Susan Foster, Director of Clinical Health Services
 - Jere Marks, Interim Administrator & Director of Environmental Health
 - Nancie Bechtel, Board Member
 - Mike Wolford, Board President
 - Dr. Linda Iskra, Board Vice-President
 - Jennifer Weimer, Infectious Disease Nurse
 - Jessica Rooney, Administrative Assistant/Human Resources Generalist
 - Baylie Karmie, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
 - Susan Foster, Director for Pickaway County Public Health
 - Apologized for how the information from the After-Action report was initially presented; press had initial access, the report was not reviewed first with the Pickaway County Senior Fair Board.
 - After-Action report intended to help improve future events in our county by helping the health department identify areas of improvement.
 - Decisions made by public health are community based decisions
 - Contact tracing is intended to stop or slow the spread of individuals who have tested positive. Part of the investigation is to understand origin of contact, but goal is not exactly to find out where it starts. To obtain the information those who test positive are contacted to advise to self-quarantine. In congregational settings it makes it more difficult to social distance and spread can happen quicker.
 - PCPH's understanding is the guidance from the Governor's office was to not promote congregational settings at the fair. Under Sr. Fair Board's Plan A that is what was initially presented to PCPH.

- 19 total positive cases of COVID-19 (18 symptomatic, 1 asymptomatic) was connected to the fair from people who attended. That doesn't mean that the cases started at the fair. That means that these people could have been infected before attending and didn't know they were ill while attending.
 - 3 positive cases of COVID-19 has been linked because they had family members who attended the fair
 - Age ranges of linked cases was 14 to 80.
 - At least 8 of the cases intertwine with a church outbreak. There are no specifics on where the infection started.
 - Investigation narrows down common places among those infected.
 - Graph in After-Action report shows that within the fair time period and for two weeks after the community spread increased.
 - PCPH wants to continue to collaborate with Pickaway County Sr. Fair Board.
- Sr. Fair Board President, Von Cremeans inquired whether the After-Action report was 100% accurate. Susan responded that the report is as accurate as it can be with the data PCPH has.
 - Von cited that one of the inaccuracies within the report is incorrect dates. Fair ended June 27 and report states that observations were made by PCPH of the fair on June 28 & 29.
 - Von inquired how the press got the After-Action report before Sr. Fair Board. Susan responded that a PCPH staff member mistakenly gave the report to a press member who inquired as a result of a conference call on Tuesday (7/21) with the county commissioners where she mentioned that she was working on an After-Action report for the fair to be completed on Wednesday (7/22), but she didn't realize it was a public meeting and she didn't realize that members of the press were on the call.
 - Von stated that the impact of that mistake is going to cost much to a lot of people around the state of Ohio. Fairs are cancelling because of the way PCPH's report was presented. The report is worded too harshly.
 - Susan stated that she attended fair on Friday (6/26). Von stated that Sr. Fair Board had no knowledge of Susan being onsite during fair week.
 - Von stated that Sr. Fair Board had knowledge of Jere Marks and one other staff member being in attendance on Tuesday (6/23) and Wednesday (6/24) of fair to inspect food vendors, and Jere personally spoke with Scott Pritchard and Von. Von spoke with Jere on Tuesday about a few vendors not wearing masks and assured him that it was corrected immediately. They also discussed groups that were observed not social distancing but no corrective action was discussed other than to do the best that could be done. Vendors were approached by Scott and instructed to wear their masks or they would be shut down. The report inaccurately states that corrective measures were not taken. Von stated that the vendors that got upset with Scott (Sr. Fair Board) for his abrasive approach demanding to correct issues were present at this meeting.

- Von stated that the report being leaked to the press before being discussed with Sr. Fair Board is affecting lives. CNN's headline reads "At least 19 people got COVID-19 after attending a county fair in Ohio, health officials say". MSNBC's article is worded to lead people to believe that the virus was contracted at the fair. And the Governor is running with this information. And it's all because of how PCPH's report was presented. There wasn't any communication from PCPH to Sr. Fair Board after the fair.
- Susan stated that an email was sent to Sr. Fair Board on Wednesday (6/24) with the ODH Director's order, highlighting mask wearing by volunteers and social distancing was not being enforced. Susan said that she observed this during her visit Friday evening (6/26). Von replied that volunteers are not employees as stated in the ODH Director's order. Sr. Fair Board Secretary, Christy Pence stated that there is an exception clause regarding facial coverings in the ODH Director's order. Sr. Fair Board members that couldn't wear masks were asked to sign a written statement if they were exempt for any of the reasons listed. PCPH never requested anything in writing acknowledging those exceptions.
- Von stated that PCPH requested that all jr. fair exhibitors complete a pre-screening form upon arrival to fair at move-in. Those forms were submitted by jr. fair exhibitors but were never requested by PCPH.
- Von stated that just under 22,000 people attended the fair. 22 cases based on news reports, would indicate .01% of attendees. That percentage is below state and county infection rates.
- Von received a phone call the morning of Wednesday (7/22) from Ohio Fair Manager Association's, Administrator Howard Call inquiring if the report was true, to which Von had no knowledge of the report at the time to verify.
- Von stated that the Governor's office received the report before the Sr. Fair Board did. Susan said that the report was not submitted to the Governor's office, but that a survey was returned to the Governor's office on Monday (7/20) regarding active cases and outbreaks. Von stated that there was a conference call with the Governor and all fair manager's the morning of Wednesday (7/22) using our fair as an example with 19 linked cases.
- Christy Pence inquired why the graph in the After-Action report didn't reflect the pop-up testing site that was conducted by PCPH on Thursday (7/2). Susan replied that 408 people were tested by Ohio National Guard and Primary One doing self-swab testing. Susan stated that 8 tests came back positive, and was unsure if any of those were linked to the fair. Christy said that the graph shows a sharp rise right after the pop-up testing site was conducted. Susan replied that anyone, asymptomatic or symptomatic, was able to get tested and that Physician offices typically require that symptoms occur before they'll test.
- Christy stated that the After-Action report states that PCPH staff was onsite multiple times, and the only times Sr. Fair Board was approached by any PCPH staff during fair week was Tuesday (6/23) and Wednesday (6/24) when

Von and Scott spoke with Jere about food vendor inspections. Susan stated that she was at the fair Friday evening as a Pickaway county resident. Christy asked if she was representing PCPH. Susan replied she is always representing PCPH. Christy inquired why Susan didn't approach any Sr. Fair Board members while she was onsite with her concerns. Susan replied that she had expressed her concerns in an email (6/24) and text messages to the board President.

- Betsy Cremeans stated that at least one of the photos that was sent in an email (6/24) to the board President was not from the 2020 Pickaway County Fair but was from the 2019 Fairfield County Fair, and asked for an explanation of how that was relevant to this year's fair. She stated that there are witnesses that saw Susan at a friend's camper consuming alcohol, not wearing a mask, and not social distancing at the fair on Friday (6/26). She inquired if Susan was in an official capacity representing PCPH that night. Susan replied that she was not on the clock and that yes, a friend gave her a beer.
- Von stated that part of the frustration and confusion is that it's hard to understand how Susan was witnessed by multiple people on the fairgrounds, at a friend's camper consuming alcohol, took photos and videos of her observations, consumed more alcohol, and then proceeded to get in a verbal altercation at the friends' camper where she threw her mask on the ground. Susan stated she did not get in a verbal altercation and she had one beer.
- Von stated that she didn't come and work with the Sr. Fair Board, and didn't follow through with calling him after she requested phone conversations via text to speak with him twice. Susan stated that she did call. Von replied that no voice mails were left, and there were no missed calls on his phone.
- Christy asked Susan that if she had concerns that things were not being executed properly and that there was an unsafe situation why didn't she personally come to the fair to observe, and why didn't PCPH shut down the event down if the conditions were as poor as the report portrays. Susan replied that these are unprecedented times, she is a human being with friends, and that she came to participate in the fair. She did take a photo of the grandstands but she wasn't present for the livestock shows, but had seen photos of the bleachers opened and was asking for the bleachers to not be used.
- Susan stated that she requested Sr. Fair Board members to wear masks even though the ODH health order states "employees", and that volunteers are considered staff.
- Christy asked if the photos that were sent in the email (6/24) from Susan were submitted and received by PCPH's complaints. Susan replied no, they were screenshots from social media that were sent to her and some were tagged in her newsfeed. She stated that the photo referenced by Betsy as a photo from the 2019 Fairfield County Fair was grouped in with other photos from the 2020 Pickaway County Fair on a page she saw. Christy stated that adjustments were made and that Susan would have known that if she would have followed up with calling like she stated she would. Christy stated that the hog show is

the biggest livestock show, and that the decision was made to put the bleachers out to help spread people out or they would have been standing shoulder to shoulder in a smaller space. For the situation at the time it was the best scenario to accommodate the crowd and promote social distancing as best as could be done. Not all of the livestock shows had all the bleachers out. Sr. Fair Board voluntarily had the seating capacity reduced to 50% in the show arena even though it was not a requirement in the ODH Director order under the Livestock competitions section. Susan stated that when the Sr. Fair Board submitted Modified Plan A (6/3) it was stated in the plan that bleachers would not be used. Christy stated that Modified Plan A was to adapt to ODH Director orders issued previously on 6/2. When the new ODH Director orders came out on 6/9 lifting more restrictions, that was no longer a requirement. Susan states that the 6/9 ODH Director order states that fair boards should not promote large gatherings.

- Von stated that the 6/2 ODH Director order had restrictions on using bleachers, but 6/9 ODH Director order did not have restrictions on using bleachers. There were separate sections that had different verbiage for grandstands and livestock competitions in the ODH documents and there is no difference between bleachers and grandstands restrictions. The 6/9 <ODH Responsible Restart Ohio>ⁱ document says that livestock shows will be conducted the same as in the past except for families shall view together and practice social distancing.
- Christy stated that if PCPH would have come onsite when livestock shows were taking place that they would have heard announcements about every 10 minutes encouraging social distancing. She asked Susan what more could have been done, and how people were supposed to be approached to ask to social distance if it is not known if they are family or not.
- Von stated that he walked through every day and if he saw something that didn't look right people were asked to move. As soon as he would walk away people would congregate right back together. Susan stated that if bleachers would not have been out people would not have been sitting together. Von stated that the previous ODH order prior to 6/9 <issued 6/2> had a statement about bleachers not being used, which Sr. Fair Board's Modified Plan A included, but restrictions were lifted in the ODH 6/9ⁱⁱ order and those restrictions were not applicable. Susan stated that an email was sent on 6/16 to the Sr. Fair Board with the 6/9 ODH Director order that specifically states large gatherings are discouraged. Von stated that it is stated in a separate section of the document from livestock competitions and grandstand events, and there was not a mandate or requirement for livestock competitions and grandstand. If that was accurate livestock competitions and grandstand events would not have been permitted according to the 6/9 ODH Director order. Von said the email was received from PCPH on Wednesday (6/24) of fair was addressing things that happened on Monday (6/22).

- Susan stated emails were sent as guidance, and that a health commissioner reviewed the After-Action report and felt that it was not written maliciously, and apologized that it was interpreted that way.
- Christy stated that the After-Action report did not reflect any of the things that were done well. There was a lot that was done to follow the guidelines and recommendations, including:
 - no paid advertising for any fair events at all;
 - senior day and veterans day activities were cancelled and no senior discount was offered in support of the recommendation in #3 in 6/9 ODH Director order regarding elderly people and those who are more vulnerable so that they wouldn't be enticed to come
 - an abundance of COVID-19 related signage was posted, COVID-19 information was posted on social media and website
 - announcements made frequently throughout the livestock shows and grandstand events reminding fairgoers of the recommendations
 - additional hand sanitizing and hand washing stations throughout the grounds
 - frequent deep cleaning of restrooms
 - no track or infield parking for grandstand events to avoid mass gatherings, people were, instead, encouraged to bring lawn chairs so they could spread out along the track
 - one-way signage was posted in hog barn, goat/sheep barn, and cattle barn
 - historically when livestock weigh-ins happen every exhibitor and their family enters the barn at once awaiting their animals to be weighed. This year they were called in the barn one club at a time to avoid large gatherings of people in the barns
 - No harness racing took place Monday evening, which is typically the largest harness racing event
 - No coaches challenge harness racing took place, which historically draws a large crowd
 - No jr. fair fun events like outhouse races took place
 - Jr. fair booths were discouraged from being set up
 - When jr. fair exhibitors arrived for move-in to fill out and submit paperwork there were pens to give them that they could keep instead of reusing
- Christy stated that most events were not crowded and people were complying and doing the right thing. There were details that were planned and executed effectively that went above and beyond the 6/9 ODH Director's order. PCPH should acknowledge all the things that were executed satisfactory.
- Christy inquired that with over 21,000 people in attendance and if the operations were not executed effectively as the PCPH After-Action plan portrays, why weren't there dozens more or hundreds of positive cases as a result. The report reflects that nothing was executed well, which is untrue. She asked why, instead, is the perspective that because of things done well there

weren't more positive cases. Susan replied that the report didn't state that nothing was executed well, and that it stated that execution could have been better. Christy stated that no one from PCPH came onsite to give personal guidance throughout the week as paid health professionals. No one from Sr. Fair Board has seen any documentation from PCPH that is referred to in the report to support that they were onsite making observations and giving guidance, and there were some things included in the report that Sr. Fair Board had no knowledge of. Susan said she emailed (6/24) photos to Sr. Fair Board during fair week, and apologized for one of the photos being included that was from another fair last year.

- Christy asked for documentation of official complaints filed with PCPH about the fair, including reports to support their observations. She asked if the complaints referenced were from people who attended the fair or people who did not attend the fair. Jere Marks stated that he did have the complaint documentation with him at the meeting to give to Sr. Fair Board.
- Von stated that when Susan sent the email (6/24) that included a photo of a little girl from another fair last year as an example of our fair not being operated correctly, he approached the parents of the little girl to inquire why they were posting that. Her parents replied that they didn't post it, that it had been taken off of their personal Facebook page. Von said photos of the same little girl from the hog show on Monday (6/22) was sent to him by Susan on Wednesday (6/24). Von stated that if PCPH would have been onsite they would have seen adjustments made. Susan stated that PCPH was present. Von replied that there was no presence until Tuesday (6/23). They were not present Monday (6/22).
- Von stated that in a 6/11 meeting with Sr. Fair Board and PCPH, PCPH was invited by Sr. Fair Board to come on Sunday (6/21) while vendors were setting up, and PCPH did not do that. He stated that this year PCPH should have come onsite to someone directly on Sr. Fair Board to have conversations and work together.
- Christy showed photos of adjustments that were made, including the rabbit show where the areas where the kids should stand to properly social distance at the tables were marked with tape. For sheep show west bleachers were not pulled out. There was improved social distancing throughout the week for livestock shows. Midway was never crowded. People naturally social distanced.
- Susan stated that she didn't understand why photos were being shown that were taken at different times than the photos that she sent as an example because PCPH had a different interpretation of events. Their interpretation comes from the perspective of protecting people. Von stated that PCPH's interpretation and decision to release the report in the manner it was releases is hurting more lives because there was no communication from PCPH other than some texts exchanged.

- Jere Marks asked the Sr. Fair Board what they thought could have been done better. Von replied that things were done well. If things were seen that were not right there was an attempt to adjust and correct. Christy stated that Sr. Fair Board members approached non-compliant fairgoers often and used the excuse that the health department would shut down the fair if they didn't comply with what was being asked.
- Von asked where the After-Action report for the church is, and for other businesses that need to improve operations. He asked why the fair is singled out, because there is not press and focus on those other establishments. Susan stated that it is unconstitutional to single out places of worship. She said that contact tracing cannot be done on grocery or retail establishments because they're essential businesses. She said they would have to look at video cameras in the stores to be able to trace positive cases to those establishments.
- Christy asked how PCPH verifies that the people who tested positive as one of the 19 COVID-19 cases linked to the fair actually attended the fair. Susan replied that when they contact people who test positive they ask them where they have been. She stated that the data is not saying that the infection started at the fair but that the report reflects that people attended the fair without symptoms and became ill after attending the fair.
- Sean Mayhugh stated that it's not the data that the Sr. Fair Board is upset with, but the process in which the data was reported, presented, released, handed over to the press, and now the headline for CNN incorrectly states the virus was contracted at the fair, and now the public perception becomes that headline, which is false. The report is worded to portray the Sr. Fair Board as not conducting the fair safely. There is no wording in the report to explain that some of the 19 cases linked to fair are also linked to a church and other establishments. Susan replied that as health professionals it is PCPH's interpretation that things were asked to be corrected by the Sr. Fair Board and they weren't.
- Von stated that the 6/9 ODH Director's order has verbiage that includes the phrases 'where possible' and 'should'. Those are not orders, they're recommendations. Susan replied that PCPH follows ODH and Governor directives, and After-Action plan was to intended to improve as a county. The email sent by Susan Wednesday (6/24) did not request a reply back. The texts sent requested a reply. Von replied to both texts sent to him by Susan requesting a conversation, and she never called – no voice mail, no missed calls. He stated that having a personal conversation would have been more effective communication to work together.
- Von stated that something needs to be done by PCPH about the mistake of releasing the report to the press first before it was reviewed with Sr. Fair Board. Von stated that it was his understanding that the Pickaway County Commissioners saw a draft version of the report before the Sr. Fair Board did. He stated that while the fairgrounds is owned by the county, Sr. Fair Board does not report to the commissioners. Susan stated that she didn't know how

the commissioners got the report. Von stated that it was his understanding that it was presented to the commissioners on Tuesday (7/21) as a draft. Susan said the report was not presented to the commissioners but was referred to in a phone call with local officials on Tuesday (7/21) that a draft of the report was being worked on and would be finished by Wednesday (7/22).

- Mike Wolford, PCPH Board President stated that PCPH Board had a meeting Tuesday (7/21) and their board had not seen the report yet. Von inquired if the PCPH Board is required to vote on a document like the After-Action report to be signed off on and released. Mike replied that it was told to him that no it did not need to be voted on.
- Harold Henson, Pickaway County Commissioner stated that on the Tuesday (7/21) during a conference call with officials it was mentioned by Susan that the After-Action report was being worked on. He received a phone call from a Columbus Dispatch reporter on the morning of Wednesday (7/22) inquiring about the report before he'd seen it. Susan stated that she didn't know how it got to the Columbus Dispatch. She said that it had been sent to one press/media outlet by PCPH's office. After-Action reports are not protected documents, and can be requested and released. Susan stated she didn't know there was news media on the Tuesday (7/21) conference call. She stated on that call that they were working on an After-Action report and that it would be done by Wednesday (7/22).
- Christy Pence stated that if the report was truly meant to be used as an educational tool to improve future events the report would have been handled with care and presented directly to the Sr. Fair Board for review, but it wasn't. She stated that it is an incomplete and inaccurate report that doesn't acknowledge anything that went well, other than Sr. Fair Board cooperated with the planning, which was changing almost daily as ODH orders continued to be refined. She inquired what other businesses receive After-Action reports. Susan replied that this report is only for events like the fair and that no other events have occurred to give this kind of feedback to. Christy stated that it was sent to the press first, and then sent to the Sr. Fair Board only after Sr. Fair Board received media requests about a report that they didn't know existed, and in response called a special meeting with PCPH.
- Scott Pritchard stated that this major event hosted 21,000 people in 6 days, and inquired how many customers go through a large local chain store in 6 days. Susan responded that she doesn't know. Scott stated that he assumed around the same number of people that attended the fair probably go through a large local chain store in 6 days, which is the same size as a large event.
- Susan stated that the community spread of the virus is an interpretation as public health professionals.
- Christy inquired if interpretation is the same as facts. Susan stated that PCPH's facts are the 19 positive cases linked to the fair. Christy asked if any of those 19 positive cases were linked to other businesses. Scott Pritchard inquired if there is a report with information to show all the places the people

with positive cases has been at. He asked if information could be sent to Sr. Fair Board redacting personal information and showing where else the 19 positive cases had been. Susan stated that they do a thorough investigation of positive cases and trace 2 days prior to when symptoms start to 14 days after symptom start. She stated the contact tracing is not perfect and the purpose is to identify patterns and where the virus is being spread.

- Von stated that the problem with the report is it is worded in a way that portrays Sr. Fair Board's execution of the operation of the event was subpar. The report doesn't acknowledge any corrective actions that were made, and because PCPH did not come onsite and observe in person, and texts were not followed up with phone calls by PCPH as requested, those statements in the report are not correct. He stated that if this was the biggest event in the county and state, at that time, and that if there was a true partnership as PCPH claims to want to have with Sr. Fair Board then efforts would have been made by PCPH to get to the bottom of any concerns by coming onsite and following up with phone calls, which did not happen.
- Mike Wolford stated that the PCPH board had not met since their June meeting, and wasn't presented the report until Wednesday (7/22). The purpose of the report is to learn and improve. Some of the corrective actions the Sr. Fair Board took he witnessed, some he didn't. There were things that were done very well. There were things that could have been done better. PCPH acknowledged that it was a mistake to release the report to the press before it was sent to the Sr. Fair Board but said that there is nothing that can be done to fix it now, and that PCPH can't control inaccurate information that the media writes. All that can be done is to learn and move forward. Everyone is learning to navigate the pandemic protocols. He stated the report was not written in an accusatory way.
- Von agreed that all are learning and reiterated that it wasn't the action of writing a report, but it was that the report was written so harshly, was not given to the Sr. Fair Board before it was presented to the press, and now there is a lot of damage done to a lot of fairs as a result, because the report is written in an accusatory way. PCPH could have controlled the process of releasing the report.
- Von stated that the bleachers were discussed at the 6/11 meeting in the grandstands with PCPH and Sr. Fair Board that because the grandstands could be used at 50% the bleachers could be as well. The 6/9 ODH Director order lifted restrictions on grandstands and bleachers.
- Jay Wippel, Pickaway County Commissioner asked Susan for clarification around the claim of one possible death linked to the fair. Susan stated that one death is linked to the church and the fair. Jay inquired why the death was listed in the fair report if it is under investigation and there is no evidence to link it to one event. He requested PCPH's board to issue a correction to that part of the report because it is not conclusive. He stated he was at the fair every day and that it wasn't perfect, but overall, he thought the Sr. Fair Board

did a very good job, and that more thought should have gone into the ramifications of including inconclusive information of a possible death, as it should have been assumed that media would choose that information to focus on. He inquired why it took so long, over a month since the fair, to write the report. He stated that there were some epic failures of the system that PCPH can learn from and that the After-Action report should have been reviewed with the Sr. Fair Board first. Before the commissioners received it from PCPH Wednesday (7/22) morning reporters were calling the commissioners' office wanting to know what they knew about it. The Sr. Fair Board met every morning of the fair at 7:30am to discuss what adjustments and corrections could be made each day to improve. PCPH had an opportunity to partner with the Sr. Fair Board by being onsite each day or having a phone call. That would have been a better way to go about making things better.

- Nancy Bechtel, Board Member stated that the board will be looking more into the report and improving going forward. Decisions will be made going forward regarding wording of reports and processes on reporting. She said the board acknowledges the impact of the situation, doesn't take it lightly, and will be looking into it further. Finances and the economy are social components of mental health that health professionals take seriously.
- Harold Henson, Pickaway County Commissioner stated that he thought the fair was a success, especially with the number of people that attended. He didn't agree with the way the report was written. He stated that he didn't like the way the State of Ohio has treated Pickaway County with regards to tracing a death to the fair. Something of this magnitude should have gone through the board first.
- Joy Sharp, 4-H Office - stated that the 4-H motto is to always look to make the best better. She stated that as she looks at PCPH's board and the contact tracing process she thought about causation vs correlation, and how numbers can be played with to fit the scenario they are used for or against. For instance, it can be stated that 100% of people who eat pickles will die, and it's a true statement, but it is a correlation of how those numbers can be twisted. She requested to PCPH to consider making the best better by reporting the whole story before putting something out that only reflects a portion of the story. She requested that PCPH do a full review of the fair operation as a whole and put out a full media release that shows the whole picture, including things that were done right, as well as, the things that could have been done better. But the current report does not show the full picture.
- Mike Wolford has been on PCPH board for 17 years and had never heard of an After-Action Report. He stated that they know the way the report was released was a mistake. He stated that he hopes that all can work together to continue to make the best better and rectify what has happened by both PCPH and Sr. Fair Board. He stated he has been to three other county fairs since the Pickaway Fair and Pickaway's vendors were the best by far.

- David Drake has been a food vendor at Pickaway County Fair for several years. He commended the Sr. Fair Board for doing a very good job and taking extra precautions for the fair. He has had ten fairs cancel his contract this year and stated that PCPH is personally responsible for financially ruining the industry in the state of Ohio because of the report being mistakenly leaked and written the way it was. He attested to parts of the report being inaccurate, and that condiments weren't left out as the report states. He stated that Scott Pritchard aggressively approached vendors at the fair about wearing masks. He stated that what PCPH has done to the Sr. Fair Board and the industry is wrong and that the inaccurate information from the report should be retracted.
- Dan Bullen, food vendor and Past President for Ohio Fair Manager's Association - His home county's fair, Greene County, was supposed to start Tuesday but because of the After-Action Report that came out from PCPH the fair was changed to jr. fair only. He stated that the report has affected every fair in the State of Ohio. He understands the purpose of the report but believes there should have been more of an effort to work together. He is a concessionaire and was at the Pickaway County fair every day, spoke to Von daily and give feedback to things that could be improved, and knows what measures were taken. He stated that the Sr. Fair Board did make adjustments throughout the week when they saw things that needed improved. He has planned events all around the state and never seen or heard of an After-Action report. He stated that the report has financially ruined the industry. Susan stated that the After-Action report is new because of the global pandemic and is used to help learn and improve. Not a report that is typically used specifically for fairs. She stated that her staff did show up and has documentation to support the report.
- Greta Gray, Director At-Large for Ohio Fair Manager's Association and Sr. Fair Board Member for Clinton County Fair. She stated that she was a member of the working task force to develop the Governor's plan to open fairs. Her Sr. Fair Board just finished a very successful fair in Clinton County. Stated that the relationship with their health department included frequent communication with their Sr. Fair Board's executive committee from mid-April throughout the end of the fair. She stated that Clinton County's health department was onsite every day of the fair. Even since the end of the fair their health department has continued to communicate to assure accuracy of information reported.
- Von stated that mistakes were made but overall the fair was a success. He stated there was a PCPH board member that attended the fair and the person that was with them that week got tested for COVID-19 during fair week, returned to the fair without getting results back, and then test results came back positive the week after fair. He requested that PCPH's board meet for a special meeting right away to get the mistake addressed, retract inaccurate information in the After-Action report, correct the report, include the things

that were satisfactory as well, and put a statement out to the press. He praised the Sr. Fair Board for doing a great job and operating a successful fair.

V. Adjournment - Chris Pence moved to adjourn. Scott Pritchard seconded.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, August 10 @ 7pm in Heritage Hall

ⁱ June 9 ODH Responsible Restart Ohio - Livestock competitions can be held in the same manner as they have in the past with the following exceptions...family members of the participants shall have priority in the viewing area...participants, spectators, and judges shall, when possible, maintain a distance of six feet between each other.

ⁱⁱ June 9 ODH Director Order

6.a.i. Large gatherings...Fair boards and managers should conduct the fair in a manner that discourages the large gathering of people on the midway or on other parts of the fair grounds. Where possible, the fair should provide one-way traffic in buildings or other areas, where doing so will help people maintain social distancing.

6.b.i. Participants, spectators, and judges shall, when possible, maintain a distance of six feet between each other.

6.b.iii. Family members of the participants shall have priority in the viewing area.

6.b.iv. Each family should group together in the viewing area, and there should be six feet between families.

6.c.i. Grandstand – The number of spectators shall be limited to one-half the seated capacity of the grandstand.

6.c.ii. Notwithstanding this, no grandstand event shall have more than 2,500 seated spectators.

6.c.iii. A distance of six feet should be maintained between seated spectators with the exception of family members who are encouraged to sit together.