

**Hamilton County General Health District**  
**REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**April 12, 2010**  
**Minutes**

**1. Call to Order**

At 6:30 p.m., President, Tracey Puthoff, called to order the regular session of the Board of Health of Hamilton County General Health District followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Roll Call of Members**

Members Present: President, Tracey Puthoff, Esq.; Mark Rippe; Jim Brett, Kenneth Amend, M.D arrived at 6:35pm and Tom Chatham arrived at 6:37pm.

District Staff: Timothy Ingram, Health Commissioner; Nee Fong Chin, Hamilton County Chief Prosecuting Attorney; Chris Griffith, Water Quality Director; Tamar Simpson, Temporary Administrative Secretary; Robin Fristoe, Secretary.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**Mr. Rippe** moved to approve the Board of Health minutes from the March 8, 2010 regular meeting. **Mr. Brett** seconded the motion.

**Roll call vote – Yes: Amend, Rippe, Brett, Chatham, Puthoff**

Mr. Ingram welcomed the University of Cincinnati, Masters in Public Health, students along with their Instructor, Dr. Ludke.

**4. Health Commissioner's Report**

Mr. Ingram proudly announced that Hamilton County Public Health (HCPH) was one of 44 entities selected nationally to receive the Communities Putting Prevention to Work grant. Most importantly HCPH is the only site in Ohio. Mr. Ingram added that a lot of credit for obtaining the grant goes to Stacey Wegley, Director of Health Promotion and Education. He extended a thank you to Ms. Puthoff for accompanying him to the press conference for the announcement of the grant award.

Mr. Ingram discussed the current and ongoing issues with Rumpke Landfill. He informed the Board that the 2010 landfill operating license for Rumpke has been issued.

Mr. Ingram announced that Butler County Health Department will be entering a six month contract with HCPH to secure epidemiology services.

**Staff Reports**

**Kathy Lordo, Assistant Health Commissioner**

Kathy Lordo, Assistant Health Commissioner, is currently in Texas this week attending The National Accreditation Course, sponsored by the State Association of Health Directors.

Questions arose regarding the increase in Tuberculosis cases. Mr. Ingram stated that he will meet with Dr. Bjornson, Medical Director, to get clarification on this matter and report at the May 10<sup>th</sup> Board of Health meeting.

## **5. Unfinished Business**

### **a. 2010 – 2012 Program Plan of Work**

Mr. Ingram stated that the Program Plan of Work had been formatted to be consistent across the district. It also addressed the Board of Health concerns regarding trying to help citizens by linking them to services that would help them navigate the Healthcare system.

Mr. Chatham then expressed concern for the standard of care of the elderly and further explained how aged citizens are not being treated fairly when it comes to receiving proper care.

Mr. Ingram responded that the new National Healthcare Reform Law, will affect a number of policies. The health district should continue accessing the existing system, see how effective it remains and work towards making necessary changes to improve the Healthcare system.

**Mr. Rippe** moved to approve the 2010 – 2012 Program Plan of Work.

**Mr. Chatham** seconded the motion.

**Roll call vote – Yes: Amend, Rippe, Brett, Chatham, Puthoff**

## **6. Finances**

### **a. Revenues and Expenditures, Mileage and Disbursements**

Ms. Puthoff requested clarification – page D-5 – Line item: Regulations & Subscriptions on the financial report.

Mr. Ingram stated that he would verify the amount in question and would provide an update at the next scheduled monthly meeting.

Mr. Ingram also announced that with funds received from the CDC – Communities Putting Prevention Work Grant, five new positions would be added.

**Mr. Rippe** moved to approve the Revenues and Expenditures, Mileage and Disbursements with the exception of page D5, Registrations and Subscriptions.

**Dr. Amend** seconded the motion.

**Roll call vote – Yes: Amend, Rippe, Brett, Chatham, Puthoff**

## **7. New Business**

### **a. Variances**

1. Variance – 427 Terrace Place – Terrace Park

**Mr. Brett** moved to approve Variance - SVAR 2010003 with recommendations from staff.

**Mr. Chatham** seconded the motion.

**Roll call vote – Yes: Amend, Brett, Chatham, Puthoff, Mr. Rippe abstained**

## **8. Adjournment**

At 7:35 p.m. **Mr. Rippe** moved to adjourn the meeting. **Mr. Chatham** seconded the motion.

**Roll call vote – Yes: Amend, Rippe, Brett, Chatham, Puthoff**

The next Board of Health meeting will be held on Monday, May 10, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

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Tracey A Puthoff, President

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Timothy I. Ingram, Secretary  
Health Commissioner