

**Hamilton County General Health District  
REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF HEALTH  
November 9, 2009  
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.; Jim Brett; Mark Rippe; Tom Chatham; Kenneth Amend, M.D.

District Staff: Timothy Ingram, Health Commissioner; Kathy Lordo, Asst. Health Commissioner; Dr. Stephen Bjornson, M.D., Medical Director; Terri Memory, Administrative Secretary

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**Dr. Amend** moved to approve the Board of Health minutes from the October 12, 2009 regular meeting as well as the special meeting held October 26 with the following information added to the title of Item 3: "Overtime Compensation for Exempt Employees." **Mr. Brett** seconded the motion.

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

**4. Health Commissioner's Report**

The 5 POD/vaccination teams are a well designed group as they go about vaccinating 1000 to 2000 people a day. The lack of vaccine being allocated to HCPH from the Ohio Department of Health has made it difficult for staff to vaccinate the five priority groups expeditiously. HCPH has completed vaccinations in 5 school districts, 4 parochial and 4 private schools. This represents about 14,000 school age children vaccinated. We have also vaccinated over 100 pregnant women and assured the vaccinations of 1000 EMT's and healthcare workers.

HCPH will continue to hold community vaccination clinics at the Hamilton County Job and Family Services building on McMillan Avenue in Clifton. These clinics will be held for the next several weeks for chronically ill children and caregivers of children six months of age or less.

The Program Plan of Work planning meeting, scheduled to take place in January 2010, may be moved to a later date. Division directors may need additional time to prepare for the meeting due to H1N1 responsibilities.

**Staff Reports**

**Dr. Bjornson, Medical Director**

Dr. Bjornson reported that there has been a decrease in the number of flu cases in Hamilton County. H1N1 has moved quickly through the schools. There has been a shift from the younger children to older children, 19 to 24 years of age, developing influenza-like illness.

On Friday, November 6th, Mary Sacco and Pat Allingham participated in a telephone call-in program at Bethesda North Hospital, hosted by Channel 12. Dr. Bjornson participated in the call-in program hosted by Channel 5.

**5. Finances**

**Revenues and Expenditures, Mileage and Disbursements**

**Mr. Rippe** moved to approve the Revenues and Expenditures, Mileage and Disbursements.

**Mr. Chatham** seconded the motion.

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

**6. Unfinished Business**

No unfinished business to discuss.

**7. New Business**

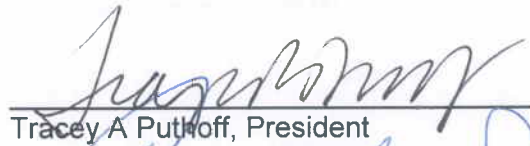
No new business to discuss.

**8. Adjournment**

At 7:15 p.m. **Mr. Brett** moved to adjourn the meeting. **Mr. Chatham** seconded the motion.

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

**The next Board of Health meeting is December 21, 2009.**



Tracey A Puthoff, President



Timothy I. Ingram, Secretary  
Health Commissioner