

Hamilton County General Health District
REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF HEALTH
March 8, 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; Kenneth Amend, M.D; Jim Brett.

District Staff: Timothy Ingram, Health Commissioner; Kathy Lordo, Asst. Health Commissioner; Nee Fong Chin, Hamilton County Chief Prosecuting Attorney; Chris Griffith, Water Quality Director; Greg Kesterman, Environmental Health Director; Dr. Stephen Bjornson, Medical Director; Terri Memory, Administrative Secretary.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Rippe moved to approve the Board of Health minutes from the February 10, 2010 regular meeting with the following corrections: section 5A – change the word “motioned” to the word “moved” and in section 6A – clarification on the financial report. **Dr. Amend** seconded the motion.

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

4. Health Commissioner’s Report

Mr. Ingram referred to the Health Care Reform document included in the Board members packet. He informed the Board that this was one of the items discussed at the retreat and he has started working on the question regarding what entities, if any, should be the advocates for the sick person to assure them health care access. Mr. Rippe suggested changing the wording from “sick person” to “person in need”.

Mr. Ingram informed the Board that a flare at Rumpke Landfill went out either late Thursday or early Friday as the Health District received numerous complaints regarding the odor. Jeff Rumpke issued an apology and assured the problem would be fixed. Mr. Ingram stated that HCPH will issue the Rumpke Solid Waste Landfill 2010 Operating License once findings and orders are issued by OEPA.

Mr. Ingram requested that the Board give him ideas on how to change the Annual Report.

Mr. Ingram presented the personnel cost for the H1N1 event. He added that once all the paperwork is finalized HCPH will be close to spending all monies projected. There are plans in process to hold another H1N1 clinic in an attempt to give the second dose to those children still in need.

Staff Reports

Kathy Lordo, Assistant Health Commissioner

Ms. Lordo updated the Board on the plans to dispense the Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap) to the seventh grade children as this is a requirement from Ohio Department of Health for the 2010 - 2011 school year.

Dr. Bjornson, Medical Director

Dr. Bjornson reported that all is going well for him at HCPH TB Control as well as his position with Clermont County Health District's TB Control division.

5. Unfinished Business

a. Regulation 1-2010, School Environmental Safety.

Mr. Rippe moved to approve Regulation 1-2010, Regulations Governing the Sanitation and Safety of Schools, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code, Section 3709.20 and 3709.21.

Dr. Amend seconded the motion.

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

6. Finances

a. Revenues and Expenditures, Mileage and Disbursements

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

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

7. New Business

a. Variances

1. Variance – 6161 Morgan Road, Whitewater Township

Dr. Amend moved to approve Variance - SVAR 2010-002 as recommended by staff. **Mr. Rippe** seconded the motion. Ms. Puthoff added to approve with installation of rip rap.

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

b. Board of Health – Re-organization

Mr. Brett moved to appoint Mr. Tim Ingram as Chair Pro-Temp of the Board of Health for the purpose of elections. **Dr. Amend** seconded the motion.

Vote: All aye

c. Dr. Amend nominated Ms. Tracey Puthoff for the position of President to the Board of Health for the 2010 – 2011 term. **Mr. Brett** seconded the nomination.

Vote: All aye

d. Mr. Rippe nominated Mr. Tom Chatham for the position of Vice President to the Board of Health for the 2010 – 2011 term. **Dr. Amend** seconded the nomination.

Vote: All aye

e. Ms. Puthoff moved to hold the regular Board of Health meetings on the second Monday of each month at 6:30pm in the large conference room of the Hamilton County Public Health office. **Mr. Brett** seconded the motion.

Vote: All aye

Mr. Ingram opened discussion regarding the Trust for America Report provided to the Board members. He feels HCPH is poorly funded by the State of Ohio and would like the Board to get involved to correct this matter. Mr. Ingram requested that the Board members review the report and if they are interested in addressing this issue he will draft a letter to send to the State of Ohio.

8. Adjournment

At 7:30 p.m. **Mr. Rippe** moved to adjourn the meeting. **Dr. Amend** seconded the motion.

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

The next Board of Health meeting will be held on Monday, April 12, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Tracey A Puthoff, President

Timothy I. Ingram, Secretary
Health Commissioner