

Hamilton County General Health District
REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF HEALTH
June 8, 2009
Minutes

1. Call to Order

At 6:30 p.m., Vice-President Thomas Chatham called to order the regular session of the Board of Health of Hamilton County General Health District.

2. Roll Call of Members

Members Present: Vice President, Tom Chatham; Jim Brett; Kenneth Amend, M.D.

District Staff: Timothy Ingram, Health Commissioner; Kathy Lordo, Asst. Health Commissioner; H. Stephen Bjornson, M.D., Medical Director; Nee Fong Chin, Chief Asst. Prosecuting Attorney; Terri Memory, Administrative Secretary.

Others Present: Rob Thomas

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Brett moved to approve the minutes from the May 11 and 20, 2009 Board of Health meetings.

Dr. Amend seconded the motion.

Roll call vote – Yes: Chatham, Brett, Amend

4. Health Commissioner's Report

H1N1 Virus

Mr. Ingram reported that staff is finishing an after-action report on the first phase of the H1N1 outbreak and preparing for the upcoming flu season. A mass vaccination for the virus may take place in October or November, depending on how much vaccine is produced.

Budget Approval - Mr. Ingram reported that the Budget Commission met on May 12th and unanimously approved the Hamilton County Public Health 2010 budget. Robert Goering, Hamilton County Treasurer, also remarked that they appreciate all the work we have done regarding the H1N1 flu outbreak and the other services that we provide to the citizens of Hamilton County.

State Budget Fees - Mr. Ingram stated that the Senate's version of the budget has now passed and that the State's budget will now go to conference committee to work out the differences. Between the House budget version, the Administration's version and the Senate's version, there are very few common themes. The Senate's version of the budget has eliminated CD&D tipping fees, and the vital records fee increase of five dollars.

The State must have a budget in place or develop temporary appropriations by June 30, 2009, or the State will not legally be able to operate due to lack of finances.

Tb and Epidemiology Contracts - Mr. Ingram announced that Public Health has entered into a contract with Clermont County for Tuberculosis Prevention and Control services. Dr. Bjornson will assist with Clermont County's tuberculosis needs for a half day each month.

Public Health has entered into a one year contract with Brown County Board of Health for epidemiology services. Hamilton County Epidemiologists will provide quarterly reports and communicable disease tracking services under this contract.

Financial Report - Mr. Ingram stated that Public Health's budget continues to look strong. Plumbing and Water Quality revenues are down. We are currently in negotiations with the Stormwater District for a new contract which would put the Water Quality division in the black.

Assistant Health Commissioner Position - The Assistant Health Commissioner - Environmental Health position will be advertised through the summer months with the goal of having the position filled by early fall 2009.

Staff Reports

Dr. Bjornson reported that he will be working with Clermont County Board of Health one half-day each month in their tuberculosis clinic. Dr. Bjornson will be updating their clinic protocol and seeing patients.

5. Finances

- a. **Revenues and Expenditures, Mileage and Disbursements - Dr. Amend** moved to approve the Revenues and Expenditures, Mileage and Disbursements. **Mr. Brett** seconded the motion.

Roll call vote – Yes: Chatham, Brett, Amend

6. New Business

a. Smoke-Free Ohio

Nee Fong Chin, Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, left the room while the Board of Health discussed the Smoke Free Ohio cases and the Hearing Officer's recommendations.

1. **Dr. Amend** moved to affirm the Hearing Officers findings for Hangovers Installed, Case No. SFO 2009-006. **Mr. Brett** seconded the motion.

Roll call vote – Yes: Chatham, Brett, Amend

2. **Mr. Brett** moved to affirm the Hearing Officers findings for Maloney's Sports Bar and Grill, Case No. SFO 2009-012. **Dr. Amend** seconded the motion.

Roll call vote – Yes: Chatham, Brett, Amend

- b. **Regulation 529** - Mr. Thomas of 5334 Day Road addressed the Board of Health with concerns regarding Regulation 529. He provided written comments that were distributed to the Board of Health members. Mr. Ingram will address Mr. Thomas' concerns regarding Regulation 529 with a response letter.

c. Variance

11726 Bank Road - The septic system was failed under the non-mechanical program for having untreated sewage discharge into a nearby creek. There is insufficient room on the property for an onsite system. Due to the topography and location of the property lines, there is only one area to install the treatment system.

Dr. Amend moved to approve the variance which will abate the nuisance. **Mr. Brett** seconded the motion.

Roll call vote – Yes: Chatham, Brett, Amend

7. Adjournment

At 7:25 p.m. **Dr. Amend** moved to adjourn the meeting. **Mr. Brett** seconded the motion.

Roll call vote – Yes: Chatham, Brett, Amend

The next Board of Health meeting will be held on July 13, 2009 at Hamilton County Public Health at 6:30 p.m.

Tom Chatham, Vice President

Timothy I. Ingram, Secretary
Health Commissioner