

Hamilton County General Health District
REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF HEALTH
February 8, 2016
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: Tracey Puthoff, President
Dr. Kenneth Amend
Jim Brett
Mark Rippe

District Staff Present: Timothy Ingram, Health Commissioner
Greg Kesterman, Assistant Health Commissioner
Craig Davidson, Assistant Health Commissioner
Kathy Lordo, Special Projects Coordinator
Dr. Stephen Bjornson, Medical Director
Mike Samet, Public Information Officer

3. Clean Kitchen Awards

Mr. Kesterman read the list of six Clean Kitchen Award recipients.

4. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Amend moved to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2016 Board of Health meeting, with a change on page two, last paragraph of the Community Health Services report; *2105 is changed to 2015.*

Mr. Brett seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote – All Aye

5. Health Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Ingram reported development of staff performance goals for 2016 is underway. Goals will focus on growth and development; program efficiencies; accreditation; consumer engagement/health literacy; and health equity.

Commissioner Ingram briefly discussed the Zika virus, as preparations are made for the upcoming mosquito season. The virus is primarily spread through the bite of the Aedes species of mosquito, one of which has been found in Hamilton County. Some 80 percent of those infected with the virus will experience no symptoms. The present concern focuses on pregnant women and the potential effect of the virus on the unborn baby.

Staff Reports

(a) Department of Community Health Services

Mr. Davidson presented an update to the Tuberculosis Clinical Services Data report, correcting data pointed out by Mr. Rippe at the January Board of Health meeting.

Hamilton County Public Health will participate in two preparedness exercises as part of the Ohio Department of Health Emergency Ebola Supplemental Grant. The first will be a tabletop exercise May 24, 2016, followed by a functional exercise June 29, 2016.

WeTHRIVE! recently completed its quarterly newsletter and Community Health Improvement Plan update to the Public Health Advisory Council.

The department has filled an open x-ray technician position and has an offer pending for a nursing supervisor.

Mr. Davidson provided highlights from an October, 2015 report titled "Fentanyl – The Emerging Public Health Threat in Hamilton County." The report was shared with the Hamilton County Heroin Coalition and a news release was distributed to bring awareness to the issue. There were 94 fentanyl-related deaths in the County in 2014 and 143 in 2015. Commissioner Ingram added that law enforcement is reporting clandestine fentanyl labs south of the U.S. border and that the distribution model for distributing heroin and other opiates has become very sophisticated.

(b) Department of Environmental Health Services

Mr. Kesterman reported that Ohio Sewage Treatment System rules have been in place for just over a year and that there are three recommended updates to policies, which will be presented as Resolution B-2016.

Mr. Kesterman provided a report on construction and demolition debris landfill capacities in response to questions asked at the January 11, 2016 Board of Health meeting. Operators calculate the remaining life of a landfill through a formula considering air space and waste volume. These calculations are just estimates and may vary greatly. One major factor in extending the life of landfills is through recycling activity. Mr. Kesterman provided examples of facilities involved in extensive recycling efforts.

6. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

8. Finances

a) Monthly Disbursements Report

Dr. Amend moved to approve the monthly disbursements.

Mr. Brett seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote – All Aye

9. New Business

a) **Resolution B-2016** – Amending Board of Health Policies and Standards Pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code Section 3701-29: Sewage Treatment System Rules.

Mr. Brett moved to adopt Resolution B-2016 Amending Board of Health Policies and Standards Pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code Section 3701-29: Sewage Treatment System Rules.

Dr. Amend seconded the motion

Roll Call Vote – All Aye

b) **Resolution C-2016** – Expressing Appreciation for the Outstanding and Dedicated Service of Kathy Lordo

Dr. Amend moved to adopt Resolution C-2016 Expressing Appreciation for the Outstanding and Dedicated Service of Kathy Lordo

Mr. Rippe seconded the motion

Roll Call Vote – All Aye

c) Medical Director's Contract

Dr. Amend moved to approve the Medical Director's Contract

Mr. Rippe seconded the motion

Roll Call Vote – All Aye

d) Announcement of the District Advisory Council Meeting – March 7, 2016

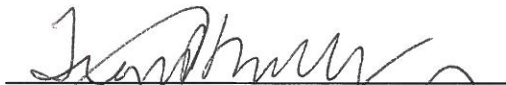
10. Adjournment

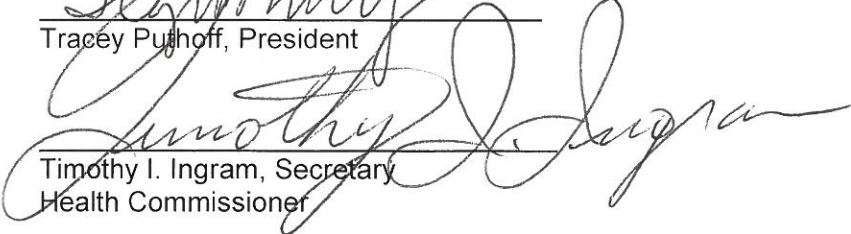
Mr. Brett moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Dr. Amend seconded the motion

Roll Call Vote – All Aye

Next Board of Health meeting: March 14, 2016.


Tracey Puthoff, President


Timothy I. Ingram, Secretary
Health Commissioner