

**Hamilton County General Health District
REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF HEALTH
August 14, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.
Minutes**

1. Call to Order

At 6:30 p.m., Mark A. Rippe, Vice President., 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: Mark A. Rippe, Vice President
Tracey A. Puthoff, Esq.
Thomas W. Chatham
James Brett

District Staff Present: Tim Ingram, Health Commissioner
Craig Davidson, Assistant Health Commissioner
Greg Kesterman, Assistant Health Commissioner
Rebecca Stowe, Director of Health Promotion & Education
Mary Ellen Kramer, Supervisor of Health Promotion & Education

Guests: Ruchi Mess Owners and family (4)
Troy Fonkner, Glendale Place Nursing and Rehab

3. Clean Kitchen Awards

Greg Kesterman read the list of 6 Clean Kitchen Award recipients and congratulated them for their efforts to maintain a high level of sanitation and staff education. Ruchi Mess and Glendale Place Nursing and Rehab representatives were present to receive their award.

4. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Brett moved to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2017 Board of Health meeting.

Mr. Chatham seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote – All Aye; - Ms. Puthoff abstained

5. Health Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Ingram referenced his full report in the Board packet, but highlighted that the health care tax levy is all set for election in the fall. This is a five-year levy and includes funding for three public health programs. The Tuberculosis program was cut by \$80,000 at the last minute. The Board asked about the impact of cuts on HCPH. Commissioner Ingram said it will be tight but we will keep a close watch.

Commissioner Ingram pointed out that our research project with the UC-College of Medicine, BrightView Health Foundation (outpatient addiction treatment), and Adapt Pharmaceutical (makers of Narcan) to determine "If more access points for Narcan are developed, will the overdose death rates and Intensive Care Admissions be reduced in Hamilton County?" is the first program of its kind. There will be a press conference on September 7.

Staff Reports

(a) Department of Community Health Services

Assistant Commissioner Craig Davidson stated that the Health Promotion and Education staff has several exciting updates concerning the WeTHRIVE! program over last month. Whitewater Township adopted the Environmental Health pathway resolution on July 14 and Cheviot adopted the WeTHRIVE! resolution on July 18. Cheviot is the twenty-second WeTHRIVE! Community in Hamilton County

Additionally, two communities with which staff work closely have received notices of award for Safe Routes to School (SRTS) funding from the Ohio Department of Transportation. Lincoln Heights and Mt. Healthy have received notices of award for the SRTS Infrastructure grant in the amounts of \$399,485 and \$250,000, respectively.

Under the leadership of Rebecca Stowe, the Division of Health Promotion and Education continues to leverage internal grant dollars received to support implementation of the WeTHRIVE! initiative in communities, schools, and child care centers.

The Board packet contains the results of the Immunization Rates by School District and Reasons for Objection. The Board inquired about "conscience objections." Mr. Davidson explained that parents can decline or delay immunizations. Commissioner Ingram referenced the importance of maintaining herd immunity to counterbalance those unable to be and/or choosing against being fully immunized.

Current naloxone distribution figures to Hamilton County first responders, to date, are provided in the monthly overdose surveillance report contained in the Board packet. The Board inquired if we are still seeing the same death rate with fentanyl. Mr. Davidson said, yes, it remains consistent as fentanyl or an analog is now detected in most toxicology profiles performed by the Coroner's Office.

The monthly Communicable Diseases Epi report was provided in the Board packets. No major communicable disease problems reported.

Rebecca Stowe, Director of Health Promotion & Education (HPE) delivered a PowerPoint presentation that reviewed history of the HPE Division, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's public health impact pyramid, HPE team members, current HPE initiatives, and alignment across initiatives and funding sources. Ms. Stowe was pleased to share that in WeTHRIVE! over \$3.3 million in funding has been secured by local communities and she shared other initiative success stories. Commissioner Ingram asked how consumers shop for credentialed childcare. HPE staff is working on a WeTHRIVE! recognition program so we can champion healthy providers. Mr. Rippe asked how many people in the community we touch with this WeTHRIVE! Program? Staff responded well over 200,000 lives. December 7 is the tentative date for the community awards presentation; everyone is encouraged to attend. The Board and Commissioner Ingram thanked Ms. Stowe for her presentation and their good work.

The Board received 30 minutes of continuing education.

(b) Department of Environmental Health Services

Assistant Commissioner Greg Kesterman reported that on the request of Commissioner Ingram, he had attended and represented his office at a recent meeting with Mayor Cranley. The meeting was also attended by Cincinnati's Health Commissioner, Dr. Marilyn Crumpton and several key representatives from the health care community. The Board inquired what the

purpose of the meeting was. Mr. Kesterman stated the Mayor was seeking to create early dialogue to help ease anxiety that his constituents are feeling over the national health care debate and potential loss of coverage that may result. Future meetings will be established to continue showing collaboration across jurisdictional territories and to help find increased opportunities for access to care for residents in Hamilton County.

Mr. Kesterman elaborated on the mosquito control report in the Board packet. To date, over 7,000 mosquitos have been sent to the Ohio Department of Health for testing for West Nile Virus. So far, three tests have come back positive that were in the Sharonville and Indian Hill areas. Targeted community education is being done in the affected areas.

Mr. Kesterman reported the list of unpaid operation permit inspection fees for tonight's Resolution has been updated to remove recent payments.

6. Unfinished Business: None

7. Finances

The July 2017 Disbursement Reports are included in the Board packet.

Ms. Puthoff moved to approve the monthly disbursements.

Mr. Brett seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote – All Aye

8. New Business:

Resolution E-2017—CERTIFICATION OF DELINQUENT SEWAGE FEES. The Board inquired about the fee collection process. Mr. Kesterman explained that invoices are generated and if unpaid, certified letters are auto generated from Ms. Chin. Payments are continuing to come in so the attached list will be updated through August 29 and will be sent to the auditor and certified on September 1.

Ms. Puthoff moved to approve Resolution E-2017.

Mr. Chatham seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote – All Aye

9. Adjournment

Ms. Puthoff moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m.


Mr. Chatham seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote – All Aye

Next Board of Health meeting: September 11, 2017. Mr. Brett reported he would not be in attendance.



Kenneth Amend, M.D. President



Tim Ingram, Secretary
Health Commissioner