

**DRAFT**  
**Hamilton County General Health District**  
**REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**February 11, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.**  
**Minutes**

**1. Call to Order**

At 6:30 p.m., James Brett, 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: James Brett, President  
Mark A. Rippe, Vice President  
Kenneth G. Amend, M.D.  
Tracey A. Puthoff, Esq.

District Staff Present: Tim Ingram, Health Commissioner  
Craig Davidson, Assistant Health Commissioner  
Greg Kesterman, Assistant Health Commissioner  
Dr. Steve Feagins, Medical Director  
Nee Fong Chin, Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

Guests: Whitney McElligott, Cincinnati State  
Quentin Graves, P&G  
Roger Burke, P&G  
Amberly Leet, Cincinnati State  
Kris Tracy, Loveland City Schools  
Shawn Tracy, Loveland City Schools

**3. Clean Kitchen Awards**

Greg Kesterman read the list of 28 Clean Kitchen Award recipients and congratulated them for their efforts to maintain a high level of sanitation and staff education. Representatives from Loveland City Schools and FHCIC P&G Ivorydale were present to receive their award.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

**Ms. Puthoff** moved to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2019 Board of Health meeting.

**Dr. Amend** seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote – All Aye**

**Ms. Puthoff** moved to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2019 Sewage Treatment System Program Fees Public Hearing.

**Dr. Amend** seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote – All Aye**

## 5. Health Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Ingram stated the Oral Health Coalition's strategic plan will be adopted no later than the end of March. However, additional funding remains to be seen. Commissioner Ingram reviewed the draft goals and objectives stating The Oral Health Coalition is a great group and they are on schedule with their strategic plan. Commissioner Ingram appreciates any feedback from the Board. Ms. Puthoff inquired how the lack of funding may impact HCPH's strategic goals and should HCPH contribute funds? Commissioner Ingram indicated that while not in the current budget, HCPH could help, but the funding need is too large for HCPH alone. Interact for Health will be approached for funding as well as other entities. The Coalition's goals still need to be clarified to determine the exact funding need.

Progress to establish a Harm Reduction program site in the City of Fairfield continues as we work with partners at Mercy Fairfield Hospital and Butler County Health Department. The Over-the-Rhine Community Council wants to establish a site at a church near Rhinegeist Brewery. We are meeting with church and community members to answer their questions.

Resolution A-2019 is on tonight's agenda for your consideration to authorize HCPH to pay Ohio Department of health vital statistic fees incurred in 2018. A full explanation of the "Then and Now resolution" from Finance Officer, Greg Varner is in the Board packet.

Commissioner Ingram explained the CDC grant to address the misuse of opioids through multi-sectorial community partnerships that address adverse childhood experiences (ACES) and social determinants of health (SDOH). This project is a new venture for HCPH and we expect to learn a great deal with community partners to develop strategies to address ACES. More information about ACES is in the Board packet.

Commissioner Ingram is disappointed to lose Brad Johnson, Storm Water Manager, but congratulated Mr. Johnson on his new role as Director of the Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services. Commissioner Ingram encouraged everyone to read Mr. Johnson's resignation letter in the Board packet.

### Staff Reports

#### (a) Medical Director's Report

Dr. Steve Feagins, Medical Director, explained the correlation between recent increases in emergency department visits associated with cold weather and drug use. The effects of amphetamines and opiates can result in hypothermia and frostbite even at moderately cold temperatures. Data of the weather's impact on overdose stats is being reviewed.

Dr. Feagins reported on the success of the Mercy Health Addiction Treatment Collaborative's efforts. We now have a full year of data and can make comparisons. Metrics from 2018 were reviewed; highlighting the number of days from referral to intake to referral changed from 2.8 days to 1.4 days and the percentage of referred patients still in treatment at 12 months increased from 25% to 40%.

Over 50% of local EMS reports "Narcan Unresponsive" suggesting other drugs, mostly methamphetamine. We are learning how to treat and continue to recommend Narcan first line treatment and Ativan for amphetamine toxicity.

Operation S.M.A.R.T. – Army Reserve Combat Medics Train in Emergency Departments is back for the second time. This is a great experience and plans are to do this several times a year. This is an innovative model to train medical military personnel by leveraging local civilian hospital partnerships nationwide.

Dr. Feagins reported local drug store test-yourself blood pressure machine data is collected and the quantity of tests has increased every year. Regional data shows 63.4% of users had “hypertensive” blood-pressure readings compared with 62.3% nationally.

Mr. Rippe complimented Dr. Feagins on the recent Channel 12 interview.

Commissioner Ingram reported HCPH has a great relationship with the press and they call on us frequently. Commissioner Ingram congratulated Greg Kesterman on the recent Channel 9 Dirty Dining feature. Mr. Kesterman represented HCPH very well.

The monthly Communicable Diseases Epi report was provided the Board packets.

**(b) Department of Community Health Services**

Assistant Health Commissioner Craig Davidson highlighted from his report new data beginning to be collected from Exchange Project clients to identify why they choose to come to a particular location. We will also start asking about Veterans status.

The Exchange Project monthly report table has been updated now that we have a full year of data.

Mr. Davidson reported the Narcan distribution is going well. We distributed the entire monthly allocation of 2,808 doses allowing for the full allocation to be requested for February.

HIV testing media campaign results were reviewed and discussed. Overall it looks to be a successful campaign with over 4 million impressions and 6,215 clicks, which is a 0.15% click through rate. Industry stand click through rate is 0.10%. Monthly average of HIV testing compared to the media campaign period shows encouraging results. We also saw increased activity at exchange sites during the campaign. Ms. Puthoff asked for clarity around the testing data grid and Mr. Davidson clarified the actual increased testing percent is higher. Ms. Puthoff inquired about plans for future campaigns. Mr. Davidson explained the current grant budget has funding allocated again for media and marketing, but no decisions have yet been made on details of a new campaign or who we might select as a vendor.

Commissioner Ingram indicated President Trump called for eradication of HIV in his recent State of the Union address. Commissioner Ingram looks forward to the tools and funding to help achieve the 15% reduction for the next five years. HCPH is well positioned to do the work for the State of Ohio.

Ms. Puthoff inquired about timeliness of ODH death data. Mr. Davidson has made numerous inquiries, but they currently have a six-month lag. HCPH gets preliminary data from the Coroner’s office every day. We are currently evaluating several weekend clusters

of suspected overdose deaths for trends or patterns. Commissioner Ingram estimates in 2018 we are down 30% over 2017 deaths.

**(c) Department of Environmental Health Services**

Assistant Health Commissioner Greg Kesterman provided the background on Brown County Plumbing and Medical Gas inspections. Since 2011 it has been a great partnership for us. In 2018 we spent 530 staff hours in Brown County. Revenue for 2018 was \$43,034.  
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Mr. Kesterman provided an update on Terrace Park and the history of drywell systems and the Ohio Administrative and Revised codes. HCPH participates on Terrace Park's sewer feasibility committee and has engaged Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) to address the remaining 634 drywells. County Administrator Jeff Aluotto requested that MSD complete a study determining costs and alternatives to bring sanitary sewer to Terrace Park. County Commissioners Board authorized the required funding so that the sanitary sewer study could proceed. Study results are expected in early 2019 and will help steer future decisions related to the extension of sanitary sewer to Terrace Park. HCPH will continue to participate on the steering committee and will stay engaged with Terrace Park on the issue.

Mr. Kesterman was pleased to share a success story regarding 4812 Chalet Drive. HCPH was able to obtain a search warrant and the homeowner was transported for medical evaluation. The family stepped in, remediation was completed, the condemnation was lifted, and the owner plans to move back to the home. The family plans to be more involved to help prevent future problems.

There were four additional condemnations. Another one in Reading has already been resolved. Firehouse Grill in Blue Ash agreed to two days of closure to address their noncompliance to Ohio Food Code. They have since remediated and fully cooperated. Environmental Health staff will continue to monitor this facility with monthly inspections over the next 180 days.

Commissioner Ingram shared Dr. Feagins' newsletter article on Collyer (Hoarder) Syndrome. Dr. Feagins reported there is a genetics tie and instances are increasing with almost 5% of the country affected. Dr. Feagins will share more information in his next Board report. Commission Ingram shared the College of Physicians of Philadelphia have the Mutter Museum that contains a collection of anatomical and pathological specimens, wax models, and antique medical equipment.

**6. Unfinished Business:** None.

**7. Finances**

The January 2019 Disbursement Reports are included in the Board packet.

**Mr. Rippe** moved to approve the monthly disbursements.

**Ms. Puthoff** seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote – All Aye**

**8. New Business:**

**Ms. Puthoff** moved to approve Resolution A-2019, to accept and authorize the execution of payment between Hamilton County Board of Health and Treasurer of the State of Ohio.

**Dr. Amend** seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote – All Aye**

There will be a District Advisory Council Meeting on March 11 from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

**9. Adjournment**

**Mr. Rippe** moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

**Ms. Puthoff** seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote – All Aye**

Next Board of Health meeting: March 11, 2019. Ms. Puthoff will be out of town.

  
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James Brett, President

  
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Tim Ingram, Secretary  
Health Commissioner