

**DRAFT**  
**Hamilton County General Health District**  
**REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**June 10, 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  
Kenneth G. Amend, M.D.  
Elizabeth A. Kelly, M.D.

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

Guests: Elyssa Scarnecchia, Xavier University  
Debra Dregfer, Xavier University  
Amanda Twardzih, Xavier University

**3. Clean Kitchen Awards**

Greg Kesterman read the list of 12 Clean Kitchen Award recipients and congratulated them for their efforts to maintain a high level of sanitation and staff education.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

**Dr. Amend** moved to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2019 Board of Health meeting.

**Dr. Kelly** seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote – All Aye**

**5. Health Commissioner's Report**

Commissioner Ingram shared a condensed video "*Journey to Health*" by Liz Bonis, WKRC. The original piece, in which both Commissioner Ingram and Dr. Feagins are interviewed, is 30 minutes long and has aired several times. One highlight is that public health policies and advancements have contributed to average life expectancy being extended by 25 years.

HCPH's new Assistant Health Commissioner Dr. Jennifer Mooney will start on Monday, June 17. Dr. Mooney's doctorate degree is from the University of Kentucky in Sociology. She has a graduate certification in applied statistics and has studied and worked with the criminal justice system, too. Since 2011, she has been the Family Health Division Director with the Cincinnati Health Department. Her job duties included overseeing the HIV, Reproductive Health, Health Education, Harm Reduction, and Emergency Preparedness programs. HCPH staff have worked with Dr. Mooney in the FIMR and harm reduction

programs to name a few areas. She is results focused with a big picture mindset. HCPH is pleased to welcome Dr. Mooney to the team.

Mr. Varner presented and Mr. Kesterman attended the County Budget Commission meeting. Township and Village assessments were unanimously approved for the 2020 budget year. Mr. Varner's presentation was well received, and he did a great job.

In your Board packet is a report summary of the PHAB Annual Report. Mr. Kesterman coordinated and submitted HCPH's 2019 report. The review board was impressed with HCPH's on-going efforts and stated we are doing "excellent work."

Commissioner Ingram is very excited about Dr. Amy Acton, the new Director of the Ohio Department of Health. Dr. Acton has tremendous personal experience shares and an incredible path to success. She has a passion for public health and children health issues. Dr. Action received a standing ovation at the recent AOHC/ODH meeting.

The 100<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration event will be on August 1, from 4-6:30 p.m. Currently, there are over 80 RSVPs with more coming in. The goal is to get to 250 people. CEOs and CMOs from local health systems have been invited, as well as county and state public officials. HCPH Anniversary items were made available to the Board. The Board is also invited to the staff celebration on September 26, from 11:30-2:30 p.m. The event will be catered and include a variety of activities. The planning committee has done a good job with all the 100th year events.

West Central Ohio experienced 19 tornados. Despite all the devastation, they were still able to use their shelters for temporary housing. Utilities were out and the municipal water system went down as there was no back up power system. Water had to be brought into the community. This will be topic of emergency preparedness seminars in the future. Services have been restored and they are now in the clean-up phase. HCPH has offered mutual aid.

## **Staff Reports**

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

Dr. Steve Feagins Medical Director shared details from Dr. Scott Wexelblatt, Medical Director Regional Newborn Services, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center report to the opioid task force. The ongoing evaluation's preliminary findings are in the Board packet. Our community is the first to have NAS Cohort Study data.

2018-19 Influenza season statistics are in the Board packet. The influenza season is over, and it lasted longer than anticipated. Dr. Feagins explained the CDC's Do Not Board list and health officials threatening to place people with probable measles infections on the federal no fly list. Measles vaccination is recommended for all, especially international travelers. The CDC issued a clinical summary for vaccination due to increase in measles cases in the US. The recommendations have not changed since publication in June 2013.

Seven confirmed cases of Legionnaires' Disease in Franklin County were attributed to Mount Carmel Hospital in Grove City. The investigation found stagnate water due to three-month construction delays. The water system wasn't properly flushed before the facility

opened. The hospital has initiated additional water testing and bottled water is in use while the investigation is underway.

Dr. Feagins shared photos and statistics in the Board packet from the Mercy Health Team's mission trip to Haiti. Over the 12 days, Dr. Feagins saw 40 patients per day. In addition to patient care, the team provided lectures, resident precepting, pharmacy optimization, and emergency department triage and trauma improvements.

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

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

Interim Assistant Health Commissioner David Carlson's report is in the Board packets. Commissioner Ingram highlighted the Harm Reduction Program statistics. Dr. Feagins shared a client success story who is now in rehab.

Golf Manor became the 25<sup>th</sup> municipality/township within Hamilton County to join the WeTHRIVE! program.

HCPH issued a health advisory for an increase in overdose activity on May 19. Other counties in Ohio were also seeing an increase in overdose activity. Four of the seven fatalities were African American. Initial cause is attributed to fentanyl in the cocaine supply.

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

Assistant Health Commissioner Greg Kesterman has an update on the Rumpke expansion in the Board packet. HCPH is following up on higher than usual odor complaints and Rumpke's remediation efforts.

HCPH issued over 300 mobile food unit licenses in 2019. HCPH has been using our new plan review and licensing process for over one year. The feedback from mobile operators and HCPH staff on the new inspection process is that it is going well. Mr. Brett asked if giving away food requires a license. Mr. Kesterman stated free food is exempt and churches selling food onsite are exempt. HCPH does offer a free consultation inspections to help advise operators, including church festivals and fish fries, how to operate safely.

There were three residential condemnations in the last month and the local communities are pursuing demolition. There was one food enforcement at Montgomery BP. The facility, in coordination with Ms. Chin, agreed to voluntarily cease selling food for three days to complete remediation. Full details are in the Board report.

**6. Unfinished Business:** None.

**7. Finances**

The May 2019 Disbursement Reports are included in the Board packet. Mr. Brett appreciates the remarks and detail that are included in the report.

**Dr. Amend** moved to approve the monthly disbursements.

**Dr. Kelly** seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote – All Aye; - Mr. Brett abstained on Whitewater Township expenditures.**

**8. New Business:**

Commissioner Ingram distributed the Cradle Cincinnati Annual Report to the Board members. Commissioner Ingram is extremely pleased with the data included in their report. Dr. Kelly reported it has been their best year with fewest baby deaths. Dr. Kelly shared that the Cradle Cincinnati staff are excellent to work with and are working on developing their strategic plan. She further indicated that HCPH staff, including Tom Boeshart, provide excellent analysis of qualitative data and do excellent work on the infant review committee. The Board would like Executive Director Ryan Adcock to present in August or September.

Commissioner Ingram distributed the NALBOH Newsletter, stating they are a great organization that needs more support. Commissioner Ingram can make introductions if any Board Member would like to get involved.

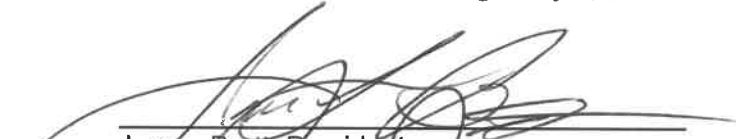
**9. Adjournment**

**Dr. Amend** moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM

**Dr. Kelly** seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote – All Aye**

Next Board of Health meeting: July 8, 2019.



James Brett, President



Tim Ingram, Secretary  
Health Commissioner