

Hamilton County General Health District
REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF HEALTH
June 14, 2010
Minutes

1. Call to Order

At 6:35 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: President, Tracey Puthoff, Esq.; Mark Rippe; Jim Brett, Kenneth Amend, M.D.

District Staff: Timothy Ingram, Health Commissioner; Kathy Lordo, Assistant Health Commissioner; Nee Fong Chin, Hamilton County Chief Prosecuting Attorney; Chris Griffith, Water Quality Director; Lisa Humble, Plumbing Director; Clara Hughes, Finance Officer; Robin Fristoe, Secretary.

Guest: John Bucci

3. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Amend moved to approve the Board of Health minutes from the May 10, 2010 regular meeting; **Mr. Brett** seconded the motion.

Roll call vote – Yes: Amend, Rippe, Brett, Puthoff

4. Health Commissioner's Report

Mr. Ingram discussed his written report to the Board regarding National Health Care Reform. He updated them on the meetings he has had with interested parties of Hamilton County discussing the impact of the Reform and how to improve health care delivery and coordination in Hamilton County. He feels that one possible opportunity for the Health District, which also meets the Program Plan of Work – Promote Strategies to Improve Access to Health Care Services, is for the Board to consider establishing or collaborating in the development of a Community Health Center. He urged the members to read the one-page fact sheet in their board packet that summarizes relevant factors in developing a community health center. Mr. Ingram added that the National Health Care Reform will change how the Medicaid population is served along with the payment/cost structure. He feels that the Health District should stay at the table on this issue to ensure Hamilton County residents have access to primary care services.

Mr. Ingram recommends that at least one BOH member become involved in this program, along with him, to which Dr. Amend volunteered to do so. Dr. Amend also volunteered Mr. Chatham's involvement as he has strong ties to the community. Mr. Ingram will contact Dr. Amend and Mr. Chatham to give them further information.

Mr. Ingram reported that Ohio Legislature passed Amended Substitute Senate Bill 110. This bill will revise Ohio's regulations for the permitting, installation, maintenance and operation of household sewage treatment systems. Chris Griffith and Mr. Ingram were successful in

adding text to the bill in regards to the operation and maintenance of sewage systems. Yet, until the new rules are promulgated the Board's current Household Sewage Treatment rules, Regulation 529, will stay in effect.

Mr. Ingram mentioned the Legislative luncheon on June 11th sponsored by Hamilton County Public Health and the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati at which Senator Kearney spoke. The purpose of the luncheon was to educate legislators about chronic disease and obesity prevention efforts.

Mr. Ingram also reported on the new Assistant Health Commissioner for Environmental Health Services, Ms. April Wendling. Ms. Wendling will join the HCPH staff Monday, June 21, 2010.

Staff Reports

Kathy Lordo, Assistant Health Commissioner

Ms. Lordo reported on the current Shigella outbreak. Over the past week Nursing Division staff and Environmental Health Division staff visited seventy daycare centers to educate them on ways to prevent the spread of Shigella in their center as well as how to contain it in the event a case is reported in their facility. Environmental Health staff also visited the owner's/operators of local pools to educate them as well.

5. Unfinished Business

Nothing to report.

6. Finances

Clara Hughes reported on the audit for the year ended December 31, 2008. There was a reduction in the number of compliance findings between the years of 2007 and 2008. The state auditor plans to begin the 2009 audit in August.

Ms. Hughes also stated that personnel line item expenses are reconciled and are now current in the Board's financial statement.

a. Revenues and Expenditures, Mileage and Disbursements

Mr. Rippe moved to approve the Revenues and Expenditures, Mileage and Disbursements;

Dr. Amend seconded the motion.

Roll call vote – Yes: Amend, Rippe, Brett, Puthoff

7. New Business

- a. Variance – 4721 Dry Ridge Rd. – Colerain Twp. (existing nuisance) - homeowner is requesting permission to discharge to the storm sewer which leads to a roadside ditch on the neighboring property.

Dr. Amend moved to approve variance SVAR 201007; **Mr. Brett** seconded the motion.

Roll call vote – Yes: Amend, Rippe, Brett, Puthoff.

- b. Variance – 2 Stone Snail – Indian Hill – homeowner seeking a variance to allow pool deck slab to encroach on a portion of the ten foot easement from the septic system force line.

Mr. Brett moved to approve variance SVAR 201005; **Dr. Amend** seconded the motion.

Roll call vote – Yes: Amend, Rippe, Brett, Puthoff.

- c. **Regulation 3-2010, Amending section III, (D) 1, 2 and 3a of Plumbing Regulation No. 1-97**

Lisa Humble, Director of Plumbing, explained that by amending this regulation it will extend the validation period of a plumbing permit from 12 months to 18 months. This new permit period will be the same as the permit period for the Hamilton County Building Department. Along with this amendment a permit may be extended by the Health Commissioner or his/her designee for an additional 6 months. The fee for the extension of a plumbing permit shall be thirty (30) dollars.

Mr. Rippe moved to adopt Regulation 3-2010, Amending section III, (D) 1, 2 and 3a of Plumbing Regulation No. 1-97; **Dr. Amend** seconded the motion.

Roll call vote – Yes: Amend, Rippe, Brett, Puthoff

- d. **Regulation 4-2010, Amending sections I, III (B) and IV of Plumbing Regulation No. 1-97**

Lisa Humble, Director of Plumbing, explained that the proposal amends this regulation to include definitions, nonflammable medical gas inspection and enforcement authority, plan approval for nonflammable medical gas systems and the associated fee schedule.

Mr. Brett moved to adopt Regulation 4-2010, Amending sections I, III (B) and IV of Plumbing Regulation No. 1-97; **Dr. Amend** seconded the motion.

Roll call vote – Yes: Amend, Rippe, Brett, Puthoff

8. Adjournment

At 7:40 p.m. **Mr. Brett** moved to adjourn the meeting; **Dr. Amend** seconded the motion.

Roll call vote – Yes: Amend, Rippe, Brett, Puthoff

The next Board of Health meeting will be held on Monday, July 12, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Tracey A Puthoff, President

Timothy I. Ingram, Secretary
Health Commissioner