

**Hamilton County General Health District
REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF HEALTH
August 13, 2018 – 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
Tracey A. Puthoff, Esq.
Elizabeth A. Kelly, M.D.

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
Greg Varner, Finance Officer
John Sherrard, Emergency Preparedness Supervisor
Chuck DeJonckheere, Director of Waste Management

Guests: Molly Yeager, Rumpke Corporate Communications Manager
John Butler, Rumpke Senior Site Engineer
Larry Riddle, Rumpke Landfill Manager

3. Clean Kitchen Awards

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

4. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Rippe moved to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2018 Board of Health meeting.

Ms. Puthoff seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote – All Aye

5. Health Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Ingram will keep his report brief as we have several presentations tonight. Rumpke Corporation representatives will present on their Eastern Expansion project and HCPH staff will present on the National Health Security Award in Preparedness.

Commissioner Ingram highlighted the Birth Certificate Project and thanked Finance Office Greg Varner, IT Manager Ed Moser, and Mike Samet for developing and launching this program. The program will make it easier for families to purchase and for schools to obtain the required valid birth certificates. HCPH will compare results with prior years and provide a report at the November meeting.

Commissioner Ingram distributed the revised copy of Regulation 1-2018 that is on tonight's agenda. The revised copy has suggested changes from the Prosecutor's Office. This revised document was also emailed to everyone last week.

Rumpke Corporation PowerPoint Presentation:

Molly Yeager covered the history of the family-owned and operated company that has over 3,000 employees in Colerain Township. The new headquarters, located in Colerain Township is to be ready by the end of 2018. Tipping fees collected for the township, county and state were reviewed; Hamilton County receives \$3M. Rumpke strives to be a complete solid waste solution with technology, alternative fuels, and harnessing energy from their waste.

John Butler, Senior Engineer covered the landfill basics, groundwater and storm water monitoring systems, and regulatory compliance. Larry Riddle, District Manager, spoke to air quality of landfill gas collection. Groups are encouraged to tour the facility anytime. Rumpke strives to be a good neighbor in all aspects of their operations. To do this, Rumpke focuses on air quality. There are random air quality compliance tests, in addition to regular compliance tests. Rumpke has a good history of passing these compliance tests. Rumpke also does street sweeping and uses water tankers provide dust control. They also have a wheel washing system and the entire trucks are washed regularly. The odor management system has a neutralizing agent. Rumpke has vector and litter control measures as well.

Mr. Butler outlined the proposed expansion details. Rumpke Sanitary Landfill currently has 330 acres of permitted landfill space. Our proposed expansion includes an additional 240 acres of landfill space. With this new addition, our total permitted landfill acreage will become 570 acres. Our total site is 939 acres. From a timing perspective, Rumpke currently has 8 years of space remaining at current waste volumes. The proposed expansion will provide an additional 25 years of space at current waste volumes. The landfill permitting process began on April 5th, 2018 when a Permit-to-Install application from Rumpke was submitted by the facility to Ohio EPA. Once OEPA reviews and accepts Rumpke's application, the Ohio EPA will issue a recommendation to the Director, who issues a Draft Denial or Approval.

Ms. Puthoff inquired about how they are getting more landfill in a smaller space; Mr. Butler explained the top will be over the current space. Mr. Butler reviewed the permitting process with Ohio EPA having the final approval. Ms. Puthoff asked when is the next step. Mr. Butler anticipates the end of this month, then they will respond to the Ohio EPA's questions. Ms. Puthoff asked what feedback they have received from the public sessions. Only a few neighbors attended and they had general questions how the expansion will affect them. Commissioner Ingram asked who the lead contractor is. Mr. Butler explained there are several based on their industry specialty.

Staff Reports

(a) Medical Director's Report

Dr. Steve Feagins, Medical Director, highlighted the Hepatitis A Outbreak Risk Factors in his report. HCPH is communicating to all healthcare providers to have a higher suspicion in four risk factor groups. The vaccine is not recommended at this time for healthcare workers who use universal precautions for patient care.

Dr. Feagins is pleased with the new Tuberculosis Control Medical Director and partnerships with University of Cincinnati Division of Infectious Disease and Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center to help people in a more organized way. Dr. Feagins described the the World Health Organization standard for testing and treating using PCR molecular testing and the push to advocate for local healthcare systems to adopt.

Dr. Feagins followed up with hospitals to ask what they do with the overdose health alerts. About half were aware and their plan is to communicate the alert to ER staff and at huddle reports. HCPH is working to improve the dissemination of health alert information as it will be very helpful for all health emergencies; not just overdoses.

Dr. Feagins still meets monthly with the local infection control practitioners. A letter was sent to them suggesting the possibility of expanding to a regional approach for tuberculosis control. Hamilton County's first Strategic Medical Asset Readiness Training (SMART) training starts tomorrow for two weeks. Military reserve personnel will be dispersed to local hospitals to receive medical training.

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

(b) Department of Community Health Services

HCPH National Security Award and Preparedness:

Assistant Health Commissioner Craig Davidson introduced John Sherrard who reviewed the National Health Security Award in Preparedness PowerPoint. Mr. Sherrard covered the award, the application Medical Countermeasure (MCXM) Readiness Program, and 35 Open Community PODs (point of dispensing). Ms. Puthoff asked if people have to show proof of residency. No, Mr. Sherrard explained, the resources are from the strategic national stockpile (SNS).

There are 46 Closed Long-Term Care Facility PODs and 8 Closed Business PODs. HCPH has two full time staff working on emergency preparedness and conduct annual call-out drills, assist with full scale POD dispensing exercises, and host an annual all-day conference for MRC volunteers and POD managers. Our goals are to have all long-term care facilities signed up, continue to build closed business POD network, working with Kroger to provide pharmacists at PODs.

We will be participating in a three-day exercise in August to test our SNS Request Procedures as part of an Anthrax drill. Ms. Puthoff asked about locations in Cincinnati. Mr. Sherrard explained that Cincinnati has their own PODs. What is the hold up with getting the other long-term care facilities signed? Mr. Sherrard explained that there are various reasons; some simply do not want the assistance.

Mr. Rippe inquired about the hospitals. Mr. Sherrard explained that hospitals have their own medication supplies. Mr. Brett congratulated the HCPH staff for revolutionizing the way that emergency help is distributed; it had been said that it couldn't be done but our staff did it.

Mr. Davidson highlighted in his report the new Exchange Project statistics that were requested at the last meeting. The additional information is very helpful to the Board. Mr. Rippe asked that this data be shared with Northern Kentucky. Mr. Davidson is also looking to add statistics on how many visits before someone requests testing. Dr. Kelly asked about the death statistics. Mr. Davidson explained there is a lag in receiving that data.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a letter approving Ohio Department of Health's (ODH) request to use federal funds to support syringe services programs (SSPs) due to the increase in viral hepatitis and HIV infection from injection drug use. Mr. Davidson will continue to follow up on HCPH's request to use current year funding for the Exchange Project.

Dr. Feagins already discussed tonight the public health alerts that were issued and efforts to improve dissemination of these alerts.

(c) Department of Environmental Health Services

Assistant Health Commissioner Greg Kesterman called attention to his Resolution I on tonight's agenda regarding unpaid sewage treatment system permit fees. Since publication nine individuals have since paid so they will be removed from the list. HCPH receives funds from the County Auditor twice a year. Mr. Rippe thinks we should also assess an administrative fee to cover the costs of collecting the smaller fees. Mr. Kesterman will look into options and report findings back at the next meeting.

Mr. Kesterman highlighted the West Nile Virus update in his report. Following standard procedure, a press release was issued and staff conducted surveillance within a half mile radius of the trap that tested positive. This is an opportunity to educate the public about mosquitos and reducing mosquito populations by eliminating standing water from their yards.

Mr. Kesterman also highlighted the Private Water Systems Program Survey in his report. HCPH received a 97% audit grade due to the excellent work by our Division of Water Quality and is working to address the two areas for improvement. Staff has started compiling the required data for the new Ohio Administrative Code cost methodology and proposed revised fees and will have it completed for the Board's review and approval in 2018.

Seven housing condemnations are in the Board packet.

- 6. Unfinished Business:** The Board of Health received 50 minutes of continuing education about public health emergency preparedness, oversight and environmental health regulatory duties.

7. Finances

The July 2018 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; - Mr. Brett abstained on White Water expenditures.

8. New Business:

Resolution H-2018 to approve revisions to the 2018 revised budget, effective August 13, 2108. Commissioner Ingram explained this is for the Children's Hospital Medical Center Cradle Role and is budget net neutral. Dr. Kelly recused herself from the discussion and vote.

Ms. Puthoff moved to approve Resolution H-2108.
Mr. Rippe seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote – All Aye; - Dr. Kelly recused herself

Resolution I-2018 to certify delinquent sewage fees to the Hamilton County Auditor's Office.

Ms. Puthoff moved to approve Resolution I-2108.
Mr. Rippe seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote – All Aye; - Mr. Rippe recused on Property Owners: Morgan, Winter, and Hauke.

Regulation 1-2018 adopting data analysis fees for the Division of Epidemiology and Assessment-Hamilton County General Health District. Mr. Rippe inquired if the hourly rate should be higher. Commissioner Ingram clarified that while we have to provide the raw data, we do not have to do the analysis work. After discussion, it was decided to change the hourly rate of \$60 to \$80.

Ms. Puthoff moved to approve Regulation 1-2108 with the hourly rate change to \$80.
Dr. Kelly seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote – All Aye

Commissioner Ingram proposed changing the November 12 Board of Health meeting date to November 5 due to Veteran's Day holiday and travel schedules.

Ms. Puthoff moved to change the Board of Health meeting date to November 5, 2018.
Dr. Kelly seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote – All Aye

Mr. Rippe asked for an update on cuts related to the sales tax being withdrawn from ballot. Commissioner Ingram indicated that HCPH is pretty insulated but there may be collateral issues. Commissioner Ingram anticipates that county fees will be raised and travel will be cut; he will keep the Board apprised as information becomes available.

9. Executive Session

Ms. Puthoff moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 8:14 p.m.
Mr. Kelly seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote – All Aye

Dr. Kelly moved to come out of Executive Session at 8:32 p.m. where no decisions were made. **Ms. Puthoff** seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote – All Aye


10. Adjournment

Mr. Rippe moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

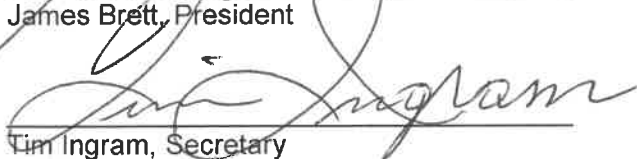
Ms. Puthoff seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote – All Aye

Next Board of Health meeting: September 10, 2018.



James Brett, President



Tim Ingram, Secretary
Health Commissioner