

Hamilton County General Health District
REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF HEALTH
July 10, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.
Minutes

1. Call to Order

At 6:30 p.m., President Kenneth Amend M.D., 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: Dr. Kenneth Amend, President
Mark Rippe, Vice President
Jim Brett
Thomas Chatham

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

3. Clean Kitchen Awards

Greg Kesterman read the list of 11 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. Brett moved to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2017 Board of Health meeting.

Mr. Rippe seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote – All Aye

5. Health Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Ingram shared an editorial on the opioid epidemic and Naloxone use from today's *Cincinnati Enquirer*. The *Enquirer* will be running a series later this summer on the epidemic. We are providing the *Enquirer* with daily overdose and emergency response reports for the reporting period.

Commissioner Ingram thanked Greg Kesterman for his leadership while he was out of town. He also reported that the staff continues to make great strides in meeting our program performance metrics. Financially, the Health District continues to perform well. The Board packet contains the performance dashboard, financial report, and the June disbursement report.

The Ohio budget is complete. Hamilton County Public Health should see about a \$50K annual increase in 2018. Unfortunately, the Senate went along with the House and agreed

to eliminate the Sanitarian Registration Board (RS). All sanitarian registration duties will be transferred to the Ohio Department of Health.

Resolution D-2017, related to a tuberculosis budget revision, is on the agenda tonight and will be discussed in more detail later in the meeting.

Commissioner Ingram has been invited to serve on the Public Health Accreditation Site Visit Review Team. Commissioner Ingram expressed his interest to serve on the team. There were no objections from the Board. After further questions from the Board, he clarified he would only be working on non-Ohio public health agencies and the commitment would entail five-seven days per year. The Board inquired about HCPH maintaining its accreditation. HCPH is required to annually submit an update to the Public Health Accreditation Board.

Dr. Amend asked how the elimination of the Sanitarian Registration Board affects HCPH. Commissioner Ingram indicated that the rules for testing sanitarians were not revised. What has changed is that there will no longer be a dedicated director or board, so disputes will be heard by the director of the Ohio Department of Health. We will know more about the new administrative processes next year.

Commissioner Ingram is in discussion with the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and a pharmaceutical company about a new Narcan research study. Opioid overdose is now the County's leading cause of death for those under the age of 50. Research question: If availability of Narcan were opened up to more access points (free), would that reduce the death rate in Hamilton County? HCPH's role will be to manage logistics (distribution and collecting data). Mr. Rippe asked how long the study will last? Commissioner Ingram responded two years, beginning September, 2017. Mr. Brett knows that in Kentucky, family members can get Narcan if there is an agreement to seek treatment, but there is no way to enforce it. Commissioner Ingram is also looking to incorporate the faith-based community. This will be the largest ever distribution of Narcan in any community. Phase 2 would be about how to make prescribing of Narcan sustainable. Dr. Amend asked who is the hardest hit county? Montgomery County - but everyone is overwhelmed with how to address the problem. Treatment and prescribing are other major issues. Mental health providers don't have the data analytics that public health departments do. Payment reform is needed to extend treatment coverage from 30 days to seven- nine months. Mr. Chatham asked how does opioid epidemic compare to the cocaine epidemic? This is more comparable to AIDS epidemic. The treatment drugs will improve over time.

Staff Reports

(a) Department of Community Health Services

In Assistant Commissioner Davidson's absence, Commission Ingram referred to his report in the Board packet mentioning that staff present tonight can answer, or we will get the answer, to any questions.

The monthly Communicable Diseases Epidemiology report was provided in the Board packets. Dr. Bjornson reported no major communicable disease problems. Reason for Syphilis increase is not known, but could be seasonal. Dr. Amend asked if Hepatitis cases were due to needle sharing and requested a status update on that program. For the most part – the program has been recommended and Commissioner Ingram expects they will accept the Levy Review Committee's recommendation at the July 19 County Commissioners meeting. The City of Cincinnati approved funding for the syringe exchange

program. The van has been re-branded. College of Medicine staffing issues are being worked through (UC funding has dried up). Ideally, the program will start in September, but contracts could hold up the process. Details are being worked out to use emergency medical staff to drive the van.

(b) Department of Environmental Health Services

Assistant Commissioner Kesterman reported food safety and plumbing are doing very well on performance objectives. All programs should catch up and be on target for the year.

Licensed facilities doing body art (permanent make-up, tattoos, body piercing) are on the rise. Record keeping is the most noted deficiency during inspections. Mr. Rippe inquired about the recordkeeping deficiencies. Mr. Kesterman explained the facility is required to maintain records regarding customers, artists, and sanitation so that proper follow up can be done if there are any health issues reported at the facility.

Hamilton County Public Health issues 11 campground licenses annually. Overall, the campgrounds in Hamilton County are well-maintained and have a minimum number of violations.

Hamilton County Public Health is also responsible for conducting manufactured home park inspections for the Ohio Manufactured Homes Commission in Hamilton, Butler and Brown Counties. When the inspections are completed, the reports are sent to the Ohio Manufactured Home Commission and the park owner within ten days of the inspection. The Ohio Budget contained a provision to dissolve the Ohio Manufactured Homes Commission and will shift responsibility to the Ohio Department of Commerce. We will monitor the shift in administration, effective January 1, 2018.

6. Unfinished Business: None

7. Finances

Jeremy Watson, Assistant Finance Officer, presented an overview of the year to date (June 28, 2017) revenue, expenditures and fund balance reports, grant summary and the June, 2017 disbursement report. The reports are contained in the Board packet. Mr. Rippe thanked Mr. Watson for the report and commented that the report looks good. Dr. Amend asked about open positions. There are approximately four open positions. Mr. Rippe asked about UC Internal Medicine/Dr. Haglund on the June disbursement report. The expense is related to for the TB Clinic and Commissioner Ingram will provide additional breakdown of the payment.

Mr. Rippe moved to approve the monthly disbursements.

Mr. Chatham seconded the motion.

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

8. New Business:

- A) Resolution D-2017 – RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REVISIONS TO THE 2017 REVISED BUDGET, EFFECTIVE JULY 10, 2017.** This budget amendment is for the Tuberculosis Control and Prevention program in order to provide the necessary funds for contractual services, to upgrade x-ray software, and other supply costs. The funds will be transferred from the personnel line items to these

other line items upon the approval of Resolution D-2017. Reallocations require Board approval; this is not an increased expense. We will have similar general fund changes for the September board meeting.

Mr. Rippe moved to approve Resolution D-2017.

Mr. Chatham seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote – All Aye

Dr. Amend will not be available for the August Board of Health meeting. Mr. Rippe will conduct the meeting.

Mr. Chatham moved to go into Executive session to discuss personnel matters at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Brett seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote – All Aye

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. where no decisions were made.

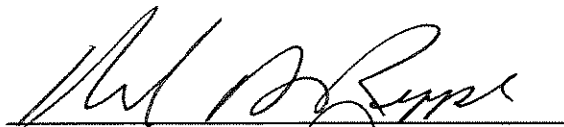
9. Adjournment

Mr. Brett moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Mr. Rippe seconded the motion.

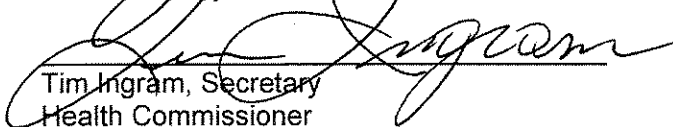
Roll Call Vote – All Aye

Next Board of Health meeting: August 14, 2017.



Kenneth Amend, M.D., President

Mark A. Rippe Vice



Tim Ingram, Secretary
Health Commissioner