

Hamilton County General Health District
REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF HEALTH
March 12, 2012
Minutes

1. Call to Order

At 6:35 p.m., President, Tom Chatham, 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: Tom Chatham, President
Jim Brett, Vice President
Mark Rippe

District Staff Present: Timothy Ingram, Health Commissioner
Greg Kesterman, Asst. Health Commissioner
Stephen Bjornson, MD, Medical Director
Nancy Glier, Finance Officer
Chris Griffith, Water Quality Director
Robin Fristoe, Administrative Secretary

Guests: Warren Strunk, Crosby Twp. Trustee
Clean Kitchen award recipients –
Marsha Heath - Miami Twp. Senior Center
Carolana Galbraith - Miami Twp. Senior Center
Kris Tracy - Loveland City Schools
Debi Wallace - Arden Courts of Kenwood
Jennifer Robbins - Montgomery Civic Center
Theresa Rigsby - Blue Ash Nursing & Rehab
Deana Jester – Blue Ash Nursing & Rehab

3. Clean Kitchen Awards

Mr. Kesterman read the list of facilities that qualified to receive an award. Those in attendance were presented their award. The others will be mailed to the appropriate food service operation.

4. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Rippe moved to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2012 Board of Health meeting; **Mr. Brett** seconded the motion.

Roll call vote – Yes: Rippe, Brett, Chatham

5. Health Commissioner's Report

Hamilton County Public Health (HCPH) had a great attendance for the District Advisory Council (DAC) meeting. At this meeting the DAC appointed the members to the District Licensing Council (DLC) for a new five year term. The DLC meeting is scheduled for March 29th at which time they will appoint a member to the Board of Health.

The Annual Report has been submitted to the Director at the Ohio Department of Health and was distributed at the DAC meeting.

Mr. Ingram highlighted the Sanitary Sewer Connection Policy that is on the agenda again this month as well as the changes pertaining to the Ohio Attorney General's Opinion.

Also on the agenda for Board consideration is the Medical Director's contract.

Staff Reports

Kathy Lordo, Assistant Health Commissioner, Department of Community Health Services

Ms. Lordo was not present and upon review of her previously submitted report, the Board had no questions.

Since taking on the HIV/STD prevention program, the Epi staff produced the first quarterly report on HIV & Syphilis. Mr. Ingram distributed a copy of this report to the Board members and added that it will be prepared on a quarterly basis.

Dr. Bjornson, Medical Director, reported on the first STD clinic held at the TB center on Monday, March 12th. This clinic will be held every Monday & Friday. The main focus of this clinic is, as people go to the emergency department and a test is performed that indicates they have a positive or potentially positive case of syphilis, this clinic will serve as a follow up for those cases.

The electronic medical records program went live the first week in March and the digital X-ray equipment will be installed on March 16th.

Greg Kesterman, Assistant Health Commissioner, Department of Environmental Health Services

Mr. Kesterman discussed the newest technology the Plumbing Division has been familiarizing themselves to, which is pre-built construction units or PODS.

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) continues their review cycle pertaining to Construction and Demolition Debris (C&DD) rules. The most recent change will include how financial assurance for final closure and post closure activity is handled.

Mr. Kesterman provided updates on Rumpke. The number of odor complaints remains level, although they are nearing completion in the placement of the Odor Control Blanket (OCB). He told of a landfill in Northern Ohio that experienced a similar reaction as Rumpke where they also used this OCB and it has been successful in controlling the odor.

6. Unfinished Business

a) Sanitary Sewer Connection Policy

Mr. Ingram indicated that he would like the Board to continue discussing the Sanitary Sewer Policy.

Mr. Kesterman explained the cost incurred by the homeowner to connect to a sewer. He also provided examples of some cases currently in litigation at the Prosecutor's office where they are claiming it is a financial hardship.

Mr. Kesterman discussed that it is staff's intention to provide the necessary information so when a variance is heard by the Board they can form an opinion as to how to proceed. He requested that the Board members provide him any additional information they feel is needed to proceed when considering a variance request.

Mr. Ingram referenced the Ohio Attorney General's opinion pertaining to Brown County.

In light of the Ohio Attorney General's Formal Opinion provided on August 4, 2010 to the Brown County Prosecuting Attorney, the Board instructed Mr. Ingram to request an update on the legal opinion provided by the Hamilton County Prosecutor on October 7, 1999. The request should include the 2010 Ohio Attorney General's Opinion and ask for a definition of financial hardship.

7. New Business

a) Variance – SVAR201203 – 8785 Indian Hill Road, Indian Hill – applicant is seeking a variance for a retaining wall that was constructed and does not meet the setback requirement from the sewage treatment system.

Mr. Chatham moved to approve Variance SVAR201203, based on staff recommendations; **Mr. Brett** seconded the motion.

Roll call vote – Yes: Rippe, Brett, Chatham

b) 2012 Medical Director's contract

Mr. Rippe moved to approve the Medical Director's 2012 contract; **Mr. Brett** seconded the motion.

Roll call vote – Yes: Rippe, Brett, Chatham

8. Finances

a. Revenues and Expenditures, Mileage and Disbursements

Ms. Glier, Finance Officer, had no significant variances from the budgeted amounts. Revenue for birth and death certificate purchasing is up.

Mr. Rippe moved to approve the Revenues and Expenditures, Mileage and Disbursements; **Mr. Brett** seconded the motion.

Roll call vote – Yes: Rippe, Brett, Chatham

9. Adjournment

Mr. Rippe moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm; **Mr. Brett** seconded the motion.
Roll call vote – Yes: Rippe, Brett, Chatham

The next Board of Health meeting will be held on Monday, April 9, 2012 at 6:30 pm.

Thomas Chatham, President

Timothy I. Ingram, Secretary
Health Commissioner