

Hamilton County General Health District
REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF HEALTH
April 8, 2013
Minutes

1. Call to Order

At 6:30 p.m., Vice President, Dr. Amend, 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. Amend, Vice President
Tracey Puthoff
Tom Chatham
Mark Rippe

District Staff Present: Timothy Ingram, Health Commissioner
Nee Fong Chin, Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney
Kathy Lordo, Asst. Health Commissioner
Dr. Bjornson, Medical Director
Greg Kesterman, Asst. Health Commissioner
Chris Griffith, Director of Water Quality
John Teufel, Finance Officer
Robin Fristoe, Administrative Secretary

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| Guests: | Adam Reilly | Judith Feinberg |
| | Laura Wojtys | Gail Nickum |
| | Matt Naylor | Matt Nickum |
| | Dan Grier | Jim Schwab |
| | Kevin Chamberlin | |

3. Clean Kitchen Awards

The list of Clean Kitchen Award recipients was read by Mr. Kesterman and those in attendance were presented their award.

4. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Rippe moved to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2013 Board of Health meeting;

Ms. Puthoff seconded the motion.

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

4. Presentation: Judith Feinberg, MD and UC Professor of Medicine

“The Rise in Hepatitis and Other Blood-borne Diseases Due to IV Drug Use”

Dr. Feinberg presented her rationale for creating a syringe exchange program in Hamilton County. Details of her presentation are attached.

Per Board request, Adam Reilly will provide Mr. Ingram data from Cleveland that illustrates the before and after of the syringe exchange program.

Mr. Ingram introduced Jim Schwab and Ann Barnham from the Greater Cincinnati Health Foundation. Mr. Schwab discussed the Greater Cincinnati Health Foundation Board's support for the syringe exchange program.

6. Health Commissioner's Report – Staff Reports

Mr. Ingram introduced Ms. Laura Wojtys, a Fellow from Miami University in the Public Administration Program, who has been shadowing Mr. Ingram's office.

Mr. Ingram presented Miami Township Trustee, Joe Sykes, Resolution A-2013, recognizing his retirement and years of service to Hamilton County Public Health (HCPH) and the District Advisory Council.

Mr. Ingram mentioned the retreat and the hiring of a facilitator who will contact the Board members with three questions pertaining to the retreat.

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

Ms. Lordo provided the following highlights comparing 2012 and 2013 first quarter data in the following program areas:

- TB
- STD/HIV
- Immunizations
- Daycare centers
- Vital Statistics
- Social media

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

Mr. Kesterman discussed the application for the Samuel J. Crumbine Award in the Division of Environmental Health.

For the first quarter, Environmental Health (EH) had an increase in the number of licensed facilities for the Food Service Operations and Retail Food Establishments. They have also received \$44,000 in fine payments for Smoke Free Ohio.

Mr. Kesterman discussed a new mobile technology that the Division of Waste Management, in coordination with Environmental Services, is using to capture odor complaints at Rumpke Landfill.

Hamilton County Public Health (HCPH) is in the process of soliciting comments pertaining to the revision of Regulation 529 governing sewage treatment systems. The Board of Health, along with registered contractors, housing associations, realtors, environmental groups, and other interested parties were contacted and offered an opportunity to comment on the rules. Once the comments are compiled, this information will be shared with Board members as part of the process.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

8. Finances

- a) Revenues, Expenditures, and Disbursements

Ms. Puthoff moved to approve the Disbursements Report; **Mr. Chatham** seconded the motion.
Roll call vote – Yes: Rippe, Puthoff, Chatham, Amend

- b) Resolution B-2013 - Then and Now

Ms. Puthoff moved to approve Resolution B-2013 – To accept and authorize the execution of contracts between Hamilton County Board of Health and vendors; **Mr. Chatham** seconded the motion.

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

9. New Business

- a) Variance SVAR2013-05 – 6065 Orchard Hills Lane, Colerain Twp.

Ms. Puthoff moved to approve Variance SVAR2013-05 per recommendations by staff that the six contingencies listed are met; **Mr. Chatham** seconded the motion.

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

10. Executive Session – Personnel matters

Ms. Puthoff moved to enter into executive session at 8:23pm to discuss personnel matters; **Mr. Chatham** seconded the motion.

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

The Board of Health concluded the executive session at 8:40pm, having made no decisions.

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

11. Adjournment

Mr. Rippe moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:41pm; **Mr. Chatham** seconded the motion.

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

The next Board of Health meeting will be held on Monday, May 13, 2013 at 6:30pm.

Dr. Kenneth Amend, M.D., Vice President

Timothy I. Ingram, Secretary
Health Commissioner