

Hamilton County General Health District
REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF HEALTH
May 12, 2014
Minutes

1. Call to Order

At 6:30 p.m., President, Jim Brett, 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: Jim Brett, President
Dr. Kenneth Amend, Vice President
Tracey Puthoff
Mark Rippe

District Staff Present: Timothy Ingram, Health Commissioner
Nee Fong Chin, Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney
Greg Kesterman, Asst. Health Commissioner
Kathy Lordo, Asst. Health Commissioner
Dr. Bjornson, Medical Director
Jeremy Hessel, Director, Environmental Health Division
Lisa Humble, Director, Plumbing Division
Robin Fristoe, Secretary

3. Clean Kitchen Awards

Mr. Kesterman read the list of 11 Clean Kitchen Award recipients. Honey Baked Ham in Anderson Township is the first to receive the Clean Kitchen award for the fourth time.

4. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Puthoff moved to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2014 Public Hearing meeting.

Mr. Rippe seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote – All aye

Ms. Puthoff moved to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2014 Board of Health meeting.

Dr. Amend seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote – All aye

4. Health Commissioner's Report

In his absence, Commissioner Ingram reported that Assistant Health Commissioner, Kathy Lordo, attended the syringe exchange meeting held by State Senator, Shannon Jones, on April 29.

6. Staff Reports

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

Assistant Commissioner Lordo discussed the HIV/Syphilis program. There were 17 communities identified as having the highest number of syphilis cases from 2009 to 2012. In these communities, Disease Intervention Specialists will deliver "Get Yourself Tested" campaign materials to barber shops, beauty and nail salons, and tattoo parlors. In addition, the Community Outreach Specialist will meet with faith-based leadership to enlist support from church health ministries in reaching target populations.

On April 16 and 17, the Emergency Preparedness group engaged staff from Hamilton County Public Health in a full-scale exercise that provided training in Strategic National Stockpile medicine distribution and dispensing functions.

The Division of Epidemiology worked on and/or completed the annual reports for the Child and Family Health Services grant and the Child Fatality Review team, and a Maternal and Child Health chart book for Butler County. Assistant Commissioner Lordo shared a copy of the reports with the Board members.

Currently, five communities have adopted overall WeThrive! resolutions. We have identified the four pathways that we are asking communities to work on— Chronic Disease, Community Health, Emergency Preparedness and Environmental Health. We will enlist other organizations that address these issues to work with us.

Medical Director, Dr. Stephen Bjornson, Communicable Disease program

The number of reported communicable diseases and Tb cases remains stable.

There was a second case of MERS reported. This now gives one case in Florida and one case in Indiana.

The syphilis testing protocol with the OB/GYN physicians, at the various community health systems has been finalized. This will be distributed to the OB/GYN physicians within the next two to three weeks.

Thus far, there have been no cases of measles or mumps reported in Hamilton County. We will be monitoring the mumps situation closely as Ohio State students go home for the summer.

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

Assistant Commissioner Kesterman reviewed the four regulations that are on the agenda for approval and outlined the changes. He noted that Lisa Humble, Director of Plumbing, took the fee changes to the Certified Master Plumbers Association and there were no objections.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

8. Finances

Mr. Rippe moved to approve the disbursements.

Ms. Puthoff seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote – All Aye

9. New Business

a) Regulation 3-2014 - Adopting Revised Local Fees for Plumbing and Medical Gas

Ms. Puthoff moved to approve Regulation 3-2013 - Adopting Revised Local Fees for Plumbing and Medical Gas as written.

Dr. Amend seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote – All Aye

b) Regulation 4-2014 - Adopting Rules and Regulations for the Maintenance and Installation and Inspection of Plumbing and Medical Gas.

Mr. Rippe moved to approve Regulation 4-2014 - Adopting Rules and Regulations for the Maintenance and Installation and Inspection of Plumbing and Medical Gas.

Dr. Amend seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote – All Aye

c) Regulation 5-2014- Adopting Rabies Prevention Regulation 5-2014

Dr. Amend moved to approve Regulation 5-2014 – Adopting Rabies Prevention Regulation 5-2014.

Ms. Puthoff seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote – All Aye

d) Regulation 6-2014 - Adopting Revised Fees for Food Service, Retail Food Establishments, Vending Operations, Temporary Food Services and Mobile Food Services

Ms. Puthoff moved to approve Regulation 6-2014 – Adopting Revised Fees for Food Service, Retail Food Establishments, Vending Operations, Temporary Food Services and Mobile Food Services.

Dr. Amend seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote – All Aye

10. Adjournment

Ms. Puthoff moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Mr. Rippe seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote – All Aye

Next Board of Health meeting: June 9, 2014.

Jim Brett, President

Timothy I. Ingram, Secretary
Health Commissioner