

Hamilton County General Health District
REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF HEALTH
October 14, 2013
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
Tom Chatham

District Staff Present: Timothy Ingram, Health Commissioner
Nee Fong Chin, Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney
Greg Kesterman, Asst. Health Commissioner
Kathy Lordo, Asst. Health Commissioner
Stephen Bjornson, Medical Director
John Teufel, Finance Officer
Chuck DeJonckheer, Director of Waste Management
Robin Fristoe, Administrative Secretary

Guests: Anthony Dunham, Arden Courts Employees of Forest Hills Schools
Larry Riddle, Rumpke Kim Clack, Hillcrest Academy
Yvette Talbert, Hillcrest Academy Daniel Aning, Hillcrest Academy
Beth Miller, The School House Matt Mill, The School House

3. Clean Kitchen Awards

Mr. Kesterman read aloud the list of Clean Kitchen Award recipients and those in attendance were presented their award. Mr. Kesterman highlighted that eight of the recipients are second time winners and two of the recipients are third time winners.

4. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Puthoff moved to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2013 Board of Health meeting, **Mr. Chatham** seconded the motion.

Roll call vote – All aye

5. Health Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Ingram reported on the 2012 State Audit report and added that it is now public.

Commissioner Ingram highlighted the Hamilton County Public Health (HCPH) employees who received awards. Eric Kepf, Environmental Health Sanitarian, received the Ohio Environmental Health Association's, Southwest Ohio Sanitarian of the Year Award, for his work in general environmental health, food service, and swimming pools.

Mike Samet, PIO, and Christy Cauley, Electronic Communication Specialist, received the 2013 Silver Award, for "Excellence in Public Health Communication" presented by the National Public Health Information Coalition for the community outreach provided by Hamilton County Public Health's Social Media program.

Commissioner Ingram added that HCPH has the highest twitter following of all the local health departments in the United States.

6. Staff Reports

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

Dr. Bjornson, Medical Director, reported on infectious diseases. The number of TB cases remains stable and comparable to that of 2012. There has been an increase in the number of viral hepatitis/hepatitis C cases reported and this may be due to an increase in the number of tests performed. There has been a decrease in the number of syphilis cases reported and this may be due to tests that were not reported. There is been a 30% – 40% increase in the number of new HIV cases reported but staff cannot explain this increase.

Staff are currently in the middle of a Pertussis outbreak. Dr. Bjornson explained that this tends to happen every three to four years and it is thought to be related to adults losing their immunity and passing it onto children. There have been a few gastro intestinal cases, possibly the Noro Virus, associated with nursing homes, but he doesn't feel it is anything major.

Ms. Lordo highlighted the following portions of her report - Nursing Division: the BCMH program and the Immunization program; Health Promotion and Education (HPE) Division: Chronic Disease Prevention and Injury Prevention – Falls; Customer Service Program: Vital Statistics – number of birth and death certificates registered and sold; Emergency Preparedness has been working to get businesses engaged as a closed POD. Ms. Lordo was happy to report that Goodwill just signed to participate as a closed POD.

Beginning next month, Ms. Lordo will provide a detailed explanation of the syphilis and HIV tables in her monthly report.

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

Mr. Kesterman reported that to date there have been 140 Clean Kitchen Award recipients. This compares to 82 winners for the same time period in 2012 and 29 winners in 2011. He attributes this to the staff continuing to promote the award and encourage operators to take additional educational courses to enhance their staff's level of food knowledge.

The Division of Environmental Health has had an increase in the number of licensed facilities for the Food Service Operations and Retail Food Establishments thus far for 2013.

Mr. Kesterman reported on the Smoke Free Ohio fine assessments and complaints.

The Division of Plumbing has seen an increase in inspections and plumbing permit revenue. This is due to two large commercial projects at Xavier University and at River Downs.

The Division of Waste Management continues to see a decrease in Construction & Demolition Debris (C&DD) volumes.

The Division of Water Quality has seen a decrease in operations permits. The Storm Water program continues to grow.

Mr. Kesterman reported on the Hollywood Hotel in Evendale. Staff has worked hard for several years to bring this facility into compliance. He extended thanks to Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Nee Fong Chin for all her help.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

8. Finances

a) Revenues, Expenditures, and Disbursements

John Teufel, Finance Officer, presented an overview of the Revenues, Expenditures and Disbursements report. He added that overall, finances are in the positive status.

Mr. Chatham moved to approve the Revenues, Expenditures, and Disbursements; **Ms. Puthoff** seconded the motion.

Roll call vote – All aye

9. New Business

a) Resolution D – 2013 – To approve the transfer of the 2013 Construction and Demolition Debris Landfill operating license from New Baltimore, LLC. to Rumpke Waste, Inc.

Chuck DeJonckheere, Director of Waste Management, provided a brief synopsis of the transfer of the C&DD license from New Baltimore, LLC. to Rumpke Waste, Inc.

Mr. Chatham moved to approve Resolution D-2013 – To approve the transfer of the 2013 Construction and Demolition Debris Landfill operating license from New Baltimore, LLC. to Rumpke Waste, Inc.; **Mr. Rippe** seconded the motion

Roll call vote – All aye

b) November Board of Health meeting date change

Dr. Amend, in observance of Veterans Day, moved to approve changing the date of the November Board of Health meeting from November 11, 2013 to November 18, 2013, 6:30pm; **Mr. Chatham** seconded the motion. Commissioner Ingram will make a public notice of this change.

Roll call vote – All aye

10. Adjournment

Mr. Chatham moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm; **Dr. Amend** seconded the motion.
Roll call vote – All aye

The next Board of Health meeting will be held on Monday, November 18, 2013 at 6:30pm.

Jim Brett, President

Timothy I. Ingram, Secretary
Health Commissioner