

Hamilton County General Health District
REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF HEALTH
June 9, 2008
Minutes

1. Call to Order

At 6:30 p.m., President Mark Rippe called to order the regular session of the Board of Health of Hamilton County General Health District.

2. Roll Call of Members

Members Present: President, Mark Rippe; Tracey Puthoff, Esq., Jim Brett, Tom Chatham

Members Absent: Kenneth G. Amend, M.D.

Others present: Dan Brogan

District Staff: Timothy Ingram, Health Commissioner
Christopher Griffith, Director of Water Quality
Terri Memory, Administrative Secretary

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Brett moved to approve the May 12, 2008 minutes. **Ms. Puthoff** seconded the motion.

Roll call vote – Yes: Puthoff, Brett, Chatham, Rippe.

Health Commissioner's Report

- a. **Grants** - Hamilton County Public Health has secured two revenue sources. We have been authorized to receive a \$390,000 contract from the Hamilton County Stormwater District to perform illicit discharge sampling and Hamilton County Commissioners have decided to establish the Infant Mortality project which will bring in \$250,000 of new revenue. The office of Maternal and Infant Health and Mortality Reduction will be located in our offices.
- b. **Infant Mortality Project** - The Infant Mortality Project is picking up momentum. The program will be a five year project. Once all of the resources have been combined and data has been reviewed, existing programs will be used to prevent pre-maturity and low birth-weight in babies. Results should be seen in three years.
- c. **Regional Public Health Exercise** - On Thursday, May 29, the Southwest Ohio Public Health Regional Hospitals, fire emergency management officials and the Red Cross participated in a Pandemic Influenza exercise. Mr. Ingram served as Multi-Agency Regional Coordinator for Public Health and was located at the Emergency Operations Center on Radcliff Drive in Cincinnati. Ms. Lordo assumed the role of Incident Commander for Hamilton County Public Health. Ms. Lordo and staff did an excellent job making decisions that would have resulted in saving lives and reducing the number of people becoming sick in a real outbreak situation. The exercise went well, however, it is unclear how Radcliff Operations Center could be used by the state and other jurisdictions.
- d. **Smoke Free Ohio Radio Interview** - Mr. Ingram participated with Mr. Pat Carroll of the Buckeye Liquor Permit Association in a live radio show on WVXU. The interview, regarding the alleged economic impact the Smoke Free Ohio law is having on taverns and other local businesses, can be heard on WVXU's website.

Smoke-free Ohio Hearings - The Fraternal Order of Eagles and Rinks Flea Market Bingo have appealed the Hamilton County Board of Health's decision to the Court of Common Pleas in Franklin County.

- e. **Thank you** - Tucker Stone received a letter of acknowledgement from Cincinnati USA Hispanic Chamber. Their vendors appreciated Mr. Stone's public health knowledge and positive and helpful attitude at the 2008 Cincy-Cinco Latino Festival. The Board of Health extended their appreciation to Mr. Stone.

5. Unfinished Business

- a. **Tuberculosis Program** - Information regarding the Tb Program was included in the Board of Health report for review. The program is going well. Currently there are two vacant positions but we will fill them.

6. Finances

a. Revenues and Expenditures, Mileage and Disbursements

Mr. Ingram explained revenues are down in some divisions this year, however, expenditures are also down. Mr. Rippe asked if Ms. Hughes could compile end of the year budget scenarios suggesting ways to improve the budget trends. Mr. Ingram will email the Board of Health the amount of the current year encumbrances for the Tb project. **Ms. Puthoff** moved to approve the revenue and expenditure report and payment of the mileage and disbursements. **Mr. Chatham** seconded the motion.

Roll call vote – Yes: Puthoff, Brett, Chatham, Rippe.

7. New Business

a. Variances - 6745 Southknoll, Green Township

Mr. Brogan asked the Board of Health for approval to build a deck within ten feet of a septic tank. Deck framing already exists and does not interfere with the septic system. **Mr. Brett** moved to approve the variance with the following conditions: When it becomes necessary, either by code or for any other reason, to abandon the sewage treatment system, an abandonment permit must be obtained and the sewage treatment system components must be properly abandoned following any codes at that time and without regard for the deck construction under permit #P200800054, and Hamilton County Building Permit #B08001182P. The conditions are binding to any future owner(s) of the property and therefore, a copy of the written acknowledgement must be passed on at the time of the property sale. **Mr. Chatham** seconded the motion.

Roll call vote – Yes: Puthoff, Brett, Chatham, Rippe.

b. Resolution C-2008

Individuals on the delinquent sewage fees list dated June 4, 2008 have not paid for their household sewage disposal system operation permit as required by Hamilton County General Health Household sewage code regulation 529.06. Ohio Revised Code Section 3709.091 (e) certifies the attached list of names dated June 4 with the amount of unpaid fees and any accrued late fees to the Hamilton County Auditor's Office to be placed on the General Tax List as provided in Section 319.281 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Ms. Puthoff moved to approved Resolution C-2008. **Mr. Rippe** seconded the motion.

Roll call vote – Yes: Puthoff, Brett, Chatham, Rippe.

c. September Board of Health Meeting

Mr. Brett moved to approve changing the Board of Health meeting on Monday, September 8, 2008 to September 15, 2008. **Ms. Puthoff** seconded the motion. Ms. Puthoff stated she will not attend the July 14 Board of Health Meeting.

Roll call vote – Yes: Puthoff, Brett, Chatham, Rippe.

8. Adjournment

At 7:15 p.m., **Ms. Puthoff** moved to adjourn the meeting. **Mr. Chatham** seconded the motion.

Roll call vote – Yes: Puthoff, Brett, Chatham, Rippe.

Next Board of Health meeting is July 14, 2008.

Mark Rippe, President

Timothy I. Ingram, Secretary
Health Commissioner