

Hamilton County General Health District
REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF HEALTH
May 18, 2016
Minutes

1. Call to Order

At 6:31 p.m., President Tracey Puthoff, called to order the regular session of the Board of Health of Hamilton County General Health District (HCPH), followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call of Members

Members Present: Tracey Puthoff, President
 Jim Brett
 Mark Rippe

District Staff Present: Timothy Ingram, Health Commissioner
 Greg Kesterman, Assistant Health Commissioner
 Craig Davidson, Assistant Health Commissioner
 Nee Fong Chin, Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney
 Christy Cauley, Electronic Communications Specialist

3. Department of Environmental Health Services

Mr. Kesterman's report was moved to first on the agenda so he could leave early for a family function. He reported that the Waste Management Division has partnered with the City of Cincinnati's Community & Economic Development Division to create a lead poisoning prevention initiative. If the grant is approved, \$550,000 could be awarded over a period of 3 years for this initiative. This would include \$500,000 for lead abatement of properties within our jurisdiction, and \$50,000 for a healthy home initiative.

Mr. Kesterman discussed filling two positions for Water Quality interns. They will be assisting with stormwater and other environmental health programs this summer.

Mr. Kesterman reported that the County reconvened the Southwest Ohio Area Regional Mosquito Task Force (SWARM) in light of the Zika Virus threat. They will meet quarterly to share and collaborate on messaging and trapping plans. It was decided collaboratively to continue to use "Drain, Dunk, and Protect" as the primary message this mosquito season.

Six homes were condemned this month and one restaurant had food program enforcement issues. Commissioner Ingram congratulated the Environmental Health Division for their work on the hoarding cases.

4. Clean Kitchen Awards

Mr. Kesterman read the list of 12 Clean Kitchen Award recipients. First time winners included Covedale School, Cruise Inn, EH Green Intermediate School, Gold Star Chili Cherry Grove (Anderson Twp.), The Learning Garden Academy, LLC, and Triple Creek Park Snack Bar. Taco Bell #2525 in Sharonville was a second-time winner. Third time winners included Blue Ash Elementary School, Chipotle Mexican Grill #1532 (Sycamore Twp.), and Maple Dale Cafeteria.

(Fairfax). Snappy Tomato Pizza is very proud of their six awards. The Board congratulated the winners.

4. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Rippe moved to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2016 Board of Health meeting.

Mr. Brett seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote – All Aye.

5. Health Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Ingram stated that Ms. Puthoff will add an Executive Session the agenda to discuss pending litigation. Commissioner Ingram recognized and thanked Christy Cauley for taking the Board meeting minutes. He then briefly reviewed his report and asked if there were any questions.

Ms. Puthoff expressed satisfaction with the 2017 Indian Hill Public Health Services Contract. Mr. Rippe wanted to know if HCPH could have access to a PowerPoint from Mayor Kevin Hardman of Sharonville. Commissioner Ingram responded the information is available by accessing the City of Sharonville web site.

Mr. Rippe wanted to know feedback from a meeting in Sycamore Township. Commissioner Ingram stated that he received compliments on our staff, especially for their customer service. Mr. Rippe stated that a member of the Sharonville zoning board also complimented our staff.

Staff Reports

(a) Department of Community Health Services

Mr. Davidson reported that he went door-to-door with volunteers from Colerain Township's Heroin/Opiate Response Effort. There was only one naysayer among the twenty or so houses he visited, but Mr. Davidson said he listened to what she had to say even if she did not change her mind on the issue.

Hamilton County Public Health on behalf of the Hamilton County Heroin Coalition submitted a proposal for the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention Grant on April 29, 2016. If the grant is awarded, HCPH will be hiring an injury prevention coordinator, paid through the grant. Mr. Davidson thanked Rebecca Stowe and John Teufel for helping with the grant proposal. He also thanked our partners, the University of Cincinnati (UC), BrightView, PreventionFIRST!, Talbert House and the Drug and Poison Information Center. Funding will begin July 1, 2016 if awarded.

Mr. Davidson reported that WeTHRIVE! is moving forward with community engagement efforts. Forty attendees came out for a meeting on April 23, 2016 in Lincoln Heights. Mr. Davidson referred to the quarterly newsletter and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) progress report that were each recently sent to the Public Health Advisory Council (PHAC) and are included in the Board packet. He wanted to highlight the WeTHRIVE! initiative and the fact that they received some national recognition from Active Living By Design. They just launched their updated "Community Action Model" and WeTHRIVE! was one of only four communities to be chosen to participate.

On April 7, 2016, Emergency Preparedness was visited by ODH for an operational readiness review to assess our planning relative to Points of Distribution (PODs). We received high-level feedback. They said we were one of the best in the southwest Ohio region.

Mr. Davidson reported on student projects with Xavier University's (XU) Master of Health Services Administration program and UC's Master of Public Health program. Epidemiology and Disease Prevention conducted different projects with different sets of students.

One UC student set up a Hepatitis C surveillance program. The student took reports, called individuals and asked them more in-depth epidemiology and risk factor questions. Among those surveyed, most were 20-39 years old, white and injection drug users. They conducted a total of 49 interviews.

Another UC student surveyed our immunization clinic customers and developed a provider survey that was unable to be conducted due to time limitations. This student collected basic demographic information, asked about how they were referred to our clinic and inquired about their overall customer service experience. Our goal was to better understand why people are referred to our clinic rather than a primary care clinic. The student found that 11% of participants had private insurance, and the rest were on Medicaid or had no insurance. Overall, individuals reported reasonable wait times and satisfaction with the program. Disease Prevention hopes to continue with the provider survey with another student.

Xavier's MHSA students completed a project to assess for correlations between data points summarized in our health equity report and census tract level consumer market research data purchased by ODH from Nielson Market Research. The data was deemed useful for determination of health outcomes. For example, the Nielson research data indicated whether or not the individual reported smoking, lack of physical activity, alcohol use, poor nutritional habits, lack of utilization of healthcare services and financial insecurity.

The XU students' overall recommendation was to use our own data rather than paying someone like Nielson for data. While the report correlated to areas of high tobacco/alcohol use, we could use our own data to focus on areas of high concentrated disadvantage when implementing public health interventions to target health inequities.

Mr. Rippe asked about the Tuberculosis Clinical Services home visits report. He stated that the number of home visits for April was 50% of our total visits to date. Mr. Davidson responded that there is a case that is requiring many home visits, but he would look into it and find the answer.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

8. Finances

a) Monthly Disbursements Report

As advised by Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Mr. Brett recused himself from the Whitewater Township line item of the monthly disbursements due to a conflict of interest; however he approved all other disbursements.

Mr. Rippe moved to approve the monthly disbursements, noting Mr. Brett's abstention.
Mr. Brett seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote – All Aye.

9. New Business

There was no new business.

10. Executive Session

Mrs. Puthoff moved to convene an Executive Session at 7:01 p.m. to discuss pending litigation

Mr. Brett seconded the motion

Roll Call Vote – All Aye

The Board of Health came out of Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. where no decisions were made.

11. Adjournment

Mr. Rippe moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

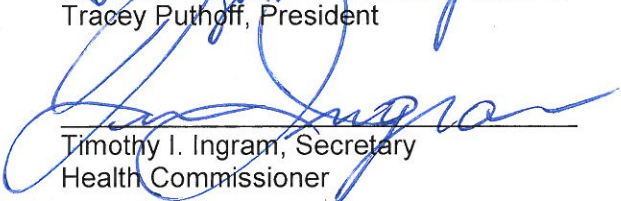
Mr. Brett seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote – All Aye

Next Board of Health meeting: June 13, 2016.



Tracey Puthoff, President



Timothy I. Ingram, Secretary
Health Commissioner