

Meeting Minutes: Freehold Township Board of Health

May 10, 2018

Regular Meeting

Opening

1) Call to Order

The May 10, 2018, regular meeting of the Freehold Township Board of Health was called to order by Vice Chairman Dr. Apolito at 6:40 PM. Board members present included: Dr. Reilly, Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Chudkowski and Mrs. Weissman. Absent: Mrs. Porth, Chairwoman Ms. Lemesevski and Ms. Allen. Also present: Margaret Jahn, Health Officer and Julie Kramer, Recording Secretary.

The following statement was read by Vice Chairman Dr. Apolito "In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, c.231, P.L. 1975, this meeting was announced by posting a notice on the bulletin board reserved for that purpose; by mailing such notice to the office of the official newspapers of the Township and by filing such notice with the Township Clerk."

2) Minute Approval-February Minutes

A motion to approve the February minutes was offered by Mr. Ammiano, seconded by Dr. Reilly and carried by the Board.

3) Activity Reports Approval –February, March and April 2018 Activity and Communicable Disease Reports

A motion to approve the February, March and April 2018 Activity and Communicable Disease reports was offered by Dr. Reilly, seconded by Mr. Chudkowski, and carried by the Board. Dr. Reilly asked what Dragon Ice was. It is a liquid nitrogen very popular right now.

Correspondence

4) Paul McGuire Family Health Center – Annual Report 2017

The report was reviewed without comment by the Board.

5) VNA – 1st Quarter Statistics Report January 1-March 31st 2018

The report was reviewed without comment by the Board

New Business

6) FAHD – Staff Changes



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Ms. Jahn reported that when Lauren Mann (Alliance Coordinator) moved to the Tax office, Antoinette Ceciarelli was hired to replace her. She is doing a wonderful job. Also, when Brett Nance (Health Educator/Coalition Coordinator) departed, Angelica Espinal-Garcia was hired to replace her. She is also doing a fantastic job. Both employees seem to fit into the office setting nicely.

7) Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)- Community Health Assessment (CHA)

Ms. Jahn reported that future funding of the CHIP, required by NJDOH, might be a problem. Previously the CHIP and CHA were funded by Monmouth County Health Department. All towns in the County benefit by the information in the reports. Chris Merkel, Health Officer for Monmouth County, reported to Ms. Jahn that they would no longer be funding the CHIP and CHA. The funding helped pay for a part-time coordinator who is in charge of organizing meetings, minutes, setting agendas, helping formulate goals and objectives and publishing of the formal CHIP and CHA reports. Ms. Jahn reported it is important and useful information. She stated that in prior years, before Freehold took over the project, the product was not nearly as informative and professional. The HICMC is a great group and has a lot to offer in terms of knowledge and dedication. She will discuss this funding problem with the GPHP.

8) Waiver Request – 276 King Mountain Rd – Five Hens

The Board reviewed Katharine and Robert Finnila’s request to have 5 hens as pets on their property, which is not considered a farm. The Board was impressed with the information provided by the applicant. After further discussion Mr. Ammiano moved to approve the waiver based on approval from zoning/building for the proposed chicken coop, it was seconded by Mr. Chudkowski with the Board voting as follows:

Aye: Dr. Reilly, Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Chudkowski, Mrs. Weissman and Vice Chairman, Dr. Apolito

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Dr. Opatut, Mrs. Porth and Ms. Allen

Waiver approved: Resolution to be drafted.

9) FQHC – Update

Dr. Reilly reported that they were working on their change of scope and making progress. The project is not quite ready to go to bid. Some exterior work on the building is proceeding. They are still planning on an end-of-year grand opening.

10) Lead Grant – Update

Ms. Jahn reported that there are two lead grants providing funding for the communities. Currently the CLEPP grant is overseen by Monmouth County Health Department. Freehold Area Health Department is



currently in the process of purchasing necessary equipment such as an XRF Lead Paint Analyzer and a Blood Lead Analyzer paid for from this grant. There is also another grant that will help fund lead health education (Nicholson Foundation). The NJDOH is providing additional funding for the blood lead testing program proposed for the Freehold Borough School system. Rocco Tamasic has been agreeable to get this testing done in the elementary school. The Health Department will be screening all ages up to 6-year-olds in June of 2018.

11) Neighborhood Connections - Lead Update

Neighborhood Connections is moving along. The Nicholson Foundation is looking to help by providing an additional substantial grant targeting primary prevention. The goal is to raise awareness and provide health education materials. Ms. Jahn stated that since the state lowered the action levels of blood lead there has been increased detections. Leonora (VNA Public Health Nurse) has about 12 current cases. She reported that the Borough is at higher risk for detection because of the housing stock. Also the population is more exposed to culture exposures including pottery and candy made in other countries.

12) Wall Township – Interlocal Agreement – Update

Ms. Jahn stated that it looks like Wall Township coming on board as an additional town is official. They are currently looking to create a Board of Health. It will most likely be an advisory board as opposed to an autonomous board. The Board would be able to make recommendations to the Wall Mayor and Council for Ordinances/Resolutions. Mr. Chudkowski was asked how long he is a Board member, he stated he has been on the Board for 45 years.

Adjournment

Mr. Ammiano moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dr. Reilly at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Kramer

Recording Secretary

