

Meeting Minutes: Freehold Township Board of Health

February 10, 2022

Regular Meeting Minutes

Opening

1) Call to Order

The February 10, 2022 regular meeting of the Freehold Township Board of Health was called to order by Chairwoman Lemesevski, at 6:35 PM. Board members present included: Lisa Porth, Anthony Ammiano, Debbie King, Dr. Fabio Apolito, and Dr. Steven Lemberger. Absent: Dr. Alene Opatut, Eileen Allen and Michael Chudkowski. Also present: Margaret Jahn, Health Officer and Jennifer McAuley, Recording Secretary.

The following statement was read by Robin Lemesevski: "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) Minutes Approval – January 13, 2022

A motion to approve the January 13,, 2022 minutes was offered by Anthony Ammiano, seconded by Dr. Lemberger, and carried by the Board.

Discussion

3) Freehold Township Covid Report and Updates

Ms. Jahn reviewed the Freehold Township Covid Report and discussed how the numbers overall, in terms of cases and testing, have completely dropped down. She gave a bit of insight into an outbreak at Centrastate Medical Center in the Oncology Department. The concern being Covid cases, asymptomatic in particular, being brought in from the outside and transmitting the virus to patients who had already been in the unit. That outbreak consisted of about 8-10 patients, and has since been brought under control.

4) NACCHO News

Ms. Jahn noted that she is on the Board of Directors for the National Association of City and County Health Officials. NACCHO supports all local Health Departments, she has been sitting in on weekly



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White House calls. A statement was released by ASTHO (Association of State and Territorial Health Officials) saying they would not recommend contact tracing or investigating be used any longer. The CDC, although they have yet to come out with their guidance for it, would never again recommend the mass contact tracing or investigating for any disease. NJ alone spent \$27,000,000 on contact tracing and investigating.

Ms. Jahn also noted that on her weekly call with the State Department of Health (DOH) they mentioned that they would be looking beyond Covid, putting more emphasis on Maternal and Childhood Health, particularly lead cases and making those a priority. The Federal EPA has lowered the normal range for detecting lead levels in the blood. The DOH is looking to lower their level as well to match that.

Public Comment

No public comment

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss and no public comment, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm was made by Anthony Ammiano, seconded by Lisa Porth, and carried by the Board.

Jennifer McAuley

Recording Secretary

