

Meeting Minutes: Freehold Township Board of Health

August 11, 2016

Opening

1. Call to Order

The August 11, 2016, meeting of the Freehold Township Board of Health was called to order by Chairwoman Lemesevski at 6:32 PM. Board members present included: Mrs. Porth, Dr. Reilly, Vice Chairman Dr. Apolito and Chairwoman Lemesevski. Absent: Michele Weissman, Dr. Opatut, Mr. Ammiano and Mr. Chudkowski. Also present: Margy Jahn, Health Officer and Julie Kramer, Recording Secretary.

The following statement was read by Chairwoman 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 – July 14, 2016

A motion to approve the July minutes was offered by Mrs. Porth, seconded by Dr. Apolito and carried by the Board.

3. Activity Reports Approval - July 2016

A motion to approve the July Activity reports was offered by Dr. Reilly, seconded by Mrs. Porth and carried by the Board.

4. Correspondence

NJSPOTLIGHT: New Jersey Must Test Every Faucet and Drinking Fountain for Lead.

The state Board of Education passed emergency regulations that would require every district to test their water within 365 days and to make the results public. The Board agreed that the risk exposure from school water fountains is minimal, but that some schools are old and might find problems.

Old Business

5. Request for Waiver: Molly Pitcher Lane - "pet chickens"

The Board reviewed the resolution prepared by Ms. Jahn. Vice Chairman Dr. Apolito (Chair at July meeting) signed same.

6. FQHC – Update

Ms. Jahn reported that there is significant progress towards the realization of the Health Center. The focus is currently on the location of the facility. Ms. Jahn reported that there are currently other organizations looking at the same Monmouth County area for locating facilities including Ocean Health Initiatives and Meridian.

7. SOP – Guidelines for Retail Food Establishment Inspections

Ms. Jahn shared the existing FAHD SOP that includes language of an appeal possible by the Food Establishment as a result of a Conditional posting by an Inspector. Closures are usually only indicated in emergency situations such as floods and power outages where the risk is high that food has been contaminated or compromised.

Discussion

8. Population Health Study- Research Project with Centrastate

Brett Nance, who is currently the Coalition Coordinator for the Monmouth County Health Improvement Coalition, is an MPH candidate at Rutgers. Ms. Jahn is helping oversee her internship project which will consist of the analysis of existing Centrastate data regarding hospitalization in diabetic patients within the Family Practice segment of Centrastate. The data would help analyze and identify risks and utilize that data to integrate preventive measures in the care of diabetic patients. A goal of the project is to decrease initial and readmissions to hospitals. Although still in the developmental stage, Ms. Jahn and Ms. Nance are excited that this data will provide new and important preventive information that will benefit the area's population.

9. Fall Student Internship FAHD – Update

Another MPH student from Rutgers is participating in an Internship overseen by Ms. Jahn. The subject of this internship is Occupational Health and Safety and Hazard Analysis. This student will be working with Freehold Township Public Works and Recreation Departments and will be updating the Hazard Analysis. The purpose is to identify risk and keep workers safer by implementing appropriate preventive plans.

10. Accreditation Funding Opportunity: NACCHO – Accreditation Support Initiatives (ASI) awards

Ms. Jahn asked the Board what they thought of a funding opportunity regarding Accreditation. She stated that the funding could pay for the Accreditation fees or help pay for Workforce Development/Performance Management. Ms. Jahn discussed the option of interns or consultants conducting the work. The funding period would run from November 2016 through June 2017. The Board voiced interest in applying for the grant and encouraged Ms. Jahn to, at least, complete the Letter of Intent for Accreditation.

11. Board of Health Meetings – Fall 2016

Ms. Jahn discussed the fact that she has been asked to teach the Emerging Disease class at Rutgers for the fall semester. The class meets on Thursday nights which is on the same night as the BOH meetings. She is requesting canceling some meetings or moving some meetings to another night as it would enable her to teach. The Board agreed that this was possible.

12. Phone Information – Board Members

Dr. Apolito requested cell phone numbers be identified for text/communication purposes.

Closing

With no further business to discuss and no public comment, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM was made by Dr. Apolito, seconded by Mrs. Porth and carried by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Kramer
Recording Secretary