

# **FREEHOLD AREA HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

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## **Meeting Minutes: Freehold Township Board of Health November 9, 2017 Regular Meeting**

### **Opening**

#### 1) Call to Order

The November 9, 2017 regular meeting of the Freehold Township Board of Health was called to order by Vice-Chairman, Dr. Apolito at 6:35 PM. Board members present included: Dr. Reilly, Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Chudkowski and Vice-Chairman Dr. Apolito. Absent: Dr. Opatut, Mrs. Weissman, Mrs. Porth, Ms. Allen and Chairwoman Lemesevski. 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 – September 14, 2017

The approval of the September 14, 2017 minutes was tabled due to Board members of the September meeting being absent.

#### 3) Activity Reports Approval – September and October 2017

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

### **Correspondence**

#### 4) NJ Local Boards of Health Assoc. Newsletter



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The Board reviewed the report without comment.

5) NJDOH Health Matters Newsletter

The Board reviewed the newsletter, Dr. Reilly noted that the Department of Health encourages integration of Physical and Behavioral Health, but does not allow for one location to have both a mental health facility and a health care facility approval (CON).

## **Discussion**

6) Public Health 3.0: A call to Action for Public Health to Meet the Challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

Ms. Jahn provided the Board with this article outlining the transformation of public health. The purpose of including this article in the packet is to ensure the Board remains up-to-date and educated on the changes in the delivery and organization of public health services to the community. The vision of Public Health 3.0 includes a Chief Health Strategist (Health Officer) that partners with stakeholders within the community to address the social determinants of health. This requires a certain level of expertise. The goal is provide access to all residents erasing any limiting factors. The achievement of an equitable health-promoting system will benefit the health of all people. In order to be considered capable of providing these services, Public Health 3.0 suggests all health departments be accredited. The process of achieving accreditation will ensure the alignment of health departments and the goal of good health for all. Ms. Jahn reinforced the idea that obtaining accreditation will be essential for the future of Freehold Area Health Department.

7) Ordinance Review- Greater Than 5 Cats on Property -Public Health Nuisance

The Board reviewed the draft ordinance previously discussed at meetings. Ms. Jahn stated that Freehold residents continue to complain about cats being nuisances. Ms. Jahn reported that the ordinance would merely provide more courtroom “teeth” for those cases that create more risk for the community. A motion to go forward with the amended ordinance for first reading at the next BOH meeting was offered by Mr. Ammiano, seconded by Dr. Reilly and carried by the Board.



8) Accreditation

Ms. Jahn revisited the idea of Accreditation pointing out to the Board that a significant number of New Jersey health departments are in the process of applying for accreditation. The New Jersey Department of Health was recently awarded accreditation along with Bloomfield and Camden County. The Board were unified in the encouragement of continued pursuit and alignment with accreditation principals so that Freehold Area Health Department will be ready to go forward should approval be granted.

9) Lead Funding

Ms. Jahn stated that the State had budgeted and approved \$10 million to help fund the increase in lead inspections necessary after the lead action levels were lowered to 10 for house inspections and 5 for nurse investigations. The money will be distributed via grants to 35 health department. Currently, Monmouth County Health Department has taken the lead for the application and has already issued the letter of intent to the NJDOH. The participating health departments will be sub-grantees and responsible for obtaining reimbursements for lead investigations from Monmouth County Health Department should the grant be awarded.

## **Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss and no public comment, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM was made by Dr. Reilly, seconded by Mr. Chudkowski and carried by the Board.

Julie Kramer  
Recording Secretary

