

HIGHTSTOWN BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes from November 7, 2007 Meeting

Board Members Present:

Lynda Harrington
John Laudenberger, DMD
Mary Ann Paglione
Dylan Ross
Ann Dandurand, MD (Alt. #2)

Board Members Absent:

Rob Thibault
Sarah Kluxen
Katherine Zaiser
Hilary Stults (Alt. #1)

Township Council Liaison:

Walter Sikorski -- absent

Staff Present:

Robert Hary, Director of Health
Jamie Murphy, Recording Secretary

Staff Absent:

Sharon Lane, RN

Call to Order

Vice President Ross called the November 7, 2007 meeting to order at 7:36 pm.

Sunshine Law

Adequate Notice of this meeting has been provided as required under Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 with notices being sent and posted.

Public Comment

No members of the public were present.

Approval of Minutes

Member Harrington made a motion to approve the October 3, 2007 minutes. The motion was seconded by Member Laudenberger and passed unanimously.

Health Officer's Report

Health Officer Hary distributed the October monthly report. El Buen Gusto was posted conditionally satisfactory and then posted satisfactory upon reinspection.

There was a notice from the State Health Department about lead tainted candy. Inspectors checked the Latin American Grocery and didn't find any tainted candy.

With flu season approaching, Marcie Tyson printed up laminated cards with information on how to control germs on your office desk.

MRSA (Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus) has been getting a lot of attention due to its spread from health care institutions to community settings and the Health Department is receiving numerous phone calls from residents. The Health Officer sent out an informational hand-out to all day care centers and school informing them of proper control methodologies. It was also posted on the Borough website.

Nurse's Report

A memo from Public Health Nurse Sharon Lane was distributed to update the members. The Board of Health was awarded \$2,500 for the walking grant to be used from January 1, 2008 through June 1, 2008. The first child health clinic will be held in the new facility on November 2nd at the Housing Authority. Ms. Lane will be making home visits to those elderly persons that still need flu shots.

Old Business

The issue of granting a stipend to BOH secretary, Richard Lewis was brought up. Candace Gallagher has not yet provided Mr. Hary with information regarding the clarification of Mr. Lewis's position. The item was deferred pending further documentation.

New Business

The two-year interlocal agreement between Hightstown and West Windsor will be up at the end of this year. Hightstown Borough contracts with West Windsor to provide Public Health services. Member Paglione asked how everything was working with the contract. Mr. Hary said that the contract was working very well. Member Laudenberger made a motion to continue with the contract. Member Dandurand seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Member Laudenberger asked about the conditions at the well baby clinic. West Windsor provides the rent for the facility, Hightstown provides for the physicians' salaries, East Windsor provides the costs for materials, and Hightstown and East Windsor provide the staff.

Member Dandurand spoke with a bicycle and pedestrian safety committee member. She brought up the idea of exchanging ideas for the walking grant with the bicycle and pedestrian safety committee.

Adjournment

Member Laudenberger moved for adjournment. Member Paglione seconded. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

The next meeting of the Hightstown Board of Health will be held on January 2, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Murphy
Recording Secretary