

HIGHTSTOWN BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes from October 8, 2014 Meeting

Board Members Present:

Jean Ray (Vice President)
Mary Ann Paglione
Skye Gilmartin
John Laudenberger, DM
Elizabeth Morley
Robin Conrad

Board Members Absent:

Katherine Zaiser
Lisa Martucci Thibault
Sarah Kluxen

Township Council Liaison:

Rob Thibault

Staff Present:

Jill Swanson, Health Officer
Jamie Yates, RN, Public Health Nurse

Staff Absent:

Call to Order

Vice President Ray called the October 8, 2014 meeting to order at 7:32 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 public present for comment.

Approval of September Minutes

Member Morley made a motion to approve the September minutes. Member Paglione seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Health Officer's Report

September Report Summary:

- Jhan's Grocery & Deli, Conditionally Satisfactory
- Temporary Event, Hightstown Fair, Discussion with vendors
- Follow-up complaint investigation, 163 Oak Lane, (stagnant water)
- Rabies Clinic, preparations
- Development of interactive "Healthy Kids" hand wash program for kindergarten and first grades, outreach to schools to plan sessions
- Point of Distribution Plan, Update
- Hightstown WIC Clinic, case investigation and Varicella notice to attendees
- K&B Tattoo Inspection, Satisfactory

Discussion items were reviewed at this time.

- Child Health Clinic

Staff continues to explore potential venue locations within the Borough of Hightstown to serve as host sites for the Clinic. Faith-based organizations, medical offices and various public buildings were reviewed and/or contacted as potential sites. Staff and Board Members will continue with outreach within the community. Ms. Swanson has explored a shared service agreement as an alternate plan for 2015 if needed.

- Enterovirus- D68

A brief overview was provided. The Health Department has been engaged in community outreach and education including a presentation to the Mercer Chapter of the NJ Schools Buildings and Grounds Association, infection control educational sessions for kindergarten and first graders, site visits and literature to childcare facilities and distribution of educational materials throughout the community.

- Ebola Response Planning

The Board engaged in a discussion regarding current Ebola crisis. The Health Officer reported on the Department's activities. Preparations began in late summer with interagency planning sessions to coordinate a response county-wide. The situation is evolving often and rapidly. Significant staff resources are devoted to monitoring the evolving protocols provided by State and Federal agencies, updating community partners, and coordinating local response plans with County and local agencies.

Public Health Nurse's Report

September:

A report was given by Jamie Yates and discussed at length. 3 reportable diseases: 3 Investigations: 1 Hepatitis C, 1 Shigellosis, and 1 Varicella
54 immunizations. 14 screened for Hypertension.

Old Business

No old business was discussed

New Business

No new business was discussed

Adjournment

Member Laudenberger moved for adjournment. Member Morley seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday November 12, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Swanson
Health Officer