

HIGHTSTOWN BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes from May 8, 2019 Meeting

Board Members Present:

Nancy Distelcamp (President)
Jean Ray
Edyth Duffy
Jennifer Bernal
Skye Gilmartin
Deb Napolitano
Aayush Gandhi (observer)

Board Members Absent:

Walt Hewitt (Vice President)
John Laudenberg, DM
Elizabeth Morley

Township Council Liaison

Trish Egan

Staff Present:

Jill Swanson, Health Officer (absent)
Geetanjali Jain, Public Health Nurse

Staff Excused:

Call to Order

President Distelcamp called the May 8, 2019 meeting to order at 7:33 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 was present to comment

Approval of Minutes

President Distelcamp requested a motion to approve the April minutes. Member Duffy made a motion and member Gilmartin seconded and the motion passed unanimously

Health Officer's Report

Jill Swanson presented the Health Officer's Report which was discussed at length

Public Health Nurse's Report

Geetanjali Jain presented the Nurse's report and it was discussed at length.

March:

0 Reportable Diseases. 10 Total immunizations. 22 screened for Hypertension (East Windsor Senior Center). 8 screened for Hypertension (Hightstown Public Library) 4 screened for Hypertension (First United Methodist Church Community Dinner).

Old Business

No old business was discussed

New Business

Nurse Jain provided an informational overview of the school immunizations audit program and review the 2019 results. Immunization audit are conducted annually for all childcares, public and private schools grades K-1, 6th, high school and transfer students. She reviewed the exemption options available under the current laws.

Ms. Swanson reviewed Assembly bill A2818. The bill aligns with the American Academy of Pediatrics recommendation that all states use their public health authority to illuminate nonmedical exemptions from immunization requirements. The Board made a motion that the Health Officer craft a resolution indicating the Board supports Assembly bill A3818. 1 abstained and 5 yes. The motion was accepted.

Adjournment

Member Gilmartin made a motion for adjournment. Member Napolitano seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday June 12, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Swanson
Health Officer