# HIGHTSTOWN BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes from October 9, 2019 Meeting

#### **Board Members Present:**

#### **Board Members Absent:**

Nancy Distelcamp (President)
Walt Hewitt (Vice President)
Jean Ray
Elizabeth Morley
John Laudenberger, DM
Edyth Duffy
Jennifer Bernal
Skye Gilmartin
Deb Napolitano

# Township Council Liaison

Trish Egan (absent)

### **Staff Present:**

Jill Swanson, Health Officer Nurse

Staff Excused:

Geetanjali Jain, Public Health

#### Call to Order

President Distelcamp called the October 9, 2019 meeting to order at 7:28 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 Distlecamp requested a motion to approve the September minutes. Member Gilmartin approved, member Ray 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

In Geetanjali Jain's absence, Jill Swanson presented the Nurse's report and it was discussed at length.

September:

3 Reportable Diseases. 39 Total immunizations. 20 screened for Hypertension (East Windsor Senior Center). 7 screened for Hypertension (Hightstown Public Library) 13 screened for Hypertension (First United Methodist Church Community Dinner).

#### **Old Business**

Jill Swanson reminded members that there is an open invitation to all to attend the Greater Mercer Public Health Partnership Community Advisory Board meeting.

#### New Business

- 2019 Retail Food Program & Public Recreational Bathing Places Annual Status Report Inspector Nikita Patel, REHS distributed literature and provided an overview of the Health Department's Retail Food Inspection Program and Public Recreational Bathing Places.. She discussed the risk classes, ratings and critical verses non-critical violations in the overall assessment. A brief overview of the inspection results for 2019 cycle was presented.
- NJDOH Vaping Prevention Campaign and local outreach Jill Swanson distributed materials used in vaping prevention outreach. Highlighted were materials available through the NJDOH vaping education task force campaign. These resources will be made available on the Borough's website and distributed within the community. VapeFactsNJ and Incorruptible.us websites administered through NJDOH were discussed and samples provided. A brief discussion followed as members question the need to revisit local regulation of establishments offering products for sale within the community. Ms. Swanson summarized the ordinance previously considered by the Board and the Department's experience over the past few month with enforcement in another community. Members agreed to consider this further and maintain a watchful eye on the FDA regulation of vape products.

### Adjournment

Member Laudenberger made a motion for adjournment. Member Hewitt seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday November 13, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Swanson Health Officer