

MINUTES

Health Advisory Board
June 9, 2010
6:00 P.M.
Manager's Conference Room

Present: Maureen Adams, Leo Brummel, Mary Baird, Darlene Hanley, Kevin McGuigan, Liang Schweizer, James Kownacki, Council Liaison and Carol Chamberlain, Health Officer

Absent: Anthony Brickman

Welcome - Kevin McGuigan welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Jim Kownacki, Council Liaison

Agenda - Kevin McGuigan asked the Board to review the agenda. Darlene Hanley made a motion to approve the agenda. Maureen Adams seconded the motion. The agenda was approved.

Minutes - The minutes of the meeting of April 7, 2010 were reviewed. Darlene Hanley made a motion to approve the minutes. Liang Schweizer seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Pandemic

H1N1 Grant - All funding must be encumbered by July 31, 2010. The money has been used for the following activities:

- Revision of the Exposure Control Plan
- Working with the police department on a POD security plan
- Respiratory plan must be developed
- Purchasing clinic supplies
- Developing letters for parents and pediatricians for the upcoming seasonal flu season

Public Education - Carol Chamberlain said the following educational activities are scheduled in the upcoming months:

- Hand washing and germ prevention programs will be offered at the township summer camps
- The nurses will speak at camp counselor orientation about infection control
- Hand washing educational materials will be provided at the Tour de Lawrence
- A program on hand washing will be conducted at Safety Town

- The nurses re developing a letter for parents on the importance of seasonal flu vaccinations.
- Packets of information on hand washing and infection control will be compiled and distributed to daycare centers.
- Liang Schweizer suggested purchasing a DVD on hand washing and germ prevention to distribute to the daycare centers.

Outreach Activities

Senior Health and Wellness Fair - The senior health and wellness fair has not been re-scheduled. The center is still under construction. Jim Kownacki informed the group there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at the senior center on June 24, 2010.

Mayor's Wellness Initiative – The Township did not receive the grant for the wellness initiative. The health department and recreation department plan to conduct some of the proposed activities.

- The Tour de Lawrence is scheduled for June 19 at Colonial Lake Park.
- The Dog Days of Summer will be scheduled in September.
- Weii units will be purchased through donations for use at summer camps to promoted exercise.

St. Lawrence Bike Rodeo – Maureen Adams reported the bike rodeo was fully booked. St. Lawrence Rehabilitation Center distributed 500 bike helmets. Other participants include Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Hamilton, Capital Health System, the health department and other area agencies. Carol Chamberlain said that Laurie Wilson distributed information on good hand washing practices and disease prevention.

Rely For Life – Maureen Adams said the Relay For Life was well attended. There were over 80 teams and 700 participants. It is expected over \$70,000 was raised. Next year St. Lawrence will plan to participate again.

NEW BUSINESS

2010 Budget – Carol Chamberlain reported there have been reductions to the health department budget for 2010. The operating budget for the department has been reduced by \$5,000. In 2009 it was \$41,000 and for 2010 it is \$36,000. Both cholesterol screenings and pneumococcal vaccinations will no longer be offered to residents due to the budget decrease.

As noted at the April meeting, the health department lost a clerical position. This position also did the Deputy Registrar activities.

Public Health Priority Funding from the state health department has been reduced by fifty percent from \$10,000 to \$5,000. This reduction in funding will create a decrease in funding for health promotion activities and workforce development.

OTHER BUSINESS

Liang Schweizer said she has noticed poison ivy growing on Glenn Avenue. Carol Chamberlain asked for a more specific location in order to send an inspector or public works employee to look at it. Liang stated she would notify Carol of the location.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for September 15 at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Chamberlain
Health Officer