

# TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE

## MINUTES

Health Advisory Board

November 10, 2010  
6:00 P.M.

Manager's Conference Room

Present - Maureen Adams, Darlene Hanley, Leo Brummel, Kevin McGuigan, Anthony Brickman, Mary Baird, Carol Chamberlain

Absent - Liang Schweizer, James Kownacki, Council Liaison

Agenda - K. McGuigan reviewed the agenda. D. Hanley made a motion to approve the agenda. Maureen Adams seconded the motion. The agenda was approved.

Minutes - The minutes of the June 9, 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved.

### OLD BUSINESS

H1N1 Grant - Pandemic Influenza - C. Chamberlain informed the board the H1N1 grant has been completed. The funds were used for salaries, clinic supplies, educational materials and office supplies.

Public Education - Educational materials on flu prevention and handwashing continue to be distributed throughout the township. The nurses have distributed materials to daycare centers, schools, the library, at community day and at the influenza vaccination clinics.

2010 Seasonal Influenza Vaccinations - The health department has conducted four flu vaccination clinics. Approximately 600 people have been vaccinated to date. Another clinic is scheduled for Wednesday, November 17 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Additional clinics will be scheduled in December.

D. Hanley said St. Lawrence has a large quantity of masks. She said there are a sufficient amount that if the township needed to borrow a supply, they would be available.

## OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Community Day- The nurses were at Lawrence Township Community Day offering blood pressure screenings and distributing information on flu prevention to residents.

Safe Sitter Class - The four day Safe Sitter training program will be offered to children 11-13 years old in November. The class is filled with the maximum of twelve students registered. The next program is expected to be offered in February 2011.

## NEW BUSINESS

2011 Budget - C. Chamberlain explained to the board the 2011 budget request is currently being developed. This year there will be no increases approved for the operating budget. The health department is requesting no funding for capital projects.

The health department will overall have less funding due to the loss or termination of grants. There will be no Tobacco-Age-of-Sale grant. The Public Health Priority Funding (PHPF) is not available this year for the first time in over twenty years. H1N1 Funding grant has closed, therefore there is no more funding for this program. In 2009 and 2010, the Township received over \$86,000.00 for H1N1 activities. These reductions in grant funding will result in the reduction of nursing hours and a reduction in programs provided by the nurses.

Trenton Water Works Boil Water Advisory - Dr. McGuigan requested a summary of the Trenton Water Works (T.W.W.) boil water advisory event. C. Chamberlain explained that she called N.J.D.E.P. around 5:00 p.m. on October 4 to get clarification on whether T.W.W. had issued a Boil Water Advisory. N.J.D.E.P. officials confirmed a boil water advisory was issued late in the afternoon.

C. Chamberlain then met with the Township Administrator and the business administrator from the board of education to discuss how to notify the community of the advisory and how the schools could safely remain open during the boil water advisory. The following notifications were made:

- Information on township website and school board website
- E-mail alert to people registered for township e-mails and board of education e-mails
- A request was made for a Reverse 911 message to be distributed to customers of T.W.W. who live in Lawrence. The request was made to the County Emergency Management Coordinator and to the Lawrence Township Emergency Management Coordinator. C. Chamberlain

provided the geographical boundaries for the notice and the script for the message to the Emergency Management Coordinator.

C. Chamberlain contacted St. Lawrence Rehabilitation Center, the dialysis center at the Brunswick Circle and calls were placed to the restaurants which were open at night.

The next day, the Registered Environmental Health Specialists were sending e-mails, making phone calls and visiting restaurants and dentist offices in the T.W.W. service area. Private schools, the Lawrenceville Nursing Home and senior housing complexes were also notified by telephone on Tuesday morning, October 5.

Due to an error at the Mercer County Communications Center the Reverse 911 message was not delivered to Lawrence residents. The health department fielded calls throughout Tuesday and Wednesday from concerned residents who did not receive the message.

The boil water advisory was lifted Thursday morning. Notification to all of the locations previously mentioned was completed by the health department staff. C. Chamberlain distributed a summary of the event to the board. The summary was drafted by the Mercer County Office of Emergency Management.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

C. Chamberlain reported the N.J.D.E.P. is scheduling the testing of domestic wells in the area of the former Pit Stop gas station. Residents with private wells will be offered the testing free of charge in December. The N.J.D.E.P. will also be offering vapor intrusion testing to homes in this neighborhood in January 2011.

#### Meeting Schedule 2011

C. Chamberlain suggested the board have quarterly meetings. She said she would e-mail a proposed schedule to the board for the 2011 calendar year. Meetings will be scheduled for Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Chamberlain  
Health Officer

