

# LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

## MINUTES

May 18, 2011

6:00 P.M.

**Present:** Maureen Adams, Mary Baird, Anthony Brickman, Leo Brummel, Darlene Hanley, Kevin McGuigan, Chairperson, Jim Kownacki, Council Liaison and Carol Chamberlain, Health Officer.

**Absent:** Liang Schweizer

**Agenda:** The agenda for the meeting was reviewed and approved.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of February 8, 2011 were reviewed. Tony Brickman motioned to approve the minutes. Darlene Hanley seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **A. Pandemic Influenza**

H1N1 Grant - The health department received a grant of \$10,000.00 for H1N1 preparation activities. The funds are being used to replenish immunization clinic supplies, update the pandemic plan and employee respiratory plan.

There will be a county-wide mass vaccination drill at the Sun Bank Arena in Trenton. The drill is being organized by the Mercer County Health Department and the Trenton Health Department. The entire health department staff is planning to participate.

#### **B. Tuberculosis Update**

The state health department (NJDHSS) is currently in the process of developing a new protocol for tuberculosis services in Mercer County. Capital Health will no longer be acting as the case management and clinic site. The NJDHSS will have a staff member as the case manager until one is hired by the county. Clinic services will be available for Mercer residents through the medical clinics at St. Francis and Capital Health. The direct observed therapy will be coordinated by the case manager with the local health departments.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **2010 Annual Report**

The annual report of the health department was reviewed by the board and approved. Carol Chamberlain stated the report was also reviewed by the Township Council during the budget process in March.

Mercer County Needs Assessment

Darlene Hanley provided an overview of the needs assessment project. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation currently is accepting grant applications for a collaborative project to conduct a community health needs assessment. The United Way, a local non-profit is taking the lead in a county-wide effort to submit an application. The area hospitals have all contributed funding and resources to the grant application and local health departments have contributed resources to the grant application. The grant has been written and submitted. The next step is a site visit to the United Way by representatives of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation on June 24. At that time a presentation will be given on the proposed collaborative project including the program strategy and the proposed use of the funding. The grant can provide up to \$250,000 to complete a community health needs assessment. Both Darlene Hanley and Carol Chamberlain will be present at the site visit

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Health Advisory Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, 2011 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