

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

September 25, 2013

6:00 P.M.

Lawrence Township Municipal Building
Manager's Conference Room

- Present:** Maureen Adams, Mary Baird, Darlene Hanley, Dr. Kevin McGuigan, Liang Schweizer, Carol Chamberlain, Health Officer
- Absent:** Leo Brummel, Dr. Anthony Brickman, Dr. David Maffei
- Agenda:** The Agenda was reviewed and approved.
- Minutes:** The minutes of the May 22, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Darlene Hanley made a motion to approve the minutes. This motion was seconded by Maureen Adams. The minutes were approved as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Greater Mercer Public Health Partnership (GMPHP)

The final report for the Robert Wood Johnson grant was presented to representatives of the Foundation. The Foundation was pleased with the accomplishments of the group. The most significant accomplishment noted was the level of cooperation among the four healthcare facilities along with the public health departments.

The GMPHP will be conducting its first joint outreach program in November. In recognition of Diabetes Awareness Month, each healthcare facility and the local health departments will be offering blood sugar screenings. The event will be held on November 6, 2013. The healthcare facilities will each offer screenings at their facilities. The health departments will jointly offer blood sugar screenings at the Quaker Bridge Mall. The goals of this event include an increase in awareness about diabetes, an increase in the number of people screened for diabetes and an increase in awareness about the GMPHP and the organizations working cooperatively to improve the health of residents in the Mercer County area.

The GMPHP is currently looking for a grant writer/coordinator. A job description has been developed and the position is currently advertised. The position is a part-time position which will be a contracted position through Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Hamilton.

The Community Advisory Board (CAB) of the GMPHP met in September. Thirty CAB members attended the meeting. The board members were updated on the activities of the GMPHP. The next meeting of the CAB is scheduled for January 9, 2014. Liang Schweizer said she is interested in being on the CAB. She will also share information about the CAB to the Affinity Group at Bristol Meyers-Squibb.

B. Amendment to the Nuisance Ordinance

Carol Chamberlain notified the Board the nuisance ordinance has been tabled by the Council until a future date.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Health Promotion Plan Update

A review of the current health promotion plan is currently being done by Carol Chamberlain and the public health nurse. After the plan is reviewed, it is proposed an intern will be identified to assist with updating the plan.

B. Communicable Disease Manual Revision

The New Jersey Department of Health has revised the state's communicable disease manual. The state will be offering training on use of the new manual in December. There will be three staff members attending the training. The health officer, the public health nurse and one registered environmental health specialist will attend the meeting.

Next Meeting Date:

The board agreed the next meeting will be Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. A reminder notice will be sent toward the end of November.

Adjournment:

Darlene Hanley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mary Baird seconded the motion. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Chamberlain
Health Officer