

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

June 3, 2015

6:00 P.M.

Manager's Conference Room

Present: Maureen Adams, Mary Baird, Dr. Anthony Brickman, Leo Brummel, Darlene Hanley, Carol Chamberlain, Health Officer.

Absent: Cathleen Lewis, Mayor/Council Liaison, Dr. Kevin McGuigan

Agenda: The agenda was reviewed and approved.

Minutes: The minutes of the February 11, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Darlene Hanley made a motion to approve the minutes. Maureen Adams seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Greater Mercer Public Health Partnership (GMPHP)

The GMPHP website is now available for health resources. The group continues to identify additional resources and events to include on the website. The website address is www.healthymercer.org.

Christy Stephensen has stepped down from the post as chairperson. Carol Chamberlain, representing the local health departments is now the chair of the Partnership. Deb Birkenstamm from St. Francis Medical Center is Vice Chairperson.

Also, Health Resources in Action (HRiA) had been contracted to update of the Community Health Needs Assessment. This will assist the healthcare facilities in meeting their I.R.S. obligations as non-profits. It will also help to develop more focused and specific priorities for the partnership. This process is expected to take place in late spring through early fall of 2015.

NEW BUSINESS:

Community Programs – The health department participated in the open house which was held at Town Hall in April. The animal control officer was present to share information on rabies control and animal safety. The nurse was offering blood pressure screenings to residents. The health officer was available in the health office to answer questions from residents.

The health department participated at the St. Lawrence Rehabilitation Center Bike Rodeo. Sun Safety education was conducted at the health department's table. The event was well attended by children and their families.

An upcoming event is National Night Out. This will be held on August 4. The public health nurse and the health officer will be present offering educational materials to families.

Prevention Coalition Survey – Carol Chamberlain shared a community survey from the Prevention Coalition of Mercer County. The one-page survey asks questions about resident’s perceptions of drug and alcohol use throughout the Mercer County area. The surveys were distributed to the Health Advisory Board members for completion.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

The group discussed the next meeting in September. September 16 is the proposed date for the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Darlene Hanley to adjourn. Maureen Adams seconded the motion. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Chamberlain
Health Officer