

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

September 17, 2015

6:00 P.M.

Manager's Conference Room

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

Absent: Cathleen Lewis, Mayor/Council Liaison, Darlene Hanley

Agenda: The agenda was reviewed and approved.

Minutes: The minutes of the June 3, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Maureen Adams made a motion to approve the minutes. Mary Baird seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Greater Mercer Public Health Partnership (GMPHP)

The GMPHP now has two part-time employees. Carol Nicholas is the Project Director. Her responsibilities include coordinating the Community Advisory Board (CAB) and keeping the CAB engaged. The CAB currently consists of about 60 individuals from hospitals, public health, faith based organizations and other non-profit agencies throughout Mercer County.

Theresa Leinker is the Project Coordinator. Her responsibilities included managing the GMPHP website and being the liaison between the GMPHP and HRiA, the contractor for the needs assessment.

The CAB recently had a kick-off meeting to re-engage everyone for the 2015 needs assessment. The meeting was well-attended with about 50 people participating.

As part of the needs assessment a community survey is being administered throughout the county. Carol Chamberlain requested members of the board complete the survey, either on the GMPHP website or a hard copy. The goal is to obtain as many surveys from as many residents throughout the county as possible before September 25. It was requested board members share the survey link with groups and individuals who work or live in Mercer County. Hard copies of the survey were available at the meeting and the GMPHP website information was distributed.

Other components of the needs assessment will include key informant interviews and analysis of secondary health data. This will be completed by HRiA. The needs assessment is expected to conclude by mid-October. Action planning will be completed by the end of October with two work sessions of the CAB. It is anticipated the updated Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) will be developed by December 2015.

NEW BUSINESS:

Community Programs

The health department participated in National Night Out. This was held on August 4. The public health nurse and the health officer were at the event with information on smoking prevention and sun safety.

The health department will sponsor a rabies clinic for cats and dogs on September 30th , 5:30 p.m. -7:00 p.m. The clinic will be conducted at the National Guard Armory on Eggert Crossing Road. The clinic is for cats and dogs. Cat license renewal is in the month of September. Cats which need a rabies vaccination for licensing will be able to receive their vaccination at the clinic. Flyers for the clinic were distributed.

Community Day is scheduled for Sunday, October 4 from 12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. The health department will be distributing information about the upcoming flu clinic as well as flu prevention information.

The flu clinics will be scheduled for late October and early November. There will be one clinic at the senior center and there will be two clinics scheduled at the municipal building. Dates are currently being scheduled with Dr. Priya Stephen.

Child Health Conference

Dr. Gittel the pediatrician who started with the township in January notified the staff she will be moving out of New Jersey in October. A new pediatrician, Dr. Priya Stephen has been hired for the child health conferences and for the flu clinics. She currently works at Capital Health Hopewell in the emergency pediatric department and she volunteers at the Trenton Health Team pediatric clinic. She will begin working at the Lawrence Township clinic in October.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Wednesday, December 2, 2015 is the proposed date for the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Maureen Adams to adjourn. Mary Baird seconded the motion. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Chamberlain
Health Officer