

The program will include the presentation of the movie ‘The Bucket List’. Carol C. will share more information about this program with the board as more information is received.

Flu clinics – The health department conducted three flu vaccination clinics in October and November. A total of 285 flu shots were administered.

Zika Virus – The NJDOH continues to offer testing for residents who may have traveled to Zika - effected countries. To date, the health department is not aware of any residents who have requested testing or received testing for Zika exposure. In addition, there have been no cases of Zika virus reported in Lawrence Township residents.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upcoming Activities-

Rabies Clinic – A rabies clinic will be held on Saturday, January 14 from 9:00 am – 11:30 am. The clinic will be held at the National Guard Armory on Eggert Crossing Road. This clinic is done to coincide with the dog licensing month to offer residents the required rabies vaccination for their dogs.

2017 Budget – Carol C. explained the requested budget has been submitted for review. There has been no increase requested for the operating budget. A request for hours for health education services has been requested as a new program. The proposed hours for health education services could be partially supported by grant funding from the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Addiction. The Town Council review of the budget will begin in early 2017.

MEETING SCHEDULE 2017:

The proposed meeting schedule for 2017 is as follows:

- Wednesday, February 8, 2017
- Wednesday, May 3, 2017
- Wednesday, September 6, 2017
- Wednesday, December 6, 2017

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Maureen Adams to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Brickman seconded the motion. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Chamberlain
Health Officer

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

December 7, 2016

6:00 P.M.

Managers Conference Room

- Present:** Maureen Adams, Rabiah Asif, Mary Baird, Chairperson,
Dr. Anthony Brickman, Leo Brummel, Carol Chamberlain, Health Officer.
- Absent:** Dr. Kevin McGuigan, Darlene Hanley, Cathleen Lewis, Council Liaison
- Minutes:** The minutes of the September 7, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Maureen Adams offered a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Brickman seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

Greater Mercer Public Health Partnership (GMPHP)

A Community Advisory Board (CAB) meeting was conducted Tuesday, October 25. Educational Testing Service hosted the event. Sixty CAB members attended the meeting. Peri Nearon from the New Jersey Department of Health was the guest speaker. Ms. Nearon spoke about the importance of partnerships and she also shared information about Shaping New Jersey, a wellness program which the NJDOH is promoting.

The working groups for the focus areas have started to meet. These groups include chronic disease, healthy eating/active living, transportation/access to care and mental health/substance abuse. The Healthy Living Group is developing a school recess exercise program. This is being done with the assistance of the Physical Education Department at The College of New Jersey (TCNJ). Students from TCNJ along with their advisor provided a short presentation to the CAB. This group is also organizing a worksite wellness event for April 2017.

The Chronic Disease Group is currently reviewing hospital re-admission statistics and data on individuals with multiple morbidities. They are also looking at evidence-based protocols for chronic illnesses to determine how to secure data to track statistical information over time.

The Transportation Group is assessing ways to increase walkability and biking in Mercer County towns.

The Mental Health /Substance Abuse group is developing a directory of services for Mercer County residents who are in search of services.

The next CAB meeting will be scheduled for spring 2017.

Conversation of Your Life—Carol Chamberlain discussed a program currently being promoted by the Mayors Wellness Campaign. The program is called Conversation of Your Life. The New Jersey Healthcare Quality Institute has been funded to provide programming to promote this program which is about advance directives and bringing awareness about the need to prepare for end of life issues.

Currently there are three counties in New Jersey in which awareness activities are being funded by Horizon and the New Jersey Healthcare Quality Institute. The three counties include Gloucester, Mercer and Bergen. Carol asked the group for suggestions on venues and audiences in Lawrence where the Conversation of Your Life could be presented. Mary B said she would inquire about having a program at her housing complex. Carol C said she would be checking with some faith-based groups in Lawrence. There are also plans to have a program in one of the branches of the Mercer County Library.