

# LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

## MINUTES

September 6, 2017

6:00 P.M.

Managers Conference Room

- Present:** Darlene Hanley, Rabiah Asif, Dr. Anthony Brickman, Dr. Kevin McGuigan, Leo Brummel, Mary Baird, Chairperson, Carol Chamberlain, Health Officer.
- Absent:** Maureen Adams, Cathleen Lewis, Council Liaison
- Agenda:** Dr. Brickman motioned to approve the agenda. Darlene Hanley seconded the motion. The agenda was approved.
- Minutes:** The minutes of the May 3, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Brickman offered a motion to approve the minutes. Darlene Hanley seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

### OLD BUSINESS:

#### Greater Mercer Public Health Partnership (GMPHP)

The GMPHP is starting to plan for the next community needs assessment which will be conducted in 2018. It is anticipated the needs assessment will be completed with some assistance from the local schools of public health, both Rutgers University and The College of New Jersey(TCNJ). The students from TCNJ are expected to assist with analyzing data collected as well as assist in gathering data through key informant surveys, focus groups and community surveys.

Data will be reviewed and analyzed to determine if the needle has been moved in Mercer County toward improved healthcare and better health status of county residents. In addition, the data will be used to develop an updated Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).

The steering committee of the GMPHP received training from a representative of the NJ Department of Health (NJDOH) on the SHAD program, State Health Assessment Data. Health data is available on the NJDOH website. Data can be reviewed based on race, age and by county of residence. The GMPHP anticipates using the data in the SHAD program for the next Community Health Assessment. This data is available for the public to review on the NJDOH website also.

Conversation of Your Life – The movie the “Bucket List” was presented at the Lawrence branch of the Mercer County Library System on July 20. A discussion on the importance of advance directives followed the screening of the movie. There were 15 people in attendance. The Conversation of Your Life is a program of the Mayors Wellness Campaign. The Mercer County Task Force is looking for additional venues throughout the county to share information on the importance of advanced directives as well as planning for end of life decisions. Suggestions for venues were requested.

Emergency Preparedness Grant – The health department completed the requirements of the Emergency Preparedness grant which was received from the New Jersey Association of County and City Health Officials. The required tasks included updating the Continuity of Operations Plan, Isolation and Quarantine Plan, Risk Communication Plan and the Zika Operation Plan. The grant requirements were completed with the assistance of two part-time employees as well as the public health nurses.

Radon Grant – The health department received a grant for \$2,000 from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. Two hundred radon kits have been distributed to Lawrence residents with this funding. The goal of the grant is to raise awareness about radon and to encourage residents to test their homes. The health department is currently waiting for a return rate for the kits distributed to be determined by the testing lab.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Flu Clinics – Flu clinics will be scheduled for the end of October and the beginning of November. Three clinics will be scheduled. All three clinics this year will be held at the Lawrence Township Municipal Building since there are renovations planned for the Lawrence Senior Center in October and November. Flyers for the flu clinic will be distributed. In addition, electronic flyers will be forwarded to the churches in town and the senior housing complexes.

Community Day – The Township will be celebrating Community Day on Sunday, October 1 from 12:00 pm- 4:00 pm. The event will take place at Village Park, off Bergen Street. The health department will be sharing information about breast cancer awareness, medication disposal and influenza prevention.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

No other business was brought before the board.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Darlene Hanley to adjourn the meeting. Leo Brummel seconded the motion. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Chamberlain  
Health Officer