

**HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
December 14, 2009
6:30 P. M.
Council Conference Room**

Present: Maureen Adams, Leo Brummel, Darlene Hanley, Kevin McGuigan, Chairperson, Pam Mount, Mayor, Liang Schweizer, and Carol Chamberlain, Health Officer.

Absent: Anthony Brickman, Mary Baird

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of June 30, 2009 were reviewed and approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Sustainable Jersey

Mayor Mount requested the agenda be adjusted in order for her to share information regarding Sustainable Jersey before she has to leave for another meeting. Mayor Mount explained she is the Vice Chair of Sustainable Jersey. She explained the Township Green Team was able to submit an application with an adequate amount of activities completed in order for Lawrence to become certified as a sustainable town. She also mentioned the township has signed up to participate in the State's Mayor's Wellness Initiative. Mayor Mount asked the board to think about activities the town should be participating in to get the community as a whole more active.

K. McGuigan asked what other towns are doing. Mayor Mount discussed activities such the health fair, promoting use of the bike trails and the Greenway as well as the St. Lawrence Rehabilitation Center bike rodeo.

Mayor Mount suggested the board look for ways to connect to Sustainable Jersey.

Next Mayor Mount said she would like to reach out to group homes located in the Township. C. Chamberlain said she could provide the mayor with a list of group homes in the township.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Pandemic Influenza

1. H1N1 - C. Chamberlain said the H1N1 clinics started November 5 and they are continuing. Currently only individuals in the CDC target groups are being offered vaccinations. Clinics have been available for children under 24 years of age, healthcare workers

and adults with chronic conditions. C. Chamberlain said there were not as many physicians participating in the H1N1 vaccination program as anticipated. One issue appears to be the requirement to input the data into the state's immunization registry. It was suggested that a training be offered for the staff of the area physicians. C. Chamberlain said training is offered through the state health department.

The Lawrenceville School is vaccinating their own students. St. Lawrence Rehabilitation Center is offering vaccination to their staff and Rider University has hired a private company to offer both seasonal flu shots and H1N1 vaccinations to students.

2. Seasonal - In October the health department administered 950 seasonal flu shots. The majority of vaccinations were administered to residents over 65 years of age. The township ordered 100 doses more than in 2008 and used all the vaccine ordered. No additional seasonal vaccine is expected to be received.
3. Public Education - Educational material on H1N1 and general infection control has been distributed to all the schools in the township. A representative from the health department attended all the public school Back - to - School nights to provide information to parents. Information was available at the library and at Community Day. There was also information placed on the Township website. The health department will continue to distribute educational material at the H1N1 Clinics.
4. NJDHSS Grant - The township received a grant for \$86, 000 to plan and administer the H1N1 vaccination program. The funding will be used to staff clinics, improve the mass vaccination plan and to purchase supplies for the clinics. The funding must be used by July 2010.

B. Outreach Activities

Currently most of the health department outreach activities have been focused on H1N1 activities. Staff participated in Community Day and Back -to- School Nights.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Accomplishments 2009/Goals 2010 - The board reviewed the goals and accomplishments for the current year and discussed revisions for 2009/2010. The board decided on the following changes.
 - The addition of Sustainable Jersey and working with the Green Team.
 - Removing the word "potential" from the pandemic flu event as the board is currently addressing a pandemic flu event.
 - Remove the bulletin point concerning the Performance Standards and the Governance Tool as this project is completed.
 - Continue to address childhood obesity and nutrition through the Mayor's Wellness Initiative.
 - Remove "assure CPR classes" since class locations have been identified at area hospitals and Mercer County Community College.

Under “Goals Met” add the board reviewed pandemic preparedness activities and the implementation of the H1N1 vaccination program.

C. Chamberlain will revise the Accomplishments/Goals document for the next meeting.

B. Relay for Life

M. Adams explained the upcoming Relay for Life event which is to be held on May 21 at Lawrence High School. The kickoff event will be held on Tuesday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m. at the high school. M. Adams explained walkers and teams are needed for the event. L. Schweizer said she would speak to the Affinity Groups at Bristol Myers-Squibb to request their participation. Since the theme of the relay is “A World Without Cancer” she believes the Affinity Groups could play a role in this event. Each affinity group is provided with funding from Bristol Myers-Squibb to do community outreach.

L. Schwiezer said she will speak with the groups about participating in the Relay.

C. Chamberlain mentioned to L. Schweizer the affinity groups may also be interested in participating at Diversity Day sponsored by Human Relations Committee. Information about the committee will be forwarded to L. Schweizer by C. Chamberlain.

- C. Next Meeting Date - The board discussed changing the meeting time to 6:00 p.m. Everyone agreed to try the new meeting time. The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 3 at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Chamberlain
Health Officer