

**HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
June 30, 2009
7:00 P.M.
Managers Conference Room**

Present: Maureen Adams, Mary Baird, Anthony Brickman, Leo Brummel,
Darlene Hanley, Kevin McGuigan, Liang Schweizer, Carol Chamberlain, Health
Officer

Absent: Richard Miller, Council Liaison

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON for 2009: Kevin McGuigan was nominated
chairperson. He was elected chairperson by unanimous vote.

MINUTES: The minutes of the May 6, 2009 meeting were reviewed. A. Brickman asked
if the Vaccine Information Statements are available in languages other than English.
C. Chamberlain said the C.D.C. has Vaccine Information Statements in several languages
on their website.

K. McGuigan made a motion the minutes be approved. D. Hanley seconded the approval
of the minutes. The minutes of the May 6, 2009 meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pandemic Influenza

1. H1N1 Activity- C. Chamberlain provided an overview of the H1N1 outbreaks which
occurred at the three high schools located in the Township.
 - A. Brickman asked what the role of the local health department is during an outbreak.
 - C. Chamberlain explained the following activities are the responsibility of
the local health department during a communicable disease outbreak.
 - Monitor surveillance of cases within the township in conjunction with the
county epidemiologist.
 - Share information on the cases between the schools and the county
epidemiologist.
 - Distribute information from the C.D.C. and the state health department to
schools and to the public.
 - Field questions from the public and from parents.
 - Complete CDRSS investigation forms for all positive Novel Influenza A cases.
 - Make information available to residents through print material and through the
Township website.

The health department is currently receiving three-five positive laboratory results for
Novel Influenza A weekly.

H1N1 Activity continued

Current issues the health department is addressing include the following.

- Liability issues for vaccinators and the H1N1 vaccination.
- School concerns regarding guidelines for school closures and the immunization of school children when the vaccine is available.
- The recruitment of Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) members by the LINCS Agency and the use of the MRC in the future.
- Updating the LINCS contact list in conjunction with Mercer LINCS staff.
- Developing contact lists for group homes, assisted living facilities and updating school and daycare center contacts.

2. Flu Season 2009

Seasonal Flu- The Township has ordered 25% more doses of flu vaccine than in 2008 in anticipation of greater demand this year.

H1N1 Flu- The State Health Department is in the initial stages of planning for H1N1 vaccinations. Children and pregnant women are expected to be given priority for vaccinations due to an increase in the severity of the symptoms in these populations.

3. Public Education- The Township is putting information on flu prevention on the Township website. The Board of Education is putting information on its website and educational materials on flu prevention will be distributed in Back –to –School packets.

Outreach Activities

Summer Camps – C. Chamberlain informed the Board the focus of summer camp health education programs will be hand washing and infection control. In addition guidelines have been developed for the Township-run summer camp to address campers who are sick.

National Night Out – The health department will be conducting blood pressure screenings at National Night Out. In addition disease prevention and hand washing educational materials will be distributed.

Community Day – The Board was asked by C. Chamberlain for suggestions of activities for Community Day. This event will be held on October 4.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Next Meeting Date – The meeting dates for the remainder of the year are Wednesday, September 30 and Wednesday, December 2.

Carol Chamberlain thanked Anthony Brickman for serving as the chairperson for the Health Advisory Board for the past few years.

Adjournment – L. Schweizer motioned to adjourn the meeting. A. Brickman seconded the motion.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Chamberlain
Health Officer