

Meeting Minutes: Freehold Township Board of Health

January 12, 2017

Reorganization and Regular Meeting

Opening

1) Call to Order

The January 12, 2017, reorganization and regular meeting of the Freehold Township Board of Health was called to order by Chairwoman Lemesevski at 6:35 PM. Board members present included: Vice-Chairman Dr. Apolito, Dr. Reilly, Mrs. Porth, Ms. Allen, Mrs. Weissman and Chairwoman Lemesevski. Absent: Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Chudkowski, and Dr. Opatut. Also present: Margaret Jahn, Health Officer and Julie Kramer, Recording Secretary.

The following statement was read by Chairwoman Lemesevski: "In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, c.231, P.L. 1975, this meeting was announced by posting a notice on the bulletin board reserved for that purpose; by mailing such notice to the office of the official newspapers of the Township and by filing such notice with the Township Clerk."

2) Minute Approval-November 2016 (no December meeting)

A motion to approve the November 2016 minutes was offered by Ms. Allen, seconded by Dr. Apolito, and carried by the Board.

3) Activity Reports Approval – November & December 2016, & Annual Communicable Disease report

A motion to approve the November and December Activity Reports was offered by Mrs. Porth, seconded by Ms. Allen, and carried by the Board.

Reorganization

4) Nomination and election of officers for 2017

Chairwoman Lemesevski requested a motion be made to keep the Board positions as they currently stand: with Mrs. Lemesevski as Chairwoman, Dr. Apolito as Vice Chair and Dr. Reilly as Secretary, the motion was offered by Ms. Allen, seconded by Mrs. Weissman and carried by the Board.

5) Resolution: FT BH 17-1

The Resolution FT BH 17-1 was reviewed by the Board; Dr. Apolito moved to adopt Resolution FT BH 17-1, seconded by Ms. Allen with the Board voting as follows:

VOTE: AYES: Vice Chair Dr. Apolito, Dr. Reilly, Mrs. Porth, Mrs. Weissman, Ms. Allen and Chairwoman Lemesevski

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Chudkowski and Dr. Opatut

6) Interlocal Health Services Agreement Signature

7) Oath of Office Signatures

8) 2016 Community Health Assessment

Ms. Jahn discussed, in general, the results of the CHA. She noted that substance abuse, suicide and STD's were on the rise. She stated that access to health care was an issue and a concern. Also on the rise in Monmouth County was cancer, diabetes and cardiovascular disease. Ms. Jahn stated that the HICMC has separated into working groups with approximated 34 people involved. The topics for the working groups include: Mental Health, Health Equity and Healthy Lifestyles. The practice standards require that the assessment be conducted. Ms. Jahn reminded the Board that Monmouth County has provided funding to help off-set the cost. Also, Freehold Township has a contract with MC to oversee the progress and implementation of the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).

9) Culture of Health Update

Dr. Reilly provided an update regarding the Culture of Health. She stated that they named themselves "Neighborhood Connections to Health". They have doubled in size since the onset. She discussed that they are building layers and stakeholders. The stakeholders consist of about 15-20 individuals. Two focus groups are planned centered on Freehold Borough needs. The coalition will be taking the input from the focus groups and working towards a blue print for action. The blue print will guide the group for the next 3 years. The action will target the underprivileged in Freehold Borough, but some pockets in Freehold Township will benefit. Dr. Reilly stated the groups were organic and personally involved. She is excited about the progress and that the momentum is increasing. She asked if the Board knew of any individuals that may be interested in participating.

10) Lead Regulation Update

Ms. Jahn reviewed with the Board the concerns regarding the proposed new lead regulations. She stated that the action levels and levels of concern will be decreased again adding a potential 400% increase in work load for local health departments. She also stated that, previously, capillary draws were validated by venous draws to confirm. The new regulations will accept capillary draws which are not as accurate and may create work where there may not be a concern. Also, since VNA services are utilized in conjunction with inspectors for investigations, she foresees contract cost skyrocketing for that agency.

Ms. Jahn stated that Health Officers do not argue with the fact that the current lead standards are too lax, they are concerned that the Health Departments are not getting additional funding to implement these more strict standards. As a result, she is requesting that the Board support a resolution that requests funding from the New Jersey State Health Department to help implement the change in standards.

New Business

11) Lead Program Funding Resolution – FT BH 17-2

Dr. Reilly motioned to support the resolution requesting New Jersey State funding for this more strict change in lead standards, seconded by Dr. Apolito with the Board voting as follows:

VOTE: AYES: Vice Chair Dr. Apolito, Dr. Reilly, Mrs. Porth, Mrs. Weissman, Ms. Allen and Chairwoman Lemesevski

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Chudkowski and Dr. Opatut

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss and no public comment, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 was made by Dr. Reilly, seconded by Dr. Apolito and carried by the Board.

Julie Kramer

Recording Secretary