

Meeting Minutes: Freehold Township Board of Health

February 8, 2018

Regular Meeting

Opening

1) Call to Order

The February 8, 2018, regular meeting of the Freehold Township Board of Health was called to order by Chairwoman Ms. Lemesevski at 6:35 PM. Board members present included: Dr. Reilly, Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Chudkowski, Dr. Opatut, Dr. Apolito and Chairwoman Lemesevski. Absent: Mrs. Porth, Ms. Allen and Mrs. Weissman. 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-January 11, 2018 Minutes

A motion to approve the January 2018 minutes was offered by Mr. Chudkowski, seconded by Dr. Apolito and carried by the Board.

3) Activity Reports Approval – January 2018 Activity and Communicable Disease Reports

A motion to approve the January 2018 Activity Report and Communicable Disease reports was offered by Dr. Reilly, seconded by Dr. Apolito, and carried by the Board.

Correspondence

4) New Jersey Rabies Cases by County and Species – January 2017-December 2017

5) Paul McGuire Family Health Center – Annual Report 2017

This subject was tabled since Ms. Allen was not present to report the data.

Old Business

6) a) Ordinance- Second Reading BOH-18-01 (Amendment Chapter 380)

b) Public Hearing



Chairwoman Lemesevski opened the meeting for public hearing. She noted there was no public comment and closed the public hearing regarding proposed Ordinance BOH-18-01.

Mr. Ammiano moved to adopt Ordinance BOH-18-01, on second reading By Title Only, amending Chapter 380, seconded by Mr. Chudkowski with the board voting as follows:

c) Vote

Roll Call

AYES: Dr. Reilly, Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Chudkowski, Dr. Apolito, Dr. Opatut and Chairwoman Lemesevski

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mrs. Weissman, Ms. Allen and Mrs. Porth

New Business

7) Rabies Clinic Report – January 20, 2018

Ms. Jahn reported that there were 190 dogs and 10 cats vaccinated at the Freehold Township clinic on January 20, 2018. She noted that the numbers were lower than in previous years.

Discussion

8) FQHC- Update

Ms. Jahn reported that the nine-year collaborative efforts of VNA, Centrastate and Freehold Township Health Department has resulted in Freehold Borough Planning/Zoning approval of the proposed health facility to be located where there was previously a Foodtown on Park Ave. The facility design is attractive and will be a significant enhancement to the neighborhood. The facility is planning for a third-quarter 2018 grand opening.

Dr. Reilly reported that the facility will include the following:

30% - Academic – including medical residencies/faculty from Rutgers.

30% - Health Center – Family Practice

30% - Children and Family Health Institute - including better access to different programs such as the WIC program. Dr. Reilly stated that the center will work closely with the coalition “Neighborhood Connections” regarding improving the social determinates of health.

9) Flu Outbreaks LTC Facilities



Ms. Jahn reported that Ms. Nance is currently investigating a number of flu outbreaks in local long term care facilities. Four outbreaks have already been closed and one was is currently being actively monitored. Ms. Jahn reported young children and the elderly as being more at risk for this year's flu strain. N3H2, type A, has been reported as the particularly virulent strain. The flu shot has been reported to be about 36% effective this year and helpful in decreasing the severity should vaccinated individuals become ill with flu-like symptoms.

10) March BOH Dinner Meeting

As requested by the Board at the January meeting, a dinner meeting for FB and FT BOH members, Administrators and governing bodies has been scheduled for March 8, 2018 at establishment Solo Trattoria in Freehold Borough beginning at 6:30 PM. The menu and invite was distributed.

11) FAHD Staff Changes

Ms. Jahn regrets reporting that the Health Department is losing Ms. Brett Nance, Health Educator/Epidemiologist to the New Jersey Department of Health. Ms. Nance has provided professional excellence for the coalition "Neighborhood Connections," HICMC and Freehold Area Health Department. She has worked tirelessly and her work ethic is unsurpassed. Ms. Jahn reports that replacing her will be difficult, but that she has interviewed some potential candidates.

Public Comment

No public comment

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss and no public comment, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM was made by Mr. Ammiano, seconded by Dr. Apolito and carried by the Board.

Julie Kramer

Recording Secretary

