

**HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES  
February 26, 2009  
7:00 P.M.  
Manager's Conference Room**

Present: Maureen Adams, Mary Baird, Leo Brummel, Liang Schweizer,  
Kevin McGuigan and Carol Chamberlain, Health Officer

Absent: Anthony Brickman and Richard Miller, Council Liaison

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON: The election of the chairperson was tabled to the next meeting.

MINUTES: The minutes of the December 3, 2008 meeting were reviewed and approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

**Pandemic Influenza**

C. Chamberlain met with the administration at Rider University and the Mercer LINCS public health nurse to discuss Rider University being a fixed facility for medication distribution in the event of an emergency. Rider is willing to provide medication or vaccinations to the student population. There is concern about providing medical services to faculty, staff and contractors on campus due to liability issues. The Mercer LINCS representative indicated she would try to obtain more information with regard to liability in such situations.

C. Chamberlain also met with representatives of St. Lawrence Rehabilitation Center to discuss being a fixed facility. Darlene Hanley and Maureen Adams indicated there is an interest in being a fixed facility for medication distribution to patients, staff and staff families. The next step is for St. Lawrence representatives to meet with the Mercer LINCS Agency.

M. Adams said the meeting also included a discussion about the use of St. Lawrence as an emergency shelter. At this time, St. Lawrence would prefer not to be an emergency shelter for the general public. C. Chamberlain said the town will look at other sites such as Rider University and Lawrenceville School and the three fire houses in the township to be used as emergency shelters.

**Outreach Activities**

There will be a senior health and wellness fair at the Lawrence Senior Center on March 31, 2009, 3:00-7:00 p.m. Approximately twenty-five agencies will be participating in screenings and distributing health information to seniors.

The health department will be participating in the St. Lawrence Bike Rodeo in May. Other community events the health department staff will be at include Cultural Diversity Day at the Lawrence Senior Center in May and a health fair at St. Hedwigs church in April. During Public Health Week the nurses will be at the Trenton Farmers Market offering free health screenings.

Library displays will be at the Lawrence library for Public Health Week, Asthma Awareness Month and Alcohol Awareness Month.

Carol Chamberlain said the Colonial Valley Chiropractic Center will be conducting a program on back health and the importance of good posture to a troop of girl scouts in March.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

##### **2008 Annual Report**

Copies of the Local Health Department Annual Report for 2008 were distributed to the board. Highlights included an increase in patients at the child health conferences and a decrease in the health promotion programs from 2007 to 2008. The increase in the participation at the child health clinics seems to be as result of less families having health insurance. K. McGuigan motioned to approve the annual report. M. Baird seconded the motion. The annual report was approved by the board.

##### **Correspondence from the Mayor**

The board reviewed the memo from Mayor Pam Mount dated February 10, 2009 in which the mayor requested the board present their goals for 2009 to the Township Council. The board reviewed the goals from 2008 and presented recommendations for this year.

- Offer CPR classes to the public
- Maintain a connection to Sustainable Lawrence
- Work in conjunction with the Recreation Department and the Office in Aging to survey seniors about their needs.
- Remove the tobacco regulation enforcement under the previous goals obtained. This has been listed for several years and the board feels this issue can be removed from the goals listed.

Carol Chamberlain said she will make the noted revisions for review at the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

**Trenton Water Works**

The board was notified by C. Chamberlain that Trenton Water Works has not been adding fluoride to the water supply for over six months. Trenton Water Works notified the health department last week that fluoridation had stopped due to mechanical and fluoride supply issues. C.Chamberlain will notify dental care providers, pediatricians and school nurses. Trenton Water Works expects to begin fluoridating the water in four to six weeks.

**2009 Budget**

The Township Council is currently reviewing the 2009 budget. One part-time employee who conducted inspections has been terminated in the health department. It is proposed one full-time staff member will also be terminated. The position to be eliminated is the Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting date will be scheduled for the end of April or the beginning of May.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Carol Chamberlain  
Health Officer