

**HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES  
April 7, 2010  
6:00 P. M.  
Council Conference Room**

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

Absent: Mary Baird, James Kownacki, Council Liaison

**I. AGENDA**

Kevin McGuigan asked the board to review the agenda. Liang Schweizer motioned to approve the agenda. Darlene Hanley seconded the motion. The agenda was approved.

**II. MINUTES**

Anthony Brickman made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2010 meeting. Leo Brummel seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**III. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Pandemic Influenza**

1. H1N1 – The health department has H1N1 vaccine available and continues to offer vaccinations during adult and child health clinics. The funding from the N.J.D.H.S.S. grant for influenza response and preparedness is being used for activities such as re-stocking clinic supplies, educational programs and updating and revising the Lawrence Township Exposure Control Plan, the P.E.O.S.H.A. respiratory plan and the mass vaccination plan. The funds must be encumbered by July 31, 2010.
2. Public Education – H1N1 flu prevention programs are being conducted for various groups. Upcoming activities include summer camp programs, a health fair at Project Freedom and a lecture at the senior center.

**B. Outreach Activities**

1. Relay for Life - Maureen Adams provided an update on the Relay for Life. The event will be held on Friday, May 21. It will not be an overnight event as originally planned. It will start at 4:30 p.m. and it will end after the luminary ceremony which takes place around 9:00 p.m. Maureen Adams said there will be a team leaders' meeting tomorrow at 6:30 p.m.

2. Mayor's Wellness Initiative - Mayor Mike Powers has planned two events for the Mayor's Wellness Initiative. On June 12, 2010 the Tour de Lawrence will take place. This event will focus on bike safety and the importance of exercise. Children in grades K-3 will be the target population. This event will take place at Colonial Lake.

The second event planned is the Dog Days of Summer. This will be a program for dogs and their owners to come to Village Park for a day of fun and exercise. The purpose is to promote being active with your pets. It will be held in September.

3. St. Lawrence Bike Rodeo – The St. Lawrence Bike Rodeo will be held on Saturday, May 8, 2010 from 9:00 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. Activities will include the distribution of bike helmets, the distribution of water safety vests to children. bike safety inspections and there will be a bike safety riding course. Local agencies will be present with information on biking and other health promotion topics. The health department will be distributing information on good hand washing practices.
4. Senior Wellness Fair – The senior wellness fair was cancelled due to a roof leak at the senior center. Water damage occurred the day prior to the fair.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Health Department Annual Report – Copies of the annual report were distributed to the board. Carol Chamberlain reviewed the statistics which changed significantly from 2008 to 2009. Anthony Brickman asked for clarification of the difference between a civil union and a domestic partnership. Carol Chamberlain said she will ask the Registrar of Vital Statistics to provide that information.

Anthony Brickman asked if information is available from Aqua New Jersey, the new owners of the water company which services Lawrenceville, about their policy on fluoridating the water. Carol Chamberlain said she would check with Aqua New Jersey.

- B. Other Business – Carol Chamberlain informed the board that due to budget reductions, the health department will no longer be offering cholesterol screenings or pneumococcal vaccinations.

The budget reductions have also resulted in the loss of one full-time position in the health department. The Deputy Registrar position has been eliminated. The board asked if there is any action they should take at this time to support the health department. Carol Chamberlain said the staff person was terminated on April 3, 2010, therefore the effect of the lost position has not yet been determined.

V. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 9 at 6:00 p.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Chamberlain  
Health Officer