

# LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

## MINUTES

February 11, 2015

6:00 P.M.

### Manager's Conference Room

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

**Absent:** Cathleen Lewis, Mayor/Council Liaison

**Agenda:** In the absence of Dr. McGuigan, at the start of the meeting, Dr. Brickman called the meeting to order. The agenda for the meeting was reviewed and approved.

**Election of Chairperson, 2015:** Dr. Brickman opened the nominations for chairperson for 2015. Darlene Hanley made a motion for Mary Baird to be chairperson. The nomination was seconded by Maureen Adams. Mary Baird was elected Chairperson for 2015.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the April 30, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Darlene Hanley made a motion to approve the minutes. Maureen Adams seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

### OLD BUSINESS:

#### A. Greater Mercer Public Health Partnership (GMPHP)

Highlights of recent activities include the addition of St. Francis Hospital to the partnership. At almost the same time, The University Medical Center of Princeton left the partnership due to a change in their strategic plan. These changes have created a change in the partners but not a change in the number of participants.

The GMPHP website is now available as a county clearinghouse for identifying health resources in the community as well as health-related events in the Mercer County area. The group will continue to identify additional resources and events to include on the website. The website address is [www.healthymercer.org](http://www.healthymercer.org).

New happenings for 2015 include the election of a new chairperson, Christy Stephensen from St. Francis Medical Center. Darlene Hanley stepped down after two busy years as the chairperson.

Also, Health Resources In Action (HRIA) will be hired to conduct an update of the Community Health Needs Assessment and therefore update the Community Health Improvement. This will serve to assist the healthcare facilities to meet their I.R.S. obligations as non-profits and it will also help to develop more focused and specific priorities for the partnership. This process is expected to take place in late spring through early fall of 2015.

B. Animal Nuisance Ordinance – Carol Chamberlain reported there has been no activity by Council with regard to the proposed Animal Nuisance Ordinance.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. 2014 Annual Report**

The 2014 Local Health Report was reviewed by the Health Advisory Board. The narrative was reviewed. Copies of the complete report were also made available. Carol Chamberlain explained the report was also reviewed by the Township Council on February 3, 2015 as part of the Health Department budget presentation.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

The group discussed the next meeting in April. Dates will be mailed to the group to determine the availability of the members.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Dr. Brickman to adjourn. Dr. McGuigan seconded the motion. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Chamberlain  
Health Officer