

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

June 14, 2018

6:00 P.M.

Managers Conference Room

- Present:** Darlene Hanley, Camila Pena, Dr. Anthony Brickman, Mary Baird, Chairperson, Carol Chamberlain, Health Officer.
- Absent:** Rabiah Asif, Leo Brummel, Maureen Adams, Cathleen Lewis, Council Liaison
- Guest:** Carol Nicholas, Greater Mercer Public Health Partnership
- Agenda:** Darlene Hanley motioned to approve the agenda. Dr. Brickman seconded the motion. The agenda was approved.
- Minutes:** The minutes of the March 14, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Darlene Hanley offered a motion to approve the minutes. Mary Baird seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Greater Mercer Public Health Partnership (GMPHP)

Carol Nicholas provided an overview of the ongoing community health needs assessment and the development of a community health improvement plan. In March, the GMPHP conducted five focus group interviews in various locations throughout the county. People from various sectors of the community were included in each focus group. In April a World Café was conducted with Community Advisory Board (CAB) members. At the World Café, CAB members moved around the room in four groups answering questions such as “What would you change in the current community health improvement plan?” and “What could be improved?” CAB members were also asked to prioritize health needs in the community. The results of the World Café will be reviewed later this summer.

Carol Nicholas explained next the community survey was conducted throughout April and May. Over 1000 surveys were completed. These results along with the findings in the World Café will be shared with the CAB in August. It is hoped all the findings will be available for the community to review later this year.

The final step will include developing SMART objectives for the Community Health Improvement Plan. The goal is to learn from past missteps and set achievable, measurable goals. Clear benchmarks need to be determined in order for the GMPHP show progress in creating a healthier community.

Public Health Preparedness Update - The public health nurse continues to update the emergency plans including point of dispensing (POD) planning, shelter planning and fixed facility planning. At the present time, emergency contact lists are being updated.

Carol Chamberlain has been working with schools and businesses to encourage them to sign up as fixed facilities. This would allow school and businesses to obtain and distribute medications to their own populations in the event of an emergency.

The public health nurses have recently received Red Cross training entitled “Stop the Bleed”. This training focuses on the use of tourniquets and pressure to address wounds which occur during mass

shootings. The nurses found the training to be very beneficial and they are currently working to schedule a training session for the Lawrence Township school nurses. The Red Cross, Capital Health and Princeton Medical Center each have staff available to assist in providing this training to the community.

NEW BUSINESS:

Residential Waste Disposal – The Township Council will be reviewing the current waste disposal ordinance and assess if revisions are needed. This ordinance concerns yard waste, grass disposal and other household waste disposal. The Council will be reviewing the current regulations to determine if the requirements for disposal of these items should be further clarified.

Upcoming Health Programs – The health department will be offering the following programs in the upcoming months:

- June 28 - Animal Bite Prevention at Safety Town with Christine Buck, Animal Control Officer
- July 3 – Smoking Prevention at summer camp with Kathy Korwin, Public Health Nurse
- July 5- Summer Safety at Safety Town with Kathy Korwin, Public Health Nurse
- July 17 - Sun Safety at summer camp with Amanda Medina, Chronic Disease Coalition
- July 17 – Healthy Kids Fair at Homefront Camp with Penn Medicine at Princeton
- July 31 – Poison Prevention at summer camp with NJ Poison Prevention Center
- August 7 – National Night Out with Kathy Korwin and Christine Buck
- August 14 – Animal Bite Prevention at summer camp with Christine Buck, Animal Control Officer

Darlene Hanley discussed health promotion programs being conducted at St Lawrence Rehabilitation Center. These programs include the Bike Rodeo which was held in May, car seat safety checks will be offered on June 23. This program is being done in coordination with the Mercer County Sheriff’s office.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Darlene Hanley reported a training session by the American Red Cross will be conducted for volunteers at St. Lawrence. The training will teach volunteers how to properly transfer patients during an emergency. Carol Chamberlain added the public health nurse from Lawrence will be attending the training.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is to be scheduled for Wednesday, September 5 or 26 at 6:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Darlene Hanley to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Brickman seconded the motion. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Chamberlain
Health Officer