

Board of Health Training - Carol Chamberlain reviewed the online training which is available for Board of Health members to take at their convenience. The NJ State Health Department encourages Board Member receive training periodically. In addition, copies of the Board of Health Member Orientation Manual were available to all members to take home to review. Carol Chamberlain also informed the group the 2018 membership to the New Jersey Local Boards of Health Association (NJLBOH) has been received. Trainings are also available throughout the year through the NJLBOH.

OTHER BUSINESS:

No other business was brought before the board.


NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Darlene Hanley to adjourn the meeting. Maureen Adams seconded the motion. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Chamberlain
Health Officer

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

March 14, 2018

6:00 P.M.

Managers Conference Room

Present: Darlene Hanley, Rabiah Asif, Maureen Adams, Camila Pena,
Leo Brummel, Mary Baird, Chairperson, Carol Chamberlain, Health Officer.

Absent: Dr. Anthony Brickman, Cathleen Lewis, Council Liaison

Election of Chairperson 2018:

Leo Brummel nominated Mary Baird for Chairperson. Darlene Hanley seconded the nomination. By unanimous vote Mary Baird was elected chairperson for 2018.

Agenda: Darlene Hanley motioned to approve the agenda. Maureen Adams seconded the motion. The agenda was approved.

Minutes: The minutes of the September 6, 2017 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)

The next community needs assessment will be conducted in 2018. Darlene Hanley explained the GMPHP has contracted with New Solution and Bruno and Bridgeway to complete the needs assessment and the community health improvement plan. Data will be reviewed and analyzed to determine if the needle has been moved in Mercer County toward improved healthcare and better health status of county residents. In addition, the data will be used to develop an updated Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).

Community surveys will be conducted throughout Mercer County. Graduate students from Temple University and Rider University will assist with the community surveys. In addition the contractor will conduct focus group surveys in March. It is expected the assessment will be conducted through July 2018.

Pet Shop Ordinance – The Township Council passed the ordinance regarding the prohibition of the sale of puppy mill puppies at pet shops located in Lawrence Township. The ordinance was passed in February. Currently there are three pet stores in Lawrence. None of the existing pet stores sell puppies. All three stores were informed of the new ordinance for future reference.

NEW BUSINESS:

2017 Local Health Report – The New Jersey Local Health Report for Lawrence Township was reviewed with the Health Advisory Board. Carol Chamberlain notified the board the report was also reviewed with the Township Council at the time of her budget presentation on February 6, 2018. Highlights in 2017 included the increase in the use of social media for health promotion, addressing several water advisories for Trenton Water Works throughout 2017 as well as the closing of Colonial Lake for elevated levels cyanobacteria. In addition the health department received a grant from the Radon Section of the NJDEP to increase testing of homes for radon. With the grant money, 193 homes were tested for radon.