

# LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

## MINUTES

February 13, 2019

6:00 PM

Recreation Conference Room

**Present:** Maureen Adams, Mary Baird, Dr. Anthony Brickman, Leo Brummel, Darlene Hanley, Rabiah Asif, Camila Pena, Cathleen Lewis – Council Liaison, Carol Chamberlain – Health Officer.

### **I. Introductions**

Carol Chamberlain welcomed the board members and thanked them for their willingness to serve. Each board member introduced themselves.

### **II. Election of Chairperson**

Maureen Adams nominated Darlene Hanley for chairperson. Dr. Anthony Brickman seconded the nomination. Darlene Hanley was unanimously elected chairperson for 2019.

### **III. Review of Agenda**

The agenda was reviewed. Mary Baird made a motion to approve the agenda. Maureen Adams seconded the motion. The agenda was unanimously approved.

### **IV. Review of Minutes**

The minutes for the meeting of November 28, 2018, were reviewed. Mary Baird made a motion to approve the minutes. A second was offered by Maureen Adams. The minutes of November 28, 2018, were approved.

### **V. Old Business**

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

Darlene Hanley reported the new president of the GMPHP is Steve Papenberg of the Pennington Board of Health. Yvette Graffie – Cooper, Health Officer for the City of Trenton was elected Vice President. The Community Health Improvement Plan is currently being updated and will be presented at the GMPHP Community Advisory Board meeting. The meeting is March 13 at Capital Health at Hopewell. Carol informed the Board all members are welcome to attend. The invitation will be forwarded to all Board members.

#### **B. Influenza Vaccination Program**

Carol Chamberlain reported the flu clinics were conducted with Rite Aid pharmacists in October and November 2018. The clinics were well conducted and over 250 individuals received flu shots. The health department budget benefited by eliminating the need for funds for vaccines, staffing, and staff time for Medicaid reimbursement submission.

## **VI. New Business**

### **A. Local Health Report for 2018**

Copies of the Local Health Report were distributed to Board members. Carol Chamberlain provided an overview of the highlights for 2018 and future initiatives. One highlight was the Board's support of a Vision Zero Policy. Morgan Pesanelli, Rutgers School of Public Health had presented information about Vision Zero at the October 3, 2018 meeting. Morgan researched and created a proposed Vision Zero Policy and presented it at the November 28, 2018 meeting.

Cathleen Lewis stated she would like to see a Vision Zero Policy supported by the Township Council. Items she would like to see implemented would include the following:

- Amendments to the master plan, including a circulation element, to make the Township a more walkable community.
- Creation of a Pedestrian Circulation Committee.
- Completion of sidewalk inventory.

Cathleen also stated she met with Board of Education representatives to discuss pedestrian safety issues. Darlene added the LIS school children conduct sidewalk assessments through the "Walk the Way" program. It was recommended the discussion of a Township-wide Vision Zero Policy could be discussed at the Council meeting when the LIS students present the findings from the "Walk this Way" assessment.

### **B. Board of Health Training**

Carol Chamberlain reviewed with the Board the availability of online training for Board of Health members. Copies of the N.J. Local Boards of Health Association newsletter were distributed to members. Carol also asked members for suggestions of topics for future Board trainings in 2019.

## **VII. Other Business**

### **A. Rabies Statistics**

The board was provided data on rabies cases in N.J. The data was broken down by county. The numbers indicate positive rabies cases are still present in various animals in N.J.

### **B. Mayor's Wellness Campaign**

Carol Chamberlain reported there is interest within the Township to re-invigorate the Mayor's Wellness Campaign. Carol will be meeting with other Township staff to determine what activities are currently being done which support the Mayor's Wellness Campaign. The staff will also discuss potential activities to support the campaign.

## **VIII. 2019 Meeting Schedule**

The Board reviewed dates for the 2019 meetings:  
May 1, 2019

September 4, 2019  
December 4, 2019

**IX. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Maureen Adams to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Camila Pena. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Carol Chamberlain  
Health Officer