

**Harrington Park Board of Health
Minutes of Meeting
May 4, 2015**

Meeting Called to Order by President Howard Lipton, MD, at 7:38 p.m.

President Lipton's Announcement

In compliance with Chapter 231, the Public Contract Law of 1975, adequate notice of this meeting was made. It is being conducted under the provisions of the Sunshine Act and has been properly noticed.

Roll Call

Dr. Howard Lipton

Mr. Scott Weiner

Mr. John Szweda

Dr. Neil Hess

Dr. Mary Lee Casamento

Mrs. Mary Oh Goldstein, RN,

Mr. Robert Carbognin

Also present:

Louis Apa, Sanitarian, Gail Poling, Town Nurse, Annie Mongelia, Secretary
Councilwoman Ryan was not present, Kristine Bersch, LSW

Suspension of Meeting: Presentation on Stigma Free Zone

Guest speaker Ms. Kristine Bersch, LSW was welcomed to the Board of Health meeting and given time to speak on the Bergen County initiative of stigma free zones.

Ms. Bersch works for the county with the children in crisis program, a program for children aged birth to 22 years old. Ms. Bersch spoke specifically about towns who have adopted an ordinance on stigma free zones. Lawn signage. Describing a team comprised of a community liaison ambassador, the police department, emergency medical services, and County on the education of depression. After her presentation, the board expressed their gratitude for her visit. Ensuing discussion in New Business.

Resume Regular Meeting

Motion to Adopt Minutes from March 9, 2015 Board of Health Meeting

Motion to adopt the minutes for March 9, 2015 made by Mary Oh Goldstein.
Seconded by Robert Carbognin.

Vouchers:

Town Nurse's voucher,

Secretary's voucher,

Shared Service Agreement Semi-Annual Invoice from Bergen Cty Dept. of Health Svc
Health Officer \$3,000

Registered Environmental Specialist \$0 (performed by Lou Apa)

HEP B Bloodborne Pathogen \$0 (performed by Annie Mongelia)

Animal Control \$2,961.64

Total invoice \$5,961.64

HPBOH Budgeted \$6,000

Correspondence:

Letter from the Bergen County Dept. of Health Services (BC DHS): To meet the demand for computer based BBP training they have partnered with the National Safety Council to offer interactive online BBP courses for \$18 per employee deemed at risk. Services include the online class, periodic classroom training at BCDHS in Hackensack, Hep B vaccine at cost of \$62 per administration/ \$186 for series, titer test but local board still pays for lab fees, record keeping of training, maintenance of Exposure Control Plan, access to public health nurse. This program was offered previously at \$2,600 per year, equal to 145 employees at the rate of \$18. Discussion: We have the program available on-line through the borough Joint Insurance Fund, whom also come on-sight to teach a BBP class twice a year, at no additional cost. Additionally we receive a better rate of \$45 for the Hep B vaccine through Park Medical, an in-town medical office. Thus HP will not contract with the county for this service.

The following was printed in the April/May issue of the HP Newsletter:

From the Board of Health: www.co.bergen.nj.us Senior Services, Key Service Guide for Older Adults and Caregivers list phone numbers for Adult Day Care, Wellness Discount Programs, and more.

On May 8th, 2015 from 1pm to 3 pm, the BC DHS will be hosting a professional education program on Sheltering: In an emergency or disaster situation every health professional needs to know about sheltering. This was forwarded to Mike Hunken, OEM.

On April 24, 2015 the CDC Health Alert Network sent a CDC Health Advisory regarding an outbreak, in rural southeastern counties east of the Mississippi River, of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and hepatitis C virus (HCV) infections among persons who inject drugs. Investigation showed 96% injected drugs of dissolved and injected tablets of the prescription type opioid oxycodone.

Received: Guide to Proper Handling of Bat Exposures April 2015. The report states there have been 2 cases of human rabies in NJ from bat exposure. Article talks about management of known or suspected exposure from bats, specimen collection, public education, and reinforced the need to vaccinate dogs and cats to prevent human exposure to rabies through pets. Article given to Lou Apa.

On April 22, the BC DHS issued a health alert from the NJ Poison Information and Education System regarding an increasing number of calls related to synthetic marijuana. It has the potential for life threatening seizures and cardiac arrhythmias. There were 169 cases in NJ and NY during April.

The NJ DOH has issued a letter regarding: Canine influenza, a highly contagious respiratory disease of dogs with a fatality rate of less than 10%, there is an outbreak in the Chicago area, that has spread to Wisconsin and Indiana. It was linked to dog boarding and is caused by a virus closely related to the Asian strains of influenza A,

H3N2 currently in circulation in Chinese and South Korean dog populations. It can infect cats but there is no evidence that the virus is transmissible from dogs to people.

Reports:

Gail Poling, Town Nurse

The CDRSS reported two cases. One case of influenza, and one case of whooping cough. There were fifteen clients present at the HP Adult Health Conferences. New development: Epi Pens are now allowed to be a stock item at schools. Town nurse has registered to attend the Bergen County eight hour class on Stigma education and will report her findings at the June 1st, Board Of Health meeting.

Louis Apa, Sanitarian

Request by HP resident to have a raccoon tested for rabies. Test result: Clear of rabies.

HP resident bitten by a Rivervale animal on March 12, 2015. A veterinarian examined the dog after the period of quarantine and found the dog sound thus dog was released from quarantine. There were two other cases of HP dog bites, both were determined to be sound and released from quarantine. There were two cases of HP residents bitten while out of town, one by a stray dog in Westwood received the rabies post bite vaccinations, and the other in Allendale was also later released from quarantine by a veterinarian.

County will set up traps in Highland Fields for coyote.

A sick fox was noted on Lafayette. Animal Control was called to follow up on the fox.

United Water is reported to be vacating the building on 200 Old Hook Road in May 2015.

Inspections were performed for residents whom applied for their annual chicken license.

Old Business:

Public Health Annex 2015 revised by Mike Hunken, Director, HP OEM; see Attachment A.

New Business:

HP Swim Club application for 2015. An application for license was delivered to management of the swim club for completion and filing.

Discussion on stigma free zone presentation:

Pros: There is a need to inform the public of the various avenues of help offered by County for mental health. In addition to other places such as: Care Plus, West Bergen Clinic, Vantage Health System in Dumont, NJ.

Cons: Personal liability, division of boundaries.

Town nurse will attend an upcoming training class given by county and report her findings at the next meeting on June 1st, 2015.

Public Session: Open to the Public for comments:

No public was present.

Closed Session

Motion to Adjourn made by Scott Weiner at 8:55 p.m.
Seconded by Mary Oh Goldstein