

Hillsdale Board of Health

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Wednesday, May 6, 2020

7:00 pm

President Opened the Meeting:

This is a regular meeting of the Hillsdale Board of Health. By resolution adopted on January 7, 2020, a notice of the time and place of this meeting was provided to the Ridgewood News, and was also posted on the electronic bulletin board and on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall lobby.

Secretary Calls the Roll:

Elaine K. Meyerson; Diane Ohme, RN; Christina Fanelli, RN; Chris Looes; Jim Stevens; Dr. Susan Kushner; Louisa Toledo, RN; Angela Musella, REHS; Marguerite Deppert, RN; Lois Kohan, RN; Janetta Trochimiuck, Councilwoman.

This meeting was conducted remotely (GoToMeeting) and all members participated remotely in real time.

Call for Additional Agenda Items: No additions.

Approval of Minutes: Meeting of February 4, 2020

Motion to receipt and file Minutes: D. Ohme **Seconded by:** C. Looes
Passed Unanimously

Correspondence: None

President's Report: The last three months for some, have been like a blur, for others unimaginable, for some the most challenging time of their lives. The mental health effect has been overwhelming, and for many, the feelings of shock, depression, anxiety and helplessness are paramount. I'm glad we were able to schedule today's meeting and come together tonight to gain a better understanding of what's happening in our community due to COVID-19. I'm happy to hear that everyone on the Board is healthy and safe.

Today is Nurse's Appreciation Day and I want to thank all the nurses in our health department, as well as those on the Board and in our community – for all that you do every day, and especially during this most trying time. Let's give an applause. And lastly, I would like to ask for a moment of silence to remember those who have lost the battle against COVID-19 and for those that are still fighting for their lives.

Health Officer and Employee Reports: (copies of reports are filed). These reports include Health Officer's activities, Vital Statistics, Monthly financial receipts and Public Health Nurse Reports

1. Angela Musella gave her report for February, March, and April.
 - Establishment inspections were completed.
 - 5 animal bites.
 - 1 violation issued for operating without a health department license.
 - 2 grease trap issues were addressed at two establishments.
 - Investigation into a Hepatitis A case.
 - Extermination receipt received for bed bug incident.
 - 3 cleanliness and food handling complaints. All were addressed and no further action was needed.
 - Worked on COVID19 issues.

2. M. Deppert gave her report for March and April.
 - There were no CHC's held.
 - Working with the borough Administrator to plan a safe way to have an upcoming CHC for the children who need vaccinations. It will take place after the borough is closed, the child and one parent would come through a separate entrance. Staff have all the PPE necessary from the Office of Emergency Management.
 - 7 CDRSS (communicable disease) cases reported.
 - Attended the monthly department head meeting.
 - Worked on COVID-19 cases daily.
 - 102 cases of COVID -19
 - Attended the March Access for All meeting.
 - Daily call with the NJ Department of Health regarding COVID-19

3. L. Kohan gave her report for February, March, and April.
 - No exercise classes were held.
 - Communicating with clients via phone, email, and text.
 - Continue to get CEU's in nursing.
 - Participated in 1 webinar.
 - Participated for the 44th year in the Harvard Nurses Study.
 - Food Pantry is following the CDC guidelines and the volunteers are delivering food. Residents have been generous with donations of food and funds. The food pantry made a monetary donation to Jack's Café in Westwood to cook \$1,000 worth of meals for the Dr's and nurses at HMH at Pascack Valley.
 - There will be a blood drive at Pascack Valley High School on April 23rd 12-6.
 - In communication with Jeanne Martin, director of Meals on Wheels trying to help the residents of Hillsdale. Meals on Wheels is now providing 5 frozen meals a week and delivering on Monday with limited volunteers. The food pantry is trying to help supplement the residents who receive meals.

3. Councilman DeRosa recommended a support group at St. John's for people who have lost their jobs.
4. Statistics and Financial Reports – Vital statistics and the health departments' financial reports were reviewed for February, March, and April.

Motion to receipt and file: C. Fanelli
Passed Unanimously

Seconded by: L. Toledo

Opening and Closing of Public Meeting: 7:47

No one from the public joined on the remote call.

Prior Business:

1. Child Health Conference (CHC) Contract Status –13 of the 17 contracts have been signed and returned. 2 payments are still outstanding. J. Hausmann will continue to follow-up. M. Deppert will follow-up as well as needed.
2. Municipal Alliance – C. Looes reported that due to the current situation with COVID-19 and schools being closed, the funds are essentially frozen as of March 23.

New Business:

1. Statistics and Local Response to COVID 19 –
 - E. Meyerson reviewed local statistics, showing that the Pascack Valley area has had 1208 cases to date (Hillsdale 104), Bergen County had 16,500 cases and 1,261 deaths.
 - AFC Urgent Care is open to all for COVID19 testing
 - A. Musella briefly discussed the outbreaks at local long-term care facilities and the role NWBRHC plays in investigating and documenting.
 - The Hillsdale OEM is procuring supplies through the county office of emergency management.
 - There was a brief discussion about the new symptoms that are being seen in children and adolescents. The symptoms appear to be similar to Kawasaki disease and Toxic Shock Syndrome.
 - L. Kohan spoke about resources available to residents such as food and public assistance.
 - C. Fanelli spoke to the guideline's schools need to follow going forward and how she will prepare for when school reopens. The New Jersey State nurses has come up with some guidelines, but was still waiting to hear from the Department of Health as to what will be expected.
 - Marguerite Deppert- We are not doing contact tracing now to the extent that we did early on. It was my responsibility, along with follow-up, when the pandemic began. Today we ask the positive cases who they were with for an extended period of time. We advise them to contact those people. Over the past months few people have had close contact outside of their home.
 - Mental health awareness now and for the future was discussed. Members expressed concern about having had so many local deaths, to milestones for

children and young adults who have missed school and graduations. Outreach from school counselors and teachers has been helpful to the kids. The Board members will discuss what more they can do for the future including education and press releases.

Other Business: None

Motion to adjourned: 8:51 pm

Motion to adjourn: C. Looes

Seconded by: C. Fanelli

Passed Unanimously

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Hausmann
Board Secretary