

Hillsdale Board of Health
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Minutes of the Board Meeting

May 4, 2021

7:00 PM

President Opened the Meeting:

This is a regular meeting of the Hillsdale Board of Health. By resolution adopted on January 6, 2021, 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, LSW; Diane Ohme; Chris Looes; Louisa Toledo, RN, APN; Dr. Susan Kushner; Gina Behre, REHS; Marguerite Deppert, RN; Lois Kohan, RN.

Absent: John Klein; Beatriz Wawra; Janetta Trochimiuck, Councilwoman.

This meeting was conducted remotely via Zoom Meeting. All members participated in real time.

Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting April 6, 2021

Motion to receipt and file: Dr. Kushner **Seconded by:** L. Toledo
Passed unanimously

Correspondence: None

President's Report:

Jennifer Hausmann, our Board Secretary is leaving June 3. E. Meyerson thanked Jennifer for her four years of service to the BOH. Other board members and Lois Kohan thanked her for her work and we all wished her good luck.

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

1. Gina Behre, Health Officer, gave her report for April, 2021
COVID related:
 - Continued to participate in NJDOH daily call, weekly Bergen County Health Officer conference calls for updates and shared information related to COVID-19, Mosquitos and various public health activities.
 - COVID-19 vaccination / clinic planning.
 - Hillsdale School related COVID-19 exposure investigations, monitor cases and provide guidance on closures.

- Provided guidance to school districts on the updated NJDOH COVID-19 Public Health Recommended for Local Health Departments for K-12 Schools. (Orange/High Risk)- NJDOH updated guidance document on March 23, 2021.
- In review - Public Recreational Bathing Code checklist. New PRB guidance expected on April 16, 2021.
- In review – Outdoor dining requirements, plan review and guidance
- Public Health Nurse and staff continues monitor CDRSS/CommCare for case investigation and contact tracing.
- Clinic held in Emerson, which included . 31 people received the Moderna vaccine; 11 from Hillsdale.
- Johnson and Johnson vaccines still available.
- Outdoor Covid-19 restrictions eased and some lifted.

2. M. Deppert gave her report for April, 2021

- April Child Health Conference canceled.
- 71 cases of COVID-19 reported in April.
- 1 case of Lyme disease reported.
- Bi-weekly meetings with communicable disease case investigators in Bergen County was hosted by NJDOH northeast regional epidemiologist.
- COVID-19 conference calls with NJDOH Office of Local Public Health 3x week.
- NJDOH webinar regarding CommCare updates on 4/26
- Access for all meeting on 4/26.
- Art show submission deadline has been extended to 5/7, a reception for participants will be held on 6/3.
- Moderna COVID-19 vaccination clinic was held on 4/28 in Emerson, 11 Hillsdale residents were vaccinated.

3. Lois Kohan gave her report for April, 2021

- 4 Exercise classes at Hillsdale House.
- 4 phone calls or outdoor visits to clients to check on their wellbeing.
- Meeting with the welfare director and the director of Meals on Wheels.
- A student intern will be offering music therapy to residents of the Hillsdale House this spring and summer.
- Referral made for bereavement counseling.
- Invited to be a part of an Ad Hoc committee by superintendent of Hillsdale schools.

4. Statistics and Financial Reports for April, 2021 reported.

Motion to receipt and file: Dr. Kushner
Passed unanimously

Seconded by: L. Toledo

Opening and Closing of Public Meeting: 7:36 pm-7:55

Lisa Trager of Hillsdale joined the Zoom meeting to speak about cannabis. She supports not banning the sale of cannabis in Hillsdale.

Prior Business:

1. Municipal Alliance – No update
2. COVID-19 Update- G. Behre will give the BOH an update on vaccination percentages for Hillsdale. Even with many completed vaccinations, there are still variant cases throughout New Jersey.
3. Budget – Pending adoption by the Council this evening.
4. Food License Fee Ordinance 21-02 – The ordinance was adopted. Motion-D. Ohme
Second- L. Toledo

New Business:

1. Cannabis discussion- The board discussed the “health” issues related to the use and sale of cannabis in Hillsdale. Members were advised to do further research and E. Meyerson will speak with the BOH as we consider a special meeting later in May. We also wanted the feedback of the members not present.

Other Business: None

Motion to adjourn: D. Ohme

Seconded by: L. Toledo

Meeting adjourned: 8:21

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Hausmann
Board of Health Secretary

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Since the May 4 meeting, it was determined to hold a Special Meeting:
May 26, 2021 7:00 pm

Next Monthly Meeting: Tuesday June 15, 2021 7:00 pm