

# Hillsdale Board of Health

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Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Hillsdale Board of Health  
October 6, 2015

## **President Opens Meeting:**

This is a regular meeting of the Hillsdale Board of Health. By resolution adopted on December 2, 2014, 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:** Barbara Ann DeCaro, President, Dr. Susan Kushner, Vice President, Elaine Meyerson, James Stephens, Christina Fanelli, RN, Chrisoula Looes - Council Liaison

**Employees:** Angela Musella, Health Officer, NWBRHC, Erica Abbruzzee, Health Educator NWBRHC, Marguerite Deppert, RN, Lois Kohan, RN, Denise Kohan, Secretary/Registrar

Absent: Louisa Toledo, RN

Guests: James Irwin

**Approval of Minutes:** Regular Meeting September 8, 2015

**Motion to receipt and file:** Christina Fanelli, RN

**Seconded by:** James Stephens

## **September Correspondence:**

1. To Community Life and Pascack Press with press release for free walk-in health program.
2. To Community Life and Pascack Press with press release for the Flu Clinic.
3. Press Release for the Rabies Clinic November 10, 2015
4. Call confirming November 10, 2015 date with Dr. Fisher

**Motion to receipt and file:** James Stephens

**Seconded by:** Christina Fanelli, RN

## **Health Officer and Employee Reports:**

These reports include Health Officer's activities, Vital Statistics, monthly financial receipts and Public Health Nurse Reports.

## **Discussion:**

Angela introduced their new Health Educator, Erica Abbruzzee. Erica came from Montclair Health Department and had replaced Angela. Erica handed out a flyer of some of the health education services that she offers. She will look into the possibility of receiving CEU's for these services and if there are any others ideas that the Board would like to see to please reach out to her. Barbara DeCaro said she would like to see more programs that involve being Stigma Free. Marguerite Deppert said that while she was at Pascack Valley High School she was asked if there were any programs that can be offered at the high school level. Care One is only one option. Christina Fanelli said she has a contact for Marguerite and she will email her the information.

Angela also reported that the Northwest Bergen website has been updated and hoped everyone will take a look. Angela was able to get the Paterson Health Department to come out and do lead testing and analysis for no cost. Money has been budgeted for this – but as of now she is able to get this for free, but feels that its best to keep this in the budget as this may not always be the case.

Denise gave her monthly reports. She reported that the Senior Van is still out of service, but that the town is using borough vehicles to transport residents. Although it's not ideal at least it's something. It looks as though the town is working on an agreement for using a bus from Westwood on Fridays when it is not in use with their town.

Marguerite gave her reports and noted that a Mental First Aid Training Course is to be scheduled sometime in November/December.

Lois reported that Hillsdale Helping Hillsdale will be taking over the coat drive. This will be held in Nov and December and will benefit those residents in the area. Westwood will be assisting as well and will be giving us a room to use at their Community Center for the coats.

**Motion to receipt and file:** James Stephens

**Seconded by:** Rona Weinberg

**Opening of Public Meeting:** 8:38 pm Board of Health President Barbara DeCaro opened the Public Meeting.

James Irwin of Hackensack, NJ spoke to the Board to ask for their support to raise the smoking age to 21. Barbara DeCaro responded that it seems that the Mayor and Council are on board with this change and should be voting on this at the October 13, 2015 meeting. Mr. Irwin wanted that the board for their support as this is something that he is trying to do throughout the state of NJ. This has hit his family quite hard with several members dying from cancer from smoking. Mr. Irwin is also working with GASP – Groups against Smoking Pollution to have smoke free parks.

**Closing of Public Meeting:** 8:55 pm board of Health President Barbara DeCaro closed the Public Meeting.

**Prior Business:**

1. Adult Fitness Grant – no update
2. Salary Ordinance – this will need to be done for January 2016
3. Fees for Board of Health – the Board has decided that there will be no changes as of now.
4. Babysitting Clinic – There is no schedule for this at this time.
5. New programs for seniors – no update
6. J&J – Christina Fanelli reported that they were supposed to meet with Kevin Brentnall, the Superintendent but he has cancelled. They are hoping to reschedule as soon as possible as the grant has to be ready by November 1, 2015. They have a webinar scheduled for tomorrow and a phone conference with the J&J Reps.
7. Stigma Free – Elaine handed out the new flyers, bookmarks and bracelets. They have been distributed to all the public schools. Lois asked if they went to St. John's and Elaine had said no and will find out why not and if they have enough materials to hand out to any of the non-public schools in the four towns.

**New Business:**

1. Rabies Clinic Date – set for November 10, 2015

Barbara DeCaro will look into why the town is being charged certain for emergency calls through Tyco. For example a raccoon was taken out of a home and the town is getting charged for this and the charge should be to the homeowner.

**Vouchers:** none

**Motion to receipt and file:**

**Seconded by:**

**Motion to adjourn:** Elaine Meyerson

**Seconded by:** Dr. Susan Kushner

**Meeting adjourned:** 9:16 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Denise Kohan  
Board Secretary