

Hillsdale Board of Health
380 Hillsdale Avenue, Hillsdale, NJ 07642
201-666-4800
www.Hillsdalenj.org

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
January 6, 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; Diane Ohme, RN; Chris Looes; Louisa Toledo, RN; Dr. Kushner; John Klein; Beatriz Wawra, Gina Behre, REHS; Marguerite Deppert, RN; Lois Kohan, RN.; Janetta Trochimiuck, Councilwoman.

Absent: Janetta Trochimiuck, Councilwoman

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

Call for Additional Agenda items: Orientation

Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting December 6, 2020

Motion to receipt and file: J. Klein

Seconded by: D. Ohme

Correspondence: None

President's Report: The board welcomed new member Beatriz Wawra and introduced themselves. E. Meyerson thanked the staff for all their hard work during this challenging time and especially our two nurses who are meeting the needs of our community, Marguerite Deppert and Lois Kohan. E. Meyerson participated in Hillsdale's Reorganization meeting on January 5 and she took the opportunity to thank the Mayor and Council for their support of our health department and the need for additional resources to meet the needs of our community.

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. Gina Behre, Health Officer, gave her report for , 2020
 - Continued to participate in NJDOH daily calls, 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 Planning update. NWBRHC was approved to be a distribution site.
 - Advised of school related COVID-19 exposure investigations, monitor cases and provide guidance on closures. Most investigations conducted by Hillsdale's nurse.
 - Provided guidance to school districts on the updated NJDOH COVID-19 Public Health guidelines recommended for Local Health Departments for K-12 Schools.
 - Public Health Nurse and staff continue to monitor CDRSS/CommCare for case investigation and contact tracing.
 - NWBRHC was awarded a grant for Strengthening Local Health Capacity. This will allow NWBRHC to hire 1 or 2 more professionals to participate in vulnerable population outreach.
2. M. Deppert gave her report for December 2020
- No cases of childhood lead poisoning reported.
 - Child Health Conference cancelled.
 - 134 cases of COVID-19 reported in December.
 - Met with NWBRHC Health Officer and staff to discuss COVID-19 vaccine planning 12/8.
 - Meeting on 12/10 with PVRHS superintendent and NWBRHC Health Officer/staff to discuss school reopening.
 - Meeting with representatives from Pfizer and NJDOH on 12/17 to review vaccine distribution details and storage and handling requirements.
 - Meeting with Hillsdale OEM, PD, Borough Administrator, and NWBRHC on 12/21 to review vaccine updates and develop a vaccination plan for Hillsdale residents.
 - NJ Immunization Information System (NJIIS) meeting on 12/21 regarding data entry requirements involved in COVID-19 vaccine administration.
 - Bi-weekly meetings with communicable disease case investigators in Bergen County. Hosted by NJDOH northeast regional epidemiologist.
 - COVID-19 conference call with NJDOH Office of Local Public Health every Monday through Thursday.
 - Weekly NJDOH webinar regarding COVID-19 reporting database, CommCare.
 - Completed NJ Immunization Information System (NJIIS) COVID-19 vaccine provider training webinar on 12/10.
 - 2021 BOH budget proposal was prepared and submitted on 12/29. No changes except for salary increases which are part of the collective bargaining agreement increases. The other increase was for M. Deppert's hours/service due to COVID-19 and contractual services.
3. Lois Kohan gave her report for December 2020
- 2 Exercise classes at Hillsdale House in October and November.
 - Webinar on 12/08/2020
 - Meeting with the welfare director on 12/23/2020
 - Weekly phone calls or outdoor visits to clients to check on their well-being.
 - Meeting with Shoprite dietician 12/23/2020
 - Referral made to OEM on 12/31/2020

4. Statistics and Financial Reports for December 2020

Motion to receipt and file: Dr. Kushner
Passed Unanimously

Seconded by: L Toledo

Opening and Closing of Public Meeting: 8:18

No one from the public joined on the remote call.

Prior Business:

1. Municipal Alliance – C. Looes had a meeting with Christine Hill on December 8th and she explained the finances and forms and the direction of the county and state.
2. COVID-19 Update-
 - Indoor sports started January 4th.
 - The increase in cases in Hillsdale was with middle-aged adults, however in the last week of Dec. we saw an increase in late teens and early 20's due to parties.
 - When they are able, as a provider NWBRHC will be able to set up vaccination clinics similar to a flu clinic. They are actively working on a plan with our nurse Deppert and OEM on how to proceed when they are able to provide vaccinations. The logistics are very complicated with the number of staff and resources that would be needed. They are hoping more medical providers will have the ability to give out the vaccine, which would help with the amount of people needing to be vaccinated.
 - G. Behre has been inquiring with the state and county about health care professionals who are willing to volunteer their time at a vaccination clinic. She has not been able to get definitive information nor receive any guidance regarding vetting or insurance.
 - The county is not getting any additional funding for the vaccine.
 - Many people including some health care workers are apprehensive about getting the vaccine due to side effects and how quickly the vaccine was developed.
3. 2021 Meeting Calendar – approved during Reorganization Meeting.
4. Budget 2021- reported by M. Deppert, it was sent into the town.
5. Food License Fee Ordinance- G. Behre will see if other towns have a similar ordinance and advise how change Hillsdale's. Gina will also forward information regarding a grease trap ordinance.

New Business:

1. E. Meyerson explained that the NWBRHC annual contract was approved during the Reorganization Meeting. The borough administrator asked that the BOH only approve a one-year contract at this time due to the 7% increase at an annual cost of \$60,000.
2. Approve contract with NWBRHC for Vaccine For Children (VFC) program- Last year we established an additional contract with NWBRHC for the children's vaccine program. NWBRHC will reimburse Hillsdale \$1,400 a year for M. Deppert's time spent working on the program.
Motion: L. Toledo Second: J. Klein Passed

3. Vaccine distribution community education- will discuss further at the next meeting.

Other Business: None

Motion to adjourn: J. Klein

Seconded by: B. Wawra

Meeting adjourned: 9 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Hausmann

Board of Health Secretary

If you are unable to attend this meeting please advise by calling 201-666-4800, ext. 1525

Or e-mail jhausmann@hillsdalenj.org

Next Meeting: Tuesday February 2, 2021 7pm