

Hillsdale Board of Health

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Minutes for Regular Meeting
Hillsdale Board of Health
Tuesday November 9, 2021

President Opens 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. On June 27 an ad was run in the Ridgewood news advising the public that meetings will stay remote via Zoom until further notice.

Secretary Calls the Roll: Called to order 7:04PM

Present: Elaine Meyerson, Diane Ohme, Dr. Susan Kushner, Louisa Toledo 7:18, Chris Looes, John Klein, Angela Muscella for Gina Behre, Lois Kohan, Marguerite Deppert, Wendi Seelin

Absent: Beatriz Wawra, Janetta Trochimiuk

Call for Additional Agenda items: Personnel

Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting October 5, 2021

Motion to receipt and file: John Klein **Seconded by:** Dr. Susan Kushner
Passed Unanimously

President's Message / Report: Nothing unusual happening this past month, Elaine wished all a Happy healthy Thanksgiving and Holidays going forward

Correspondence

10/19/2021 Dept of Environmental Protection: suspected hazardous substance discharge Notification NJDEP case # 21-10-18-1054-37

Health Officer and Employee Reports:

- Health Officers Activities – Angela Muscella filling in for Gina
- Continue to monitor COVID-19 cases and provided guidance to schools re: COVID-19 exposures, outbreaks, investigations, closures.
- Prepared for upcoming temporary mobile events in Hillsdale, including staff meetings for Rabies Clinic.
- Preparing for COVID-19 vaccine clinics for third dose, booster vaccines
- Planning in progress for the Hillsdale rabies clinic 11/3/21. Met with Denise and Wendi to discuss logistics of the new location- Stonybrook Swim Club.

- Attended NJDOH teams meeting with the Commissioner of Health to discuss vaccine for the 5-11-year-old population.
- 1 Temp food permit issued Empanada lady
- 23 Inspections 2 conditional and now satisfactory
- 2 plan reviews for new or renovated restaurants, 1 approved and one not
- Safe food classes to start in person in January in the planning stage
- Christine, health educator conducted a virtual babysitting course on 10/9/21 had 6 attendees, Christine also gave information out on current Covid-19 protocols and Halloween safety guidance
- NW had a booster clinic set up but had to cancel, does not look like they will be doing clinics, there is a company that is doing it, NW shying away from doing that younger population

Nurse's Report: Marquerite Deppert

- October CHC held on 10/27, 9 children attended
- COVID-19 vaccine provider enrollment application submitted to VFC Program on 10/28 Hillsdale can get smaller amounts of vaccine due to lack of storage, the Covid-19 vaccine for ages 5-11 population can be kept for 10 weeks. Hillsdale BOH Public health Nurse has been approved as a Covid-19 vaccinator for the VFC population, but still opening up the allocation and phases of the program.
- 35 cases of COVID-19 reported, a decreased - 2 cases of Lyme Disease
- 1 PPD administered on 10/19 - 2 PPDs administered on 10/25 - Home visit made to administer flu shot to homebound resident on 10/20 - Referral made for resident in need of prenatal care on 10/22
- Bi-weekly meeting with communicable disease case investigators in Bergen County. Hosted by NJDOH northeast regional epidemiologist on 10/14
- Attended monthly Access for All committee meeting on 10/19
- NJDOH meeting regarding COVID-19 booster dose authorization updates on 10/22
- COVID-19 stakeholder briefing with Commissioner Persichilli on 10/26 to review strategies for vaccinating 5–11-year-olds.
- 2022 Budget preparation meeting 10/26 received budget sheet and budget for 0 percent increase
- Flu clinic for seniors held at Borough Hall on 10/1

Nurse's Report: Lois Kohan

- 5 exercise/yoga classes at the Hilldale House- well attended
- 2 Music therapy programs at the Hillsdale House – well attended
- Ongoing visits or calls to clients
- Distribution of visa gift cards from Hillsdale Helping Hillsdale to 60 residents affected by flooding.
- Referrals made to the veteran's Home for an elderly person to get into Veteran's Home
- 10/20/21 meeting with the welfare director and chairperson of the local assistance board to our needy families during the holidays.

Secretary's Report:

- **Financial:** October
- Total Collected 565.00 CHC fees: 105, Food Licensing: 300.00
- **Pet Licensing-** October 1 Dog Licensed
- Elaine said we should have an Ordinance stating that any new business that come in after September 1 would be charged half yearly the fee. Wendi will check and confirm.

Motion to receipt and file: Chris Looes

Seconded by: Dr. Susan Kushner

Motion to File: Passed Unanimously

Opening and Closing of Public Meeting:

Opened meeting to public @ 7:40 PM

Closed meeting to public @ 7:41 PM no attendance

Prior Business:

1. Municipal Alliance-
 - Contract for 2022 will be signed by the Chairperson.
 - Marguerite, Hillsdale Coordinator, is working on getting the paperwork together.
 - Coalition is holding Fall program the Black Poster Project, a powerful Exhibit of Lives Lost to addiction,
2. COVID-19 Update-remove as a category
3. 2022 CHC Contracts- All contracts went out one back from Demarest so far.
4. Cottage Law update-Wendi read Zoning Officer letter regarding his position on the Cottage law. Final passage will determine how it is done in Hillsdale. Effective October 6, 2021, send back to Zoning or township attorney for review, we need to be proactive if someone wants a Cottage license. Follow-up with Chris Teitjen and see what he recommends. Wendi will go back to Zoning and inquire about what to do.

New Business:

1. Pet Licensing for 2022 to start 11/15/21. We had the clinic; 70 pets came through attendance was light, we had a slow start on advertising due to some glitches. The drive though clinic worked well residents happy, took notes to change to 1 ½ hrs. Need to review changes for next year, issues with swim team club and traffic. We have worked hard to get the letters out and we did test one license to see how it works.
2. Wendi only works 15 hours now.
3. BOH calendar 2022 – discuss meeting day of week to change. We need to change the date for the next meeting year, supposed to start in person in January. Wendi sent an email to the BOH about the days that are available. Wendi Suggested the Library and will ask Dave if it is available.
4. Red Ribbon Poster Contest- Board reviewed all the submissions and chose winners for grades K-4 at Meadowbrook and Grades 1-4 @ Smith School

5. Hillsdale House Plaque- Showed the board a picture of a plaque that the Hillsdale House put up in Lois' honor for her work with the seniors there.
6. Skin Cancer Screening Clinic- Put on agenda due to calls for skin cancer screening. Put on summer calendar. Usually reach out to office manger in January and February. If things with the pandemic are good can do it again in town or Stonybrook. Consider May or June. It's not a full exam. May have a larger group due to not having for a couple of years.

Other Business: Personnel/Staff Evaluations:

- Elaine will be completing evaluations of staff.
- Dr. Kushner encouraged all to get their booster shot.
- Appointments are available- some parents are concerned about age but it is still encouraged to get the Booster shot. Intervals between shots have stayed the same
- Is there gauging of the antibody test? There was a study. High antibodies are only one component of the immune's response. It is still recommended to get the shots. It's a third dose. You can get any brand you want.

Motion to adjourn: Louisa Toledo

Seconded by: Dr. Susan Kushner

Meeting adjourned: 8:47 PM

Passed Unanimously

Respectfully submitted:

Wendi Seelin
Board Secretary

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