

Hillsdale Board of Health

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Minutes for Regular Meeting
Hillsdale Board of Health
Tuesday October 5, 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 7:06 PM

Present: Elaine Meyerson, Dr. Susan Kushner, Louisa Toledo, Chris Looes, Beatriz Wawra
7:33PM, Gina Behr, Marguerite Deppert, Lois Kohan, Wendi Seelin

Absent: Diane Ohme, John Klein, Janetta Trochimiuk

Call for Additional Agenda items: No additional Items

Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting September 9, 2021

Louisa Toledo, Dr. Susan Kushner, Elaine Meyerson, Chris Looes

Motion to receipt: Dr. Kushner

Seconded by: Chris Looes

Passed unanimously.

President's Message / Report: Happy to be back hope all had an enjoyable summer. President and Vice President met with our Hillsdale Nurses for a casual meeting to catch up and update. Things have been quiet but starting to move again. Secretary and I have been working on the yearly calendar schedule going forward.

Correspondence:

NONE

Health Officer and Employee Reports:

Health Officers Activities-

Gina Report:

- Northwest public health nurse did a zoom with all the school nurses on the current updated guidelines and outbreaks. 26 individuals came to webinar. More webinars will be conducted.
- Today's positive PCR numbers were 1255, seems like NJ is in a decline, hospitalizations are up just a little bit, but rate of transmission has been going down. Still trying to get out the message that we are trying to minimize the spread in school. How does it work with

the home test? The home test does not count in the official count. Only Dr./ medical facility testing is reported.

- Inspections in Hillsdale have continued, Gary is diligently working on all of the restaurants.
- NJ Home Baker's Cottage law has been passed and will operate through the State of NJ. A Cottage Food Operator is anyone who holds a Cottage Food Operator permit. They have to apply to the NJ Dept. of Health, pay the \$100 fee which is good for a 2-year license. You can use your own kitchen and follow the requirements of the law. Does Hillsdale have a law? If there are no zoning laws, the operator can proceed forward but will need to take food handler's course. Bakers may be subject to inspections.
- There were a few complaints for September listed in the report, all were handled appropriately.
- Three restaurants/delis were inspected. The new inspector is working with the delis to comply with the codes. Wearing clean gloves and having an opportunity for handwashing are some of the requirements.
- Discussion about chickens on home properties. Borough ordinance states that a chicken coup has to be 150 feet from all borders of the property. A denial report would say that the property didn't comply.

Marquerite Deppert Nurse Report:

- Had CHC in September only 4 children.
- No lead poisoning, Covid cases are down in September. A couple of reported vectors borne diseases.
- Attended regular meeting with the state Tuesday and every other Thursday and Regional Epidemiologist meeting every other Thursday.
- Met with the superintendent, principals and administrators and nurses to go over the new guidelines. Superintendent requested the meeting for guidance on travel. It was a very productive meeting because we reviewed the old and new minor changes in guidelines.
- The regular monthly Access for All meetings resumed in September. They are trying to put together Halloween event for kids, but there was not enough time to plan.
- BOH had the employee flu clinic; Walgreens came in for Borough employees and family members, we had 28 members attend.
- With regard to the schools the guidance has not changed significantly, the biggest change is that 6 feet is no longer required in the class room setting. As long as they are a minimum of 3 feet away and masked you are exempt from close contact definition which now has been expanded to the outdoors. Students are not required to wear masks when eating and outside.
- Nurse hours are increasing again, but not as much as last year because the contact tracers do the vast majority of tracing calls.
- How bad have the cases been in the school? We started off with cases in the beginning of school due to extracurricular activities starting again, so there is an increase. It's a fluid situation, as things are open and parents want the kids in school and doing activities. Sports is a huge issue due to close contacts and people won't share contacts.
- Nurse stated the infection period is 48 hours prior to symptom onset. Finding more and more cases that technically can't document exposure in the 48-hour period.
- Do we know what percent of middle school and high school is vaccinated? What percentage of teachers are vaccinated? The numbers for each school are unknown. Hillsdale United Nursery has 100% vaccinated staff. The majority are vaccinated. If they are not, they test every week.

Lois Kohan Nurse report:

- Thank you to NW and Hillsdale Nurse for the tremendous job you are doing in this very fluid situation.
- NWBRHC came and did an inspection of the food pantry; he did not find any issues and he made suggestions to help make things safer.
- Had weekly exercise classes at Hillsdale House
- 2 music therapy programs, the residents love it and hope to can get another grant.
- Chair yoga 1 X per month gets great attendance 20 people.
- Distributed about a dozen donated pray shawls and the elderly are really appreciative.
- There were a couple of referrals to the Good Day program. One referral to a Hillsdale home improvement program
- Consulted with the OEM staff through the food pantry for people affected by Hurricane Ida. 60 deliveries with 100 ShopRite and 100 Domani's cards were made and volunteers were able to speak with the people who reported other needs. Many come to the pantry for cleaning and paper products too.
- Are there programs with Alex Fox from NW that Lois can work with? She is getting acclimated to NW and the program. Next step she'll be going out into the community to meet with various organization, NW will connect Lois to Alex.

Secretary's Report:

- **Financial:** September
- Total collected: \$468.00 inc. CHC: fees \$210; Septic Abatement: \$25
- 6 dogs licensed.

Motion to receipt and file: Louisa Toledo **Seconded by:** Dr. Kushner

Motion to File: Passed

Opening and Closing of Public Meeting:

Open 8:04 No one present. Closed 8:05

Prior Business:

Municipal Alliance- No changes to Municipal Alliance no meetings over the summer
COVID-19 Update- No updates outside of Nurse Reports

New Business:

Rabies Clinic Scheduled with Dr. Fisher for November 3, 2021 6-8 PM to be held at Stonybrook Swim Club Parking Lot.

- Volunteers will be needed to run the event.
- Will it be a drive up or walk up? Secretary will find out.
- Tyco will be contacted with regards to animal control and syringes.
- DPW will set up the lot. NW brings the vaccine and will bring 2-3 employees.
- Will speak with Borough Clerk with regards to licensing at the same time as Rabies clinic. Distancing is needed for the dogs Tyco can check out the layout and make recommendations. We will ask attendees when interacting with the staff please wear a mask.
- Gina asked if we have a CERT team, which we do not. Secretary will speak to the chief or captain for traffic assistance for the rabies clinic.

CHC Contracts - Secretary will review and prepare letters to go out by November. One unpaid town in 2021 and their letter will reflect that they owe payment for both years.

Other Business: Next meeting Tuesday November 9, 2021
Calendar - Working on a yearly calendar of events.

Motion to adjourn: Chris Looes
Passed unanimously.

Seconded by: Dr. Kushner

Meeting adjourned: 8:16 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Wendi Seelin
Board Secretary

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