

# **Hillsdale Board of Health**

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Minutes for Regular Meeting  
Hillsdale Board of Health  
Thursday September 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 11, 2021 a notice of IN PERSON meetings resuming was advertised in the Ridgewood News, and posted on the electronic bulletin Board and on the bulletin board in Borough Hall Lobby.

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

## **Secretary Calls the Roll: Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM**

PRESENT: Diane Ohme, Dr. Susan Kushner, Louisa Toledo, Chris Looes, John Klein, Beatriz Wawra, Angela Muscella- for Gina Behre, Margarite Deppert, Lois Kohan 7:45, Wendi Seelin  
ABSENT: Elaine Meyerson, Janetta Trochimiuk

**Call for Additional Agenda items:** Diane Ohme asked for additional items: Update on Hillsdale schools and student protocols

**Approval of Minutes:** Regular Meeting June 15, 2021

**Motion to receipt and file:** Chris Looes      **Seconded by:** Beatriz Wawra

**President's Message / Report:** Diane Ohme wished all those celebrating to have a wonderful pleasant holiday. Requested a moment of silence to remember the victims of 9/11 as well as the 13 service members lost in Afghanistan. It has been a wet summer and hope all were safe and healthy during the storm.

## **Correspondence:**

Letters from State of NJ Dept of Environmental Protections 6/17/21; 7/27/21; 8/3/21 See Health Officers reports.

**Motion to receipt and file:** Chris Looes      **Seconded by:** Louisa Toledo

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

Health Officers Activities- June, July, August attached-reviewed June, July, August  
Angela Muscella filled in for Gina: She did a highlight review of the June, July, & August reports.

- Gina continues to have a weekly call with Bergen County and the State.
- New health inspector full time Gary Dorsi, works closely with the Hillsdale team.

- Review of complaints from June July August all itemized in reports sent out to board. Angela brought up the Shoprite complaint. Wendi advised the board that this issue was resolved with a full deodorization of the dumpsters and the area.
- July: NWBRHC has hired a new part time health educator Christine Dempsey. She will be sending out information regarding upcoming programs and will assist as needed. Alexandra Fox was hired to work under a grant for vulnerable populations. Diane asked how do you contact Alexandra, she is listed through the department of health and is notified of any vulnerable persons needing assistance.
- Dr. Kushner- any effects of the flooding by Kings. Did not get any calls. Dr. Kushner stated Parking lot was filled with water.
- August: Getting calls from schools about masking, Superintendents wanting to know what guidance will be. Stagnant pool complaint. Resolved. Inspection conducted about breeding sources for mosquitos in pond on Queen Court. Bergen County Mosquito to take a look and confirm that mosquitos are not breeding.
- No animal bites over the summer.
- 1 Septic system abandonment. Must be done in a special way and inspector makes sure it is done to meet the code.
- 4 DEP Notices
- Stonybrook Bacteriologic testing done.

Nurse's reports June, July, August attached- reviewed June, July, August:

Marguerite:

- Ran the CHC over 3 summer months
- Child lead poisoning, no cases reported.
- State switched to new data and surveillance system; training completed.
- Covid cases have increased. Significant uptick in children being affected. 70 cases and over 30 were children some labs sending out for Gnome seq. But hard to get the information. Do we know if the cases are vaccinated or unvaccinated? Many cases with people who are vaccinated, but hospitalizations are up for non-vax.
- 1 case of Vaccinated person who was hospitalized but no knowledge of underlying conditions.
- Attended regular meetings, June OEM Hillsdale to discuss response to covid and improvements or changes.
- 8/30 met with School nurses to update protocols.
- New school nurse at Smith and Meadowbrook only started last November. Positive feedback.
- Access to All meeting in June, no meeting over the summer.
- Participated in school guidance webinar from CDC. Is Hillsdale going back full-time or Hybrid. Marguerite said students full-time in school.

Lois Kohan:

- Discussion on video on FB doing Chair Yoga, new program for seniors at Hillsdale House, promotes socialization, exercise.
- Exercise classes are continuing at Hillsdale house, outside unless weather bad moved inside with masking etc.
- Check on many clients well being
- Music therapy is continuing at Hillsdale House.
- We have a pray shawl ministry, they knit robes and blankets. Donated beautiful blankets to homebound clients.
- Follow-up on a police referral. Many referrals after the storm. There are 60 family by Kings and Walgreens that are receiving assistance from the Food pantry. The Food Pantry thanks to general donations the Board of directors has decided to give each household a ShopRite and Domani restaurant gift cards. We are encouraging them to come to the pantry to get items to help with clean up. Have been very blessed to receive donations to help our families. John asked if a call for donations for food pantry can go out. Lois said money is what is needed.

**Vital Statistics-** Wendi Report June July August attached-review June, July, August  
June: 1 wedding, 3 F Deaths 1 Male, July: 2 Female, 1 Male August: we had 4 Males

**Financial:** Report Attached- Wendi reviewed June, July, August  
CHC: June: 0, July: \$1720.00, August \$105.00

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

**Opening and Closing of Public Meeting:**

Opened 7:58 closed 7:59

No One Present

**Prior Business:**

1. Municipal Alliance- No updates to prior business.
2. COVID-19 Update- Marguerite said the schools are open and full-time, except for preschool and private schools. There's discussion about in-school testing for students and teachers that are unvaccinated. They have all set up their own system to handle the mandated rules, unvaccinated tested minimal 1 x per week. Changes were minimal, change of close contact definition in class setting. Concern about fully vaccinated people not being required to quarantine if exposed. Screening programs would need all children's parents' permission, very time consuming. All kids wear masks as mandated by State of NJ.  
Angela added keeping eye on booster dose for immune compromised and over 65 population. Question raised about booster dose, if you're immune compromised but less than 8 months from initial vaccination, should you still pursue getting a booster dose. Marguerite stated that if you are immune compromised your booster should be at least 28 days from last shot. Using same roll out as before doing people who are eligible now. NJ DOH contacted Marguerite to offer Pfizer vaccine to VFC patients.

**New Business**

Rabies Clinic Scheduled with Dr. Fisher for November 3, 2021 6-8 PM @ DPW by Appointment. Volunteers will be needed to run the event. (Change of venue in progress due to flooding and damage at DPW) Will advise of new space for clinic when confirmation of location from Denise Kohan, possible drive thru.

Employee Flu Clinic September 28, 2021- Email going out to all Borough employees and family members. Marguerite asked if all departments would be included and Wendi stated she would check. Diane asked if it included the BOH. Includes all staff with Borough emails. Wendi will check with Denise on departments that are included. Walgreens to administer and accepts employee's insurance. Email being sent respond to me and paperwork will be sent that will be needed for Flu Clinic.

**Other Business:** Dr. Kushner asked about Covid in the lunchroom & the schools: Marguerite stated that the guidance that schools should be prioritizing physical distancing to the maximum possible in high-risk situations like meal time. Guidance states to be masked and distanced. Diane Ohme asked about Middle School sports: All sports are happening in the schools. Website for BOH is completely updated. All information being updated as received.

**Motion to adjourn:** Chris Looes

**Seconded by:** Louisa Toledo

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Wendi Seelin  
Board Secretary

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**Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 5, 2021**