

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES

HEALTH COMMISSION MINUTES

December 1, 2020

Meeting held via Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:35p.m. by Ms. O'Leary.

2. ROLL CALL

Commission members Mr. Kevin Duvall, Dr. Barbara Girz, Dr. Stephen Leviss, Ms. MJ O'Leary, Ms. Deb Shertzer and Ms. Kelly Walsh were in attendance, as well as Health Officer Mike Fitzpatrick, Board of Health Secretary Cara Fox and Council Liaison Janet Horst. Commission Member Dr. Salari was absent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson O'Leary opened the meeting for public comment. There were no members of the public present who wished to speak.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Dr. Leviss, second by Dr. Girz, to approve the Health Commission meeting minutes from September 14, 2020.

5. BOROUGH UPDATE

Ms. Fox reported 7 employees and 2 residents attended the flu clinic held on October 29th. Ms. Fox advised the Borough Rabies Clinic will be held on Saturday, December 12th from 9-10am.

6. HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

Mr. Fitzpatrick reviewed his reports from September through November 2020. He gave an update on how the Health Department is handling the Covid-19 Pandemic. The Commission asked questions to Mr. Fitzpatrick and he answered them.

7. COMMISSION DISCUSSION

The Commission determined that the 2021 meetings will be held at 5:30pm on 1/26/21, 5/4/21, 9/14/21 and 12/7/21.

The following commission members appointment terms end on 12/31/20: Mr. Duvall, Ms. O'Leary, Dr. Salari, and Ms. Walsh. Commission member O'Leary is willing to continue serving on the commission and be reappointed. Ms. Walsh will not be seeking reappointment. Ms. O'Leary will reach out to Mr. Duvall and Dr. Salari to determine if they are seeking reappointment. Ms. Fox will advertise the open position(s) via the email blast.

Ms. O'Leary gave an update on the status of the Stigma-Free Initiative and advised that the subcommittee is looking into creating a task force to spread awareness that would include leaders of Borough organizations. Ms. O'Leary also advised that the subcommittee has put a hold on creating postcards to distribute to Borough organizations due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Dr. Girz, second by Dr. Leviss, to adjourn the meeting at 6:13p.m. with all members in favor signifying by "Aye".



Cara Fox
Board of Health Secretary

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Health Officer's Report

September 2020

The purpose of this monthly Summary is to provide information regarding the activities of the staff during the past month. Inspection reports for environmental reviewed and submitted.

Planning for concerns related to exposure for opening of businesses, municipalities and schools which have multiple changes per week.

Coordinated with Health Officers in Essex County and NJDOH staff to develop a cohesive understanding related to school openings.

The Nursing Department continues to complete COVID cases on COMM CARE and CDRSS with reduced cases occurring compared to just two months ago. Nurses and Inspectors as well as Social Workers and other staff have been trained on the new State COMM CARE system. Its purpose is to be prepared to efficiently contact trace and investigate if a surge occurs over the next several months as schools open.

Received our first shipment in September additional shipment expected by mid- October. Some programs scheduled for implementation in October.

Meetings attended either Zoom, in person or by conference call with NJDOH, Health Officers and Superintendents, BOH etc.

Activities

- Participated in New Jersey state Department of Health conference calls on a regular basis
- Obtain guidance from NJDOH regarding update of guidance and best practices
- Review CDC information
- Ongoing discussion on guidance protocols related to food establishments for opening. Discussion with food establishment owners regarding responsibilities and priorities pertaining to customers, sanitation and proper spacing of tables.
- Provide guidance to police, fire, EMS and Superintendents and school leadership as needed on a regular basis (safe use of building as best practice to keep employees safe from coronavirus transfer)
- Provide information to Township Administrator, Mayor and other leadership within the community
- Review most frequently asked questions with staff to answer COVID questions from the public.

- Answer ongoing questions and concerns from municipal and school leadership, and residents.
- Continued to deliver a report 3 days a week (originally daily report) with information regarding case numbers in the municipality, county and state and also, expired cases, providing guidance documents and timely information through June, with current active cases added. Currently Mt. Lakes has 0 active cases.
- Continue to discuss with leadership regarding various employment issues for returning to work within the municipality/government and schools. Time vs. testing models. NJDOH now recommends using time from onset of symptoms or a positive test for return to work (10 days) instead of re-testing with a negative test.
- Review and advise Municipal leadership, businesses and school administrators related to ongoing documents for re-opening and provided interpretive information.
- Continue standard public health inspections and complaints which are becoming more common with additional community activity.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Planning for concerns related to modifications/changes for business schools and municipal government agencies opening of businesses, municipalities and schools which have multiple changes per week.

Participated with State Department of Health, County Agencies and Health Officers in Morris County in order to best implement State guidance

The Nursing Department continues to complete COVID cases on COMM CARE and CDRSS with increasing cases occurring compared to just one months ago. Nurses and Inspectors as well as Social Workers are continuing to contact trace within the COMM CARE and CDRSS system as needed.

Flu Vaccines programs have been scheduled and implemented with ongoing implementation.

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Activities

- Participated in New Jersey state Department of Health conference calls on a regular basis
- Obtain guidance from NJDOH regarding update of guidance and best practices
- Review CDC information
- Ongoing discussion on guidance protocols related to restaurants. Ongoing complaint based discussions with food establishment owners regarding responsibilities and priorities pertaining to customers, sanitation and proper spacing of tables.
- Provide guidance to police, fire, EMS and Superintendents and school leadership as needed ongoing as needed basis (safe use of building as best practice to keep employees safe from coronavirus transfer)
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