

MONMOUTH COUNTY REGIONAL HEALTH COMMISSION NO. 1

REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, February 17, 2010 – 7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

President Roman called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. He then led the Regional Board of Health in the salute to the flag. President Roman next read the “Open Public Meeting Act Statement”.

ROLL CALL:

Birdsall & Laughlin – Barbara Birdsall, Esq.
Eatontown – Brian Charnick, Keyport – Jon Barone (arrived 7:40 pm), Little Silver – Les Mathis, Monmouth Beach – Joseph Nardone, Ocean Township – Vinnie Buttiglieri, Red Bank - Gale Soler, Shrewsbury Borough – Paul Roman, Spring Lake – Liz Finnerty, Spring Lake Heights – Pam Heine

Upon completion of the roll call, the Secretary reported that a quorum was present.

ABSENT:

Boro of Brielle, Boro of Fair Haven, Boro of Highlands, Boro of Keansburg, Boro of Rumson, Boro of Sea Bright, Boro of Sea Girt, Township of Shrewsbury, Boro of Tinton Falls, Township of Wall, Boro of West Long Branch

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sandra Van Sant – Secretary/Health Officer, Heather Frketich – Senior Administrative Assistant

POSTPONED: Presentation on” Immunizations and Healthcare in the Community”

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Les Mathis moved to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2010 Reorganization meeting, seconded by Liz Finnerty.

Vote: Unanimous

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

President Roman then completed the following Committee assignments:

Budget and Finance: Gale Soler, Chair, Maryellen Bailly, Joseph Nardone, Jon Barone and Liz Finnerty, Treasurer, ex-Officio

Personnel: Les Mathis, Chair, Brian Charnick, Jim Cocuzza

Facilities: Vinnie Buttiglieri, Chair, Jim Langenberger, Dan Drogin

Education & Nursing (ad hoc): Sandra Van Sant, Chair Jon Barone, Pam Heine

COMMUNICATIONS:

The Health Officer reported that MCRHC received a thank you letter from the Keansburg schools for providing H1N1 clinics to their community. Several other thank you e-mails have also been received from different locations.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT:

The February 2010 Health Officer's Report and the January 2010 Conferences & Meetings were previously mailed/e-mailed. The January 2010 CDRSS report from the Epidemiologist is also in tonight's package.

The schedule of Spring 2010 Free Rabies Clinics as well as detailed information on the Annual Health Blood Screening Program held at the Monmouth Mall SCAN Center

H1N1 vaccinations continue – The CDC confirms the H1N1 peak was in October 2009. It appears we are in a transition period as cases are generally declining. There have been 12,000 confirmed deaths nationwide since April 2009 with 1800 pediatric deaths (which is twice the rate that occurs with the seasonal flu in the U.S.) The Health Officer reported that MCRHC has provided approximately 10,000 H1N1 vaccines with a majority of those recipients ranging in age from 5 – 18 years old. Information on an upcoming public clinic to be held in Keansburg is in tonight's package as well as being listed on the NJDHHS website and the MCRHC website. Anyone 6 months and older may attend.

Parents should be aware that debate over the correlation between the MMR vaccine and autism brought about by a British study has been retracted. Poor study techniques cited.

Brian Charnick motioned to accept the Health Officer's report, seconded by Vinnie Buttiglieri.

Vote: Unanimous

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Liz Finnerty presented the Treasurer's report. She briefly reviewed the Statement of Accounts for period ending January 31, 2010. The 4th Quarter 2009 Vital Statistics Report is also provided.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Les Mathis motioned to approve and memorialize the hire of part-time Administrative Assistant, Courtnie Durland effective February 8, 2010 at the rate of \$12.00 per hour. She will work a 20 hour schedule Monday – Friday from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. The motion was seconded by Brian Charnick.

VOTE:

Eatontown	Yes	Red Bank	Yes
Keyport	Yes	Shrewsbury Boro	Yes
Little Silver	Yes	Spring Lake	Yes
Monmouth Beach	Yes	Spring Lake Hgts	Yes
Ocean Township	Yes		

9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain Motion carries.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Gale Soler moved to pay the February 2010 bills in the amount of \$41,972.35, seconded by Jon Barone.

VOTE:

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OLD BUSINESS:

ASHES: A January 20, 2010 communication was sent from Attorney Boglioli to Attorney Kathy Wall who is pursuing the individual debtor.

NEW BUSINESS:

2009 FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES: An instruction packet is provided in tonight's folders. All town representatives who have served on the Commission in the year 2009 are required to submit this disclosure statement. Please return 3 completed forms with original signatures to Heather Frketich or Peg Huie as soon as possible. Deadline date for filing is April 2010.

NJ STATE HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM ACT RESOLUTION: MCRHC must pass a resolution setting a minimum requirement for full-time status and SHBP eligibility. An amount of 35 hours per week is designated.

Brian Charnick motioned to adopt the 35 hour per week full-time status resolution, seconded by Les Mathis.

VOTE:

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Ocean Township	Yes		

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Roman stated that he recently held a very productive orientation meeting with new Chief Financial Officer, Stephen Gallagher. He was presented with a great deal of material to review and was briefed on our partner organizations as well as what services/areas of involvement we expect him to concentrate on. Mr. Gallagher will be introduced at the March 2010 Commission meeting and present his first update.

OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

IMPORTANT

President Roman spoke on a legislative issue re-emerging in NJ sponsored by Senators Smith and Kyrillos (formerly known as Senate Bill 458). If passed, municipalities would be arbitrarily consolidated under County Health Departments even if they have no means to provide the needed services for those jurisdictions.

A statewide survey conducted by NACCHO emphatically concluded that County Health Departments are the least cost-effective option of providing public health for municipalities, whereas Regional Health Commissions (5 active in the state) are the most cost-effective.

For some unknown reason the NJ League of Municipalities recently backed the proposed legislation, appearing to completely ignore the cost factor. In turn, the NJ Health Officers' Association sent a letter to the League protesting this stand. The NJ Local Boards of Health will also strongly oppose the legislation.

The MCRHC needs to remain vigilant and take any actions necessary to fight passage of this bill. This endeavor will require more lobbying power including assistance from our towns and their mayors. The new CFO can verify the per capita cost to provide public health services specific to the MCRHC population.

A further action plan can be determined following the information brought forth from the NJHOA meeting scheduled tomorrow, February 18, 2010 and the next NJ Local Boards of Health Association meeting to be held on February 20, 2010. Attorney Birdsall suggests an MCRHC resolution to be forwarded to the appropriate legislators and professional organizations.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm on a motion by Liz Finnerty seconded by Gale Soler.

VOTE: Unanimous

Next Meeting of the MCRHC #1 Commission will be held on Wednesday, MARCH 17, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. at the Regional's headquarters located at American Red Cross building 1540 West Park Avenue – Suite # 1, Tinton Falls, New Jersey.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Van Sant
SECRETARY