

MONMOUTH COUNTY REGIONAL HEALTH COMMISSION NO. 1

REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, May 20, 2009 – 7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice-President Brian Charnick called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. He then led the Regional Board of Health in the salute to the flag. Vice-President Charnick next read the "Open Public Meeting Act Statement".

ROLL CALL:

Stout & O'Hagan – Barbara Birdsall, Esq.
Eatontown – Brian Charnick, Keansburg – Jim Cocuzza Keyport – Jon Barone (arrived 8:10 pm), Little Silver – Les Mathis, Monmouth Beach – Joseph Nardone, Red Bank – Gale Soler, Boro of Rumson – Alix Ann Arlinghaus & Trish Sullivan, Boro of Sea Bright – Pete Lang, (arrived _____), Sea Girt – Mary Elliott, Shrewsbury Borough – Barry Berdahl (arrived 8:10 pm) , Township of Shrewsbury – Maryellen Bailly (arrived _____), Spring Lake – Liz Finnerty (arrived _____), 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, Township of Ocean, Borough of Tinton Falls, Boro of West Long Branch

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sandra Van Sant – Secretary/Health Officer, Peg Huie – Administrative Assistant, Greg Nagy, MCRHC Senior REHS, Rob Ford, Birdsall & Laughlin, LLC intern, Dan Levine, Little Silver Councilman.

FOOD SAFETY PRESENTATION: by Greg Nagy, Senior REHS, MCRHC

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Pete Lang moved to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2009 meeting, seconded by Gale Soler.

Vote: Unanimous

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Gale Soler has prepared the Closed Session minutes from 3/18/09 and 4/15/09. They were e-mailed to the Commissioners for their review.

The votes follow:

3/18/2009		4/15/2009	
Eatontown	Yes	Eatontown	Yes
Keansburg	Yes	Keansburg	Yes
Little Silver	Yes	Little Silver	Yes
Monmouth Beach	Yes	Monmouth Beach	Yes
Red Bank	Yes	Red Bank	Yes
Rumson	Yes	Rumson	Yes
Sea Bright	Yes	Sea Bright	Yes
Sea Girt	Yes	Sea Girt	Yes
Spring Lake	Yes	Spring Lake	Yes
Spring Lake Hgts	Yes	Spring Lake Hgts	Yes

ASHES:

Attorney Birdsall stated that the court motion filed by Attorney Boglioli for case dismissal and request for the defendant's recovery of fees is pending the judge's review.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Monmouth University sent a thank you letter to MCRHC for our Health Educator's participation in their annual Health Fair.

The State Health Department has sent a letter complementing the MCRHC's 2008 Annual Report. As previously mentioned at the April meeting, the Health Officer was informed that the NJDHSS plans to use our report as a template.

The Health Officer received a letter from Lorraine Kelleher, the Shrewsbury Borough Board of Health Secretary in regard to their May 12, 2009 meeting. It stated that appointments have been made due to the illness of Mr. Paul Roman.

<u>Interim Pres:</u>	Ms. Meg Levinson	<u>MCRHC Rep:</u>	Ms. Meg Levinson
<u>Vice-Pres:</u>	Mr. Barry Berdahl	<u>MCRHC Alt:</u>	Mr. Barry Berdahl

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT:

The May 2009 Health Officer's Report and the April 2009 Conferences & Meetings were previously e-mailed/mailed. The April 2009 CDRSS report from the Epidemiologist is in tonight's package. The Health Officer and Epidemiologist staff have been extremely busy during this past month with the H1N1 Influenza protocol and monitoring. Cases have been confirmed in 48 states, with 8 deaths, 18 cases in NJ with 1 confirmed in Monmouth County. NJ decided early on that only hospitalized cases or cases of those in non-household clusters would be reportable. Each state handles their testing of H1N1 Influenza cases differently. The majority of flu cases have been mild, with a nationwide average age of ill persons being 19 years of age.

(N95, N100) fit testing of the MCRHC REHS Staff, Epidemiologist and Health Educator was recently performed by VNA as part of our respiratory protection plan.

The Health Officer announced that as of 7/1/09, the City of Long Branch may no longer be a participating member of the Monmouth Public Health Consortium. This is due to cuts in their budget. Grant monies being applied for from the NJHOA, if received, could cover their fee through the end of 2009.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's report was presented by Pete Lang. He briefly reviewed the Statement of Accounts for period ending April 30, 2009. Transfers in the amounts of \$45,000 and \$40,000 will be made from the savings fund to the operating fund as per the 2009 budget requirements.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Sandra Muller, REHS will again monitor the weekend/holiday Wreck Pond Rain Provisional Beach Closings from May 23, 2009 through September 20, 2009 for the towns of Sea Girt and Spring Lake. The stipend remains at \$3,000.00. A brief discussion followed regarding the future need for this position. The State DEP is interested in gathering more data (at least for this season) and may decide to discontinue this requirement for certain beaches or handle it to some degree through "advisories."

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Gale Soler moved to pay the May 2009 bills in the amount of \$34,775.85, seconded by Jon Barone.

FINANCE COMMITTEE (continued):

VOTE:

Eatontown	Yes	Rumson	Yes
Keansburg	Yes	Sea Bright	Yes
Keyport	Yes	Sea Girt	Yes
Little Silver	Yes	Shrewsbury Borough	Yes
Monmouth Beach	Yes	Shrewsbury Twp	Yes
Red Bank	Yes	Spring Lake	Yes
		Spring Lake Heights	Yes

OLD BUSINESS:

NACCHO Fellowship Update: The Health Officer is scheduled to attend the last conference of her "Survive and Thrive" fellowship program for new Health Officials being held July 27 -29, 2009 in Orlando, Florida. This happens to coincide with the NACCHO annual conference for which she will stay an additional day.

AMERICAN RED CROSS LEASE: No report.

RED BANK: Pete Lang motioned to enter Closed Session at _____ to discuss the Red Bank contract, seconded by Gale Soler.

Vote: Unanimous

Les Mathis motioned to exit Closed Session at 8:45 pm, seconded by Jim Cocuzza.

AN ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATION: MCRHC received a letter from the Township of Wall requesting a quote for public health services based on the workload numbers they provided. Pete Lang suggested the Commission authorize the Health Officer and a small Committee of at least two other members to meet, discuss, and formulate numbers for a quote to be presented to Wall Township. The Commission was in full consensus. Gale Soler, Jon Barone and Vice-President Charnick volunteered to comprise the Committee to assist the Health Officer with a response to Wall Township.

BRIELLE REP: Attorney Birdsall contacted former MCRHC Commissioner Paul Nolan who now serves on the Brielle Borough Council in regard to appointing a Brielle Commissioner. He advised the Attorney that he will discuss this at his next meeting with the Mayor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Barry Berdahl, Shrewsbury Alternate commented briefly on the significant problem with deer in Shrewsbury Borough.

Jim Cocuzza mentioned the skin cancer screening program to be held at Keansburg Water Park on July 25th.

The next health topic presentation will be planned for the July 15th Commission meeting and will cover Public Health Disaster Response.

The Health Officer drafted a letter to Representative Amy Handlin, co-sponsor of a proposed bill to allow philosophical exemptions for required immunizations. She would like the opportunity to meet with Ms. Handlin to review with her facts, statistics, etc. as reasons to oppose the pending legislation.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Vice-President Charnick spoke to Paul Roman who remains interested in all Commission business.

Vice- President Charnick is also interested in assuring that all Commission members hold a good understanding of the MCRHC budget to enable them to discuss it with their respective Mayors and town or borough councils, or boards of health.

OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

Dan Levine expressed his appreciation for the invitation extended him to attend our meeting, describing it as "well organized, viable and informative". The MCRHC appreciates these comments.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm on a motion by Pete Lang, seconded by Liz Finnerty.

VOTE: Unanimous

Next Meeting of the MCRHC #1 Commission will be held on Wednesday, JUNE 17, 2009 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