

Regular Meeting of the Haworth Board
of Health on February 13, 2019, at the
Municipal Center.

Present: Karen Eigen, M.D., President
Damien Davis, M.D.
Gregory Kaufman, M.D., Treasurer
Jennie Li, M.D., Vice President
Nancy Polifroni, R.N.
Gina Tomachco

Lou Apa, Sanitarian
Janet Guenego, Council Liaison

Absent: Karl Bednarek, M.D.
Barbara Paller, EMT, Secretary

Dr. Eigen took the Chair and the meeting was called to order. Upon roll call, the above members were present. Mrs. Paller and Dr. Bednarek gave notice that they would not be able to attend this meeting.

Due notice of this meeting was given in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

In essence, the following transpired.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the December 2018 meeting were reviewed.

Dr. Eigen moved to accept the minutes as presented, subject to the rights of absent members to correct statements directly attributed to them.

Seconded by Dr. Li and unanimously carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Since Mrs. Paller was not in attendance this evening, the correspondence was not available.

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SANITARIAN'S REPORT

Mr. Apa reported on the following:

- Complaints from residents about garbage and debris left by construction workers. The Construction Official was called to investigate.
- Report of a bat biting a cat. The cat was tested for rabies and was found to be negative.
- Inspection of the Haworth Public School was conducted. Dan Turner gave a tour of the building and campus. It was noted that they had a problem with the water vending machine because the bottles were freezing and they could not determine the reason. It was decided to turn off the vending machine.
- Inspection at the Bergen Center for Child Development (hereinafter, BCCD). New Food Forms were given to them and they were asked to have up-to-date certificates, a copy of the Food Manager, and a Grease-Trap Log.

The BCCD director said that an exterminator came and inspected the bate boxes. They also asked about measles vaccinations and Mr. Apa suggested that they ask the Haworth Apothecary to conduct a clinic.

COUNCIL REPORT

Councilwoman Guenego reported on the following:

- The Mayor and Council had their reorganization. The slate was reviewed.
- A temporary budget was adopted.
- Dana Gilbert was honored in December 2018.
- The proceeds from the 5K race in September 2018, was \$200,000 and it was distributed to various agencies.
- The special Council Meeting scheduled for last night was canceled and will be rescheduled.
- There needs to be a follow-up with SUEZ for lead lines.

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Dr. Eigen pointed out that the lead lines are not SUEZ's lines, but the lines going to and inside residents' houses.

Dr. Li stated that some SUEZ lines have been found to be positive. She suggested going to NJ.com, to get additional information. Dr. Li explained that there is an article with instructions which should be read. She said that filters could be purchased for \$300 and Councilman Poosikian has the information.

- A Proclamation for a Stigma Free town was adopted by the Borough.
- There was a Roundtable discussion at the Haworth School.

Dr. Li commented that it was a very well-organized meeting, which was attended by various organizations.

There were discussions which took place about the needs, which had to be addressed. The number of suicides in the area was discussed. Privacy concerns and hot lines were some of the topics at the meeting. It was noted that Bridget Duffy was the Ambassador for Stigma Free; however, they have not been able to reach her.

Dr. Eigen suggested putting information on the Board of Health website.

Mrs. Polifroni talked about what the high school was doing.

NEW BUSINESS

School Nurse's Report

- Mrs. Polifroni, the School Nurse, reported that there is now a Before-Care Program at the school. She said that they provide milk and breakfast so it would need an inspection.

Mrs. Polifroni said that they will soon also have a Wellness Room adjoining the Nurse's office. She elaborated on the purpose and location of this new room.

Mrs. Polifroni reported that the flu has died down. She said she tracks cases and passes on the information to the Bergen County Department of Health for their records.

Dr. Eigen pointed out that the A-type flu has finished and the B-type is not here yet.

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There was discussion about some of the Haworth School teachers not yet getting their flu shots and how that could be remedied.

Councilwoman Guenego said she would look into it and report back to the Board.

FITNESS CHALLENGE

Dr. Eigen announced that the Haworth Board of Health would be hosting their 4th Annual Fitness Challenge, which will run from March 25th to May 20th, 2019. This event is being sponsored by the Bergen County Department of Health and they would be giving \$400 towards it.

She gave a recap of last year's programs and participation by 80 people. She said that HNH Fitness was donating the same as last year, Joan Wilson will have free training for 8 weeks, and the Nutritionist at Shop Rite in Emerson would also be doing the same as last year.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Dr. Eigen stated that she would not be available on March 14th. She suggested that the meeting be held on March 7th at 8 p.m. or March 13th at 7 p.m.

Mrs. O'Dowd will poll the Board.

There being no further business, Dr. Kaufman moved to adjourn.

Seconded by Dr. Davis and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Dolores Fazio O'Dowd