

Regular meeting of the Haworth Board of Health on November 14, 2013, at the Municipal Center.

Present: Melissa Davidson, M.D., Co-President
Denise Hayes, RPh, Co-President
Barry Cohen, PhD
Roz Diamant
Karen Eigen, M.D.
Jennie Li, M.D.

Lou Apa, Sanitarian
Mary Anne Groh, Council Liaison

Absent: Karl Bednarek, M.D.
Nancy Polifroni
Barbara Paller, EMT

The meeting was called to order and upon roll call, the above members were present.

It was noted that Mrs. Paller was not able to attend because she was recovering from surgery, and Dr. Bednarek and Mrs. Polifroni called to say that they would be unable to attend.

Meg Mantello, Bergen County Sr. Public Health Nurse. was welcomed to the meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the October 2013 meeting were reviewed.

Mrs. Hayes asked that page 36 be amended to show that Dr. Karen Eigen was in attendance.

Dr. Cohen moved to accept the minutes as amended, subject to the rights of absent members for statements directly attributed to them.

Seconded to Dr. Li and unanimously carried.

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PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Ms. Mantello reviewed the contract which the Borough has with the County as well as the services which are available.

Ms. Diamont asked if they offered anything for babies, mothers, and grandmothers.

Ms. Mantello explained that her division did not have anything for them but there were some programs offered through the Office of Children.

Ms. Mantello asked if the Board would like to sponsor a program on learning to live with illness, which would take six weeks. It was suggested that she speak to someone in the library to see if they would be interested.

Councilwoman Groh explained that there were some changes going on in the library so they might not be able to give an answer right now.

The Board thanked Ms Mantello.

SANITARIAN'S REPORT

Mr. Apa gave the following report.

- The Haworth Swim Club was inspected and found to need a special tap for chlorine.
- Dog bite in a house on Sylvan Avenue. The dog's rabies test was found to be negative.
- Complaints of bad odors on Lake Shore Drive. The BCUA said that they have been reducing the smell. Mr. Apa will look further into this matter.
- Issue with rats on Park Street. Mr. Apa was told that some residents were leaving food for birds and that might be attracting the rodents. This matter will be investigated further.

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Ms. Diamant asked about a leakage from the LukOil station. She said that a while ago, they received a letter saying that there was a leakage and an inspection would be done. Then approximately two months later, she received another letter from the EPA saying that they were still dealing with the problem. Ms. Diamant said she found out that they did not inform the Borough so she went to a Council meeting to discuss it; however, it apparently has not been cleared up.

Mr. Apa said that he would look into this matter.

Apa was asked how often he inspected everything and he responded that it was done once a year.

COUNCIL REPORT

Councilwoman Groh first apologized for not being able to attend the Health Fair. She explained that she was ill.

Councilwoman Groh went over the budget. She said the goals were being changed. She said that since the Borough's costs with the Bergen County Health Department were based on 7500 people, they were looking into co-oping with another town. Councilwoman Groh will report back to the Board on this matter.

CORRESPONDENCE

- *Harvard Health Newsletter*
- Newsletter from the NJ Local Boards of Health Association

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Davidson asked everyone to think about events for the coming year and whether they should repeat some of the ones from the past.

Dr. Davidson said that she spoke with the Swim Club manager and they agreed that having the summer event earlier in the season, would be better.

There was discussion about a possible date and June 15th was suggested.

It was agreed that the DJ did not add to what the Board was doing that day.

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Dr. Davidson asked everyone to think about ideas and activities for the summer event, e.g., massage, healthy food, bicycle safety, bike helmet adjustments, etc.

DRUG TESTING

Roberta Hoag, Vice President of the Demarest Board of Health, was visiting the meeting to find out if there was anything the Haworth and Demarest Boards could do in conjunction such as random drug testing. She talked about what has been going on at Northern Valley Regional High School.

Councilwoman Groh said that she has talked to someone about the problem, she has been attending meetings, and also asking pertinent questions. She said that there are families who have an addiction to heroin, which started with prescription drugs. Councilwoman Groh said she learned how all of this affects the community and how education was lacking.

Councilwoman Groh suggested that this be put on the list of goals for the next year so that they could educate the community. She talked about what the Mayor and Council was doing to help the situation.

Ms. Hoag said she felt this was a health-related issue and they should be part of the solution. She suggested that this be a joint project.

Councilwoman Groh said that perhaps the first step should be to have residents sign the Safe Home Pledge, promising not to serve alcohol to minors.

Mrs. Hayes reminded everyone that the Apothecary takes back expired and unused drugs every day and this could be one part of the solution.

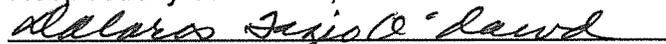
Councilwoman Groh suggested that they think about scheduling a joint meeting.

Ms. Diamant said she would like to see people who went to high school years back and have them talk about what went on at that time.

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

Seconded by Dr. Li and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Dolores Fazio O'Dowd