

Regular meeting of the Haworth Board of Health
on October 10, 2013, at the Municipal Center.

Present: Melissa Davidson, M.D., Co-President
Denise Hayes, RPh, Co-President
Barry Cohen, PhD
Roz Diamant
Jennie Li, M.D.
Barbara Paller, EMT
Nancy Polifroni

Lou Apa, Sanitarian

Absent: Karl Bednarek, M.D.
Mary Anne Groh, Council Liaison

The meeting was called to order and upon roll call, the above members were present. Dr. Davidson arrived a short time later.

It was noted that Dr. Davison called to say that she would be arriving after the start of the meeting. Dr. Bednarek and Councilwoman Groh called to say that they would be unable to attend.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the July 2013 meeting were reviewed.

Ms. Diamant asked that the minutes be amended to show that she notified the Board as to why she would not be able to attend that meeting.

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

Seconded by Dr. Li and unanimously carried.

SANITARIAN'S REPORT

Mr. Apa reported on the following:

- Inspections of the pools were performed at the Haworth Swim Club and the White Beeches Country Club prior to opening.
- Contacted a Schraalenburgh Road home owner was contacted after a complaint was received.

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- Licensed dog from Ivy Lane was quarantined because of dog bite incident.
- Inspected an area after bee complaint.
- Visited home owner on Hardenburgh Avenue after she was bitten by her own dog on her arm and chest. The dog was given away.
- Inspected an area on Ivy Lane about a water condition after receiving a complaint from a Beech Street resident. The County was called.
- Inspected an area on Schraalenburgh Road after receiving a complaint that a neighbor was putting food scraps outside to feed wild animals.
- Inspected the Haworth Public School
- Inspected an area on Pleasant Street after receiving a call about seeing rats under a garage.
- Dog canvass was conducted this Summer.

It was noted that it revealed that 75 dogs were unlicensed, 28 summonses were issued as well as late fees.

- Inspected a house on the corner of Schraalenburgh Road and Haworth Avenue after receiving a complaint about something growing on the roof.

Ramifications of feeding wild life

It was noted that there should be an article in the newsletter about how bird seed attracts rats.

Stink Bugs

There was discussion regarding stink bugs.

Mr. Apa stated that New Jersey has the highest number of stink bugs in the country.

Dr. Davidson arrived.

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Bad Smell

There was discussion about a bad smell coming out of the sewer by the railroad tracks on Lake Shore Drive.

Mr. Apa will look into it.

COUNCIL REPORT

Since Councilwoman Groh was not able to attend, the Council report was not available.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Harvard Newsletter

Dr. Davidson will email information on how to access the newsletter online.

HEALTH FAIR

Dr. Davidson talked about the prior Health Fairs and other events, as well as the providers. She said that there were several people who expressed an interest in having their children vaccinated and Dr. Davidson felt that it could be accomplished because there were pediatricians on the Board.

There was discussion about pediatric vaccinations being administered. There was also discussion about how to attract children to attend the events.

There was also discussion about administering vaccinations to people of all ages.

Dr. Davidson said that she had 50 pedometers left from the summer program.

There was discussion about using the Haworth School for the Health Fair every few years so that additional providers could attend. Some of the other suggestions made were inviting the St. Barnabas Burn Center's truck, having a program on fire prevention, providing information on poison control, and having a Teddy Bear program as done in surrounding area hospitals.

Dr. Cohen said that he liked the Dive into Summer event and felt that the Board should keep it.

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A suggestion was made to move the summer program to June. Dr. Davidson said she would look into it.

Dr. Davidson asked everyone to think about what they would like to see at the Summer and Fall events and to also make other suggestions.

Ms. Diamant suggested that the library should have a health corner. She felt that some people might also want to have access to gym equipment such as a treadmill.

Everyone agreed there would be a problem with liability if people were injured on the equipment.

Ms. Diamant suggested having a program for parents, grandparents, baby sitters, etc., on ways to handle newborns.

Dr. Davidson pointed out that there is a New Moms' Club and they might want to arrange for such a program.

Mrs. Hayes talked about a program in a neighboring community where a nurse goes to the senior club meeting and talks about blood pressure. She felt this was something that the Board of Health should offer. There was discussion.

Mrs. Hayes said that she would contact the County Health Nurse to find out if she could speak at one of the Board's meetings and let everyone know what is available.

Mr. Apa said that she could also talk about all of the available screenings.

BERGEN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

There was discussion on whether to continue using the Bergen County Department of Health program for contagious disease control. It was the general feeling that it should be kept.

Dr. Davidson entertained a motion.

Dr. Li made a motion to continue using the Bergen County Depart of Health program for contagious disease control.

Seconded by Dr. Cohen.

Ms. Diamant said that she liked to keep things at home.

Upon roll call, the vote went as follows: Yes - Dr. Li, Dr. Cohen, Mrs. Paller, Mrs. Polifroni, Dr. Davidson, and Mrs. Hayes; No - Ms. Diamant. Motion carried.

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FALL NEWSLETTER

Dr. Davidson asked everyone to start thinking of articles for next year.

There was discussion about the new procedure for processing bulk mail.

NEW BUSINESS

It was noted that Mrs. Paller would be having additional surgery and there was a possibility that she might not be able to continue on the Board.

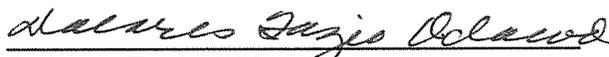
Dr. Lee said that in the event that this would come to be, Dr. Amy Stevens, a dermatologist, would be a good replacement.

This will be discussed further at the November 14th meeting.

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

Seconded by Mrs. Paller and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Dolores Fazio O'Dowd