

Virtual Meeting of the Haworth Board of Health on February 11, 2021, via Zoon.

PRESENT: Jennie Li, MD - Vice President
Karl Bednarek, MD
Damien Davis, MD
Gregory Kaufman, MD. Treasurer
Jamie Heit, LCSW
Melissa Davidson, MD – Alternate 1

Jackie Guenego, Council Liaison

ABSENT: Karen Eigen, MD - President
Barbara Paller – EMT Liaison, Secretary
Nancy Polifroni, RN

Dr. Li took the Chair in Dr. Eigen's absence and called the meeting to order. Upon roll call, the above Members were present.

Dr. Eigen and Mrs. Paller 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.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the January 2021 meeting were reviewed.

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

Dr. Li seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to review this evening because it was not available.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Li went over Dr. Eigen's report in her absence.

- As of this date, there are 131 Covid patients with little severe disease in the Hackensack University Medical Center. This is the lowest number they have had since the start.
- Some schools have opened and they are seeing that they are doing very well. Covid is not spreading in the schools.
- It has been found that TeleMed is helping people who are suffering from depression and suicidal thoughts.
- As of this date, vaccine is in supply and pharmacists will be getting them.
- There will hopefully be a Spring Fitness Challenge. The team is looking for ideas. Dr. Eigen will ask around to find some people who will offer to volunteer their services or supply them at reduced fees. A date will be set and there will be discussion on this at the March meeting.
- HNH Fitness is offering access to their classes for \$29 per month.

Dr. Davis said that he had Chaired the Fitness Challenge last year. Recipes, lifestyle and fitness advice was posted on line. He volunteered to do it again this year and will ask Dr. Kaufman to co-Chair.

Mrs. Heit commented that psychologically, some patients are finding it hard to only have access to their doctors via TeleMed. She noted that it has also been found that children are affected and finding it hard when there are school closings.

COUNCIL REPORT

Councilwoman Guenego reported on the following:

- The Board of Health is looking for a new Sanitarian because Mr. Apa resigned. They will probably be going into a shared-service agreement with the Bergen County Department of Health.
- The number of Covid cases in the Borough has not been terrible but has increased.

There is no centralized data on the number of vaccinations administered, but the Borough gets overall data.

The Borough is hoping to hold a clinic with Haworth Apothecary for the first responders.

Dr. Hughes would like to have all teachers vaccinated for Covid and he will present it to them.

- There was a meeting and presentation for Pick-A-Wall Tennis. Updates will follow.
- There has been discussion about installing solar panels and the Borough is looking at roofs on the municipal buildings. They are also looking at installing a solar field in the DPW yard. The Borough is investigating options.
- The Recreation Commission is hopeful that they will be able to host a fishing contest and Easter egg hunt this year.
- The General Manager and staff of the Haworth Swim Club hope to open up the swim club this year.

Councilwoman Guenego will not be available for the March 11th meeting so she will give her report to either Dr. Eigen or Dr. Li.

Mrs. Heit talked about the various websites which have opened up to register for Covid vaccines.

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There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Heit moved to adjourn.

Seconded by Dr. Davis and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,


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