

**Harrington Park Board of Health  
Minutes of Meeting  
March 9, 2015**

**Meeting Called to Order by President Howard Lipton, MD, at 7:43pm**

**President Lipton's Announcement**

In compliance with Chapter 231, the Public Contract Law of 1975, adequate notice of this meeting was made. It is being conducted under the provisions of the Sunshine Act and has been properly noticed.

**Roll Call**

Dr. Howard Lipton

Mr. John Szweda

Dr. Mary Lee Casamento

Mr. Robert Carbognin ~ excused

Mr. Scott Weiner ~ excused

Dr. Neil Hess ~ excused

Mrs. Mary Oh Goldstein, RN, ~ excused

**Also present:**

Louis Apa, Sanitarian, Gail Poling, Town Nurse, Annie Mongelia, Secretary  
Councilwoman Ryan

**Motion to Adopt Minutes from January 12, 2015 Board of Health Meeting**

Motion to adopt the minutes for January 12, 2015 made by Mr Szweda, seconded by Dr. Casamento.

**Vouchers:**

Town Nurse's voucher

Secretary's voucher

**Correspondence:**

On January 23, 2015 a notice was sent to [publicnotices@northjersey.com](mailto:publicnotices@northjersey.com) to notify the public of rescheduled HPBOH meeting dates March 9th, and September 21st, 2015.

Stigma Free Campaign Municipality Toolkit. Discussion under New Business.

BCDOHS reported on Jan.23, 2015 a multi-state Measles outbreak at a major park in California. The CDC reported 51 confirmed cases, 42 from CA, 3 in UT, 2 in WA, 1 in CO, 1 in NE, 1 in AZ, 1 in Mexico.

On January 26, the Chief of Administrative Services for the BCDOHS request all local health officers to notify the Medical Coordination Center (MCC) if the local office is closed for any period during an impending storm. An emergency contact number should be provided to the MCC at [PHELANTI@UHNJ.ORG](mailto:PHELANTI@UHNJ.ORG).

On January 30, the Valley Program at Our Ladies of Victories Pre Kindergarten program, sent a report to quantify their re-audit score of 100%, up from 97% on January 16th. 76 records were surveyed.

CDC sent a report for week ending Feb. 14 with a synopsis of HIGH in all regions of NJ. Rapid Influenza Test had the highest viral activity, followed by Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV). Week of December 20, 2014 had the greatest number of positive percentage and lasted through January 31. Numbers have since declined.

On Feb. 27, the New York DOH sent 2015 Alert #5 regarding an outbreak of tuberculosis in Sunset Park, Brooklyn. Stating while overall TB rates in NYC have declined steadily over the past two decades, the proportion of cases among persons born outside of the US has increased to 84% and local TB transmission continues to occur. The NYDOH identified an outbreak of TB among young male adults born in mainland China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan.

CDC sent a letter stating the supply of Sanofi Pasteur's human rabies immune globulin product, Imogam (R) Rabies-HT is limited due to manufacturing delay. If in urgent need, contact the manufacturer at 1-800-822-2463. Alternately, the human rabies immune globulin produced by Grifols, HyperRAB (R) is available.

## **Reports:**

### **Gail Poling, Town Nurse**

Activity from January to February 2015 consisted of four Adult Health Conferences. There were eight clients at Club 60 meetings in January, but none in February due to a scheduled valentines dinner. Severe weather affected attendance. There were no referrals to the Hillsdale Child Health Conference, and no outside referral. The CDRSS reported three cases of lyme. Alternate dates and sites such as the HP Library or home visits were offered to augment AHC. Town nurse signed up to attend a County training class on Stigma Free Zone, date to be determined by County.

### **Louis Apa, Sanitarian**

All food sites in HP were inspected as Satisfactory. News regarding a Bergenfield food management class was communicated to the stores. United Water will exit their building on Old Hook in May 2015. The future of the site is not yet determined. Indoor smoke fumes at Brookside were resolved. The HP ordinance on feeding deer prohibits feeding in public areas only. An inspection of the HP Meat Market site will be made in Spring. A resident inquired about a Curb Your Dog signage for placement at Downing Place. A HP resident was bitten by a stray dog, a St. Bernard, in Westwood. Resident is undergoing shots at the hospital.

**Old Business:**

2015 Revised Proposal Harrington Park Board of Health Budget; see Attachment A.

Ms. Niki Ahmed, employee of Bank of New Jersey in Harrington Park, withdrew her request to volunteer in the Board of Health department in exchange for community service hours. She was relocated to another branch. A protocol will be created to set standards for future interns. Standards will include: Intern parameters of applicant, self transportation of applicant, liability insurance by applicant's school, hold harmless agreement.

A public notice was made to advertise a revision to our Regular Agenda Meetings of the Board of Health of Harrington Park for 2015

The following shall be the dates of BOH meetings in 2015, 7:30pm at Borough Hall:

- March 9,
- September 21,

All other dates remain in effect for 2015.

BOH secretary, Mongelia, declined Clerk's offer to take classes to become a Certified Municipal Registrar due to classes only being offered in Trenton. On-line classes are no longer offered by County.

Seventy three Cat License issued

Five 2015 Food License issued

Three Chicken License issued

**New Business:**

**Public Health Annex 2015; see Attachment B.**

Plan was based upon a format used by a neighboring town, customized for HP, reviewed by Lou Apa, and sent to HP Office of Emergency Management director Mike Hunken for review.

**Stigma Free at Harrington Park; see Attachment C.**

Discussion involved the level of help offered by the towns who have signed up for the Stigma Free Zone. They appear to be a statement, not a plan of action. Discussion centered around the need to offer guidance, such as the Vantage program in Dumont, and listing the County website in the HP Newsletter. Councilwoman Ryan will invite a presenter to the next BOH meeting on May 4th to discuss this topic.

**Public Session: Open to the Public for comments:** No Public Present

**Closed Session**

Motion to Adjourn made by Dr. Lipton at 8:35pm

Seconded by Dr. Casmento

**Attachment A**

CFO Revised Proposal of 2015 Harrington Park Board of Health Budget:

Sanitarian	9,500
Secretary	6,500 (500 hours)
Nurse	2,550 (100 hours)
Legal Notice	100
Rodent Control	600
Office Supplies	100
BC Health Officer	6,000
Flu Program	400
Printed Forms	100
Dues & Subscription	200
Health Education Programs	400
Education	150
Child Health Conference	300
Hepatitis Program	900