

**BOROUGH OF MIDLAND PARK
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
Monday, September 11, 2023**

The Board of Health meeting for the Borough of Midland Park was called to order at 7:30pm by M. DiBenedetti, Board of Health President, who advised the Sunshine Law is in effect.

Corinne Woodward called the roll:

PRESENT: M. DiBenedetti
 D. Dziubinsky
 N. Peet
 C. Cappell

ABSENT: Alexandra Zubok

PROFESSIONALS: Gary Dorsi, Health Officer
 Corinne Woodward, Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M. DiBenedetti asked for an approval of the minutes from the May 8th, 2023 meeting. N. Peet made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by D. Dziubinsky and unanimously approved by all present.

HEALTH OFFICER'S ACTIVITY REPORT

The June – August Activity Reports were reviewed by G. Dorsi. Before proceeding G. Dorsi noted that the Flu Clinic for Midland Park was confirmed for October 25th, 10:00-11:00am which is open to the public and will take place at The Kentshire.

Highlights include:

- Yearly audits of Preschool, Elementary, Middle and High School Student immunization records were completed in June and all are up to date.

C. Cappell questioned if there was a way that we would know how many children are not vaccinated in schools? G. Dorsi stated that audits for the schools would not be complete if all students were not up to date on vaccinations. All schools in Midland Park have been completed. G. Dorsi stated that to know if there are medical exemptions might be a HIPPA violation, but he will follow up.

- As of August 31st, community levels of COVID-19 are low in Bergen County with Omicron XBB 1.5 being the predominant variant. Mill Garden COVID-19 outbreak was concluded.
- Two Babesiosis case were investigated and closed. The number of human babesiosis cases continued to rise and has reached 85% in 2022. The number of Lyme disease cases continues to decline but slightly higher than previous years.

- As of the end of August there was an COVID-19 outbreak at Mill Gardens. NWBRHC is closely monitoring this outbreak and is in daily contact with the facility as well as the NJDOH.

D. Dzubinsky questioned how the nursing contract with Valley Health has been working out. G. Dorsi stated that it has been a seamless transition. We have four nurses we have access to and provide extra coverage. The nurses cover the Child Health Clinics, (CHC) which is a great program we offer to the community.

D. Dzubinsky questioned how many children are attending the CHC? N. Peet stated there has been an increase in the number of children attending the CHC. G. Dorsi stated he will report back with the numbers of children that have been attending the clinics from Midland Park.

- Consumer and Environmental numbers for June- August include 2 Plan Reviews, 19 Retail Food Establishment Inspections, 4 Temporary Event Inspections, 13 Complaint Investigations, 3 Public Recreational Bathing Inspections and 7 Youth Camp Inspections.
- Upcoming Food Handlers Classes being offered on August 28th which is being advertised.
- Health Education report presented; multiple e-blasts sent out including summer newsletter, tips for traveling, tick talk, etc. Calendar presented which showed all of the social media posts. Working with webmaster to develop a health education calendar for upcoming events on our website. Our health educator will be tabling at Community Day for September 30th.

M. DiBenedetti questioned if we could provide Narcan at Community Day for distribution. G. Dorsi said he would follow up at the office to see what we have. We will bring additional handouts as well. N. Peet stated that the Board of Health members should be there as well to answer any questions from the community; each will take timeslots. Will look for banner as well so it we can stand out to community members.

- Multiple Continuing Education webinars and conferences were attended by inspectors, health educators and support staff.
- Continuing distribution of COVID- 19 test kits and Narcan test kits.
- Following reporting requirements for the OLPH Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity grant of communicable disease outreach, community resource linkage, and community partnerships were met.

REGULATORY FEES REPORT

The June-August Registrar Reports were reviewed by the Board of Health members. The Reports were accepted as information.

NEW BUSINESS

- Community Day – members of the BOH will sign up for time slots for Community Day. Will also bring a banner to advertise the Board of Health. Will order a banner if need be.
- Will confirm date of next meeting, we are on schedule for November 13, 2023. Need to make sure we have a quorum.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or discussion, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:30pm by D. Dziubinsky and seconded by M. DiBenedetti. ***The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 13, 2023, at 7:30pm; location Council Chambers.***

Respectfully Submitted by:
Corinne Woodward, Administrative Assistant