Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission
Meeting
June 5, 2017

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission was held on the above date at Green Brook Town Hall and called to order by President Dr. Jon Fourre by reading the Sunshine Law Statement at 7:00pm.

2. Roll Cal

Green Brook: Dr. Jon Fourre, Ms. Jean Mazet (7:08pm)
Warren: Mr. Greg Riley, Mr. Malcom Plager, Ms. Laura Burger
Watchung: Ms. Fran Ellis
Others in attendance: Mr. Kevin Sumner, Health Officer
Ms. Karen Wick, Recording Secretary

3. Public Portion

Meeting opened to the public-no response - meeting closed to the public.

4. Minutes

Mr. Riley made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 20, 2017 meeting as amended, seconded by Ms. Ellis. Vote: All in favor.

Ms. Jean Mazet arrived at 7:08pm.

5. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Riley made a motion to accept the April Treasurer's Report, seconded by Ms. Ellis. Vote: All in favor.

Discussion of NJ PERS annual assessment.

Mr. Riley made a motion to accept the May Treasurer's Report, seconded by Ms. Ellis. Vote: All in favor.

6. Unfinished Business
A. Culture of Health Grant Update - Bound Brook, South Bound Brook

K. Sumner stated that the completed blueprint Building Bridges to Better Health was included in the email packet to Commission Members. K. Sumner stated that there are data and charts in the appendices. Mr. Riley asked if the report would be on the website. K. Sumner will look into having the report on the website. K. Sumner highlighted the 5 core areas in the report: "1. Expanded school-based programming; 2. Improved communication about current resources and services; 3. Creation of free or low-cost programming for children, families and senior citizens at local, trusted sources that support health and wellness and that address “upstream” factors that affect health; 4. Integration of consideration of health outcomes into local planning and decision-making; and 5. Enhanced transportation options to programs/services that support health and well-being." K. Sumner briefly explained each of these areas.

K. Sumner stated that there is a challenge with the population divide in the communities. Reaching "millennials" is difficult and they are a growing demographic with new housing being built in both of these towns being targeted toward "millennials". K. Sumner stated that the report had been submitted to the funders for review.

B. Healthy Communities Grant update - Green Brook

K. Sumner informed the Commission Members that the Farmers Market is ready to go and will start on June 13. There will be two stands from farmers as well as other vendors. All the vouchers for healthy foods have been distributed, and there will be musical events and cooking demonstrations during the season.

C. NJACCHO Mini Grant Update

K. Sumner informed the Commission Members that there were four emergency response plans developed, these plans were emailed to the members. K. Sumner explained that there was a coordination between these plans and OEM plans. K. Sumner explained that LINCS agencies have plans but that they had not been shared with local health departments in many cases and thus local health departments are creating their own local plans based on templates. K. Sumner explained that these plans had been created with the understanding that they can always be changed.

D. Commission Annual Meeting

Commission Members that attended the annual meeting stated that the meeting was interesting and informative. The power point presentation by Dr. Bruce Ruck of the NJ Poison Control Center was included in the email packet.
7. New Business

A. MBRHC 2015-2016 Report to the Community

K. Sumner informed the Commission Members the 2015-2016 Report to the Community had been completed and was included in the email packet. K. Sumner informed the Commission Members that the report is based on the ten essential services, there is data included and trends can be seen. K. Sumner stated that the report is on the Commission website. Commission Members suggested that the report be sent to the individual towns to be put on their websites.

Commission Members then discussed food training requirements and local property maintenance issues.

B. National Longitudinal Survey of Public Health Systems

K. Sumner informed the Commission Members that he completed the survey. He stated that this survey is conducted by Dr. Glen Mays of the University of Kentucky. K. Sumner stated this a self-evaluation survey based on the ten essential services of public health. This report was also included in the email packet to the Commission Members.

C. President's Budget Proposal

K. Sumner informed the Commission Members of NACCHO's position on the President's Budget. K. Sumner included a Trust for America's Health Report in the Commission email packet.

8. Addendum to Agenda

A. Donation to Rescue Squad

K. Sumner informed the Commission Members that the donation to the Middlesex Rescue Squad had been sent in memory of Jean Ross.

B. Financial Disclosure Statements

K. Sumner asked any Commission Members who have not filed their Financial Disclosure Statements with the state to do so to avoid any fines.

C. Measles Outbreak in Minnesota

Dr. Fourre informed the Commission Members of a measles outbreak in a Somali Community in Minnesota. He stated that many in the community had not been
vaccinated due to "vaccine causes autism" propaganda. The Health Officials used trusted community leaders to talk to residents and address the vaccination issue.

Dr. Fourre stated his concerns with the cuts in the federal budget and the impact it will have to fight diseases. Commission Members also discussed current issues such as Planned Parenthood, Zika and President not signing the climate agreement.

There being no further business Mr. Plager made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13pm, seconded by Mr. Riley. Vote: All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Karen Wick, Recording Secretary