1. Call to Order

The regular 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 Call

Bound Brook: Mr. Alberto Torregroza
Green Brook: Dr. Jon Fourre
South Bound Brook: Ms. Lillian Barber, Ms. Brenda King
Warren: Mr. Greg Riley
Watchung: Ms. Fran Ellis
Others in attendance: Mr. Kevin Sumner, Health Officer
Mrs. Karen Wick, Recording Secretary
Ms. Ann Dulcio, Intern
Ms. Chelsea Gohd, Intern

3. Public Portion

Meeting opened to the public - public recognized - public portion of meeting closed.

4. Minutes

Mr. Greg Riley made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 27, 2014 meeting, seconded by Ms. Fran Ellis. Vote: All in favor. Motion passed.

5. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Greg Riley made a motion to accept the January Treasurer's Report, seconded by Ms. Fran Ellis. Vote: All in favor. Motion passed.

Discussion of Health benefits payment. Do the payments represent just the Commission portion or the total payments including employee contributions?
Ms. Brenda King made a motion to accept the February Treasurer's Report, seconded by Ms. Lillian Barber. Vote: All in favor. Motion passed.

Discussion of $.06 adjustment.

6. Unfinished Business

A. Red Light Cameras

Mr. Greg Riley informed the Commission Members of the two articles that were in the Star Ledger newspaper and that the Red Light Cameras have been taken out of Brick Township. Mr. Riley informed Commission members that the vendor who runs the camera has been involved in a bribery scheme in Chicago. Mr. Riley stated that the NJ DOT has not posted the 2013 report on their website. Mr. Kevin Sumner will give the two newspaper articles to the local boards of health to review. Commission Members discussed that the cameras will not stop the T-bone accidents. This item was tabled until the next Commission meeting pending input from the local boards.

B. Pool Safety Program

Mr. Riley prepared a press announcement for the program. K. Sumner will have Colleen review before sending to the newspaper. Commission Members read the press announcement and discussed adding the Commission email address and changing "inspection" to on site review, emphasizing free service, child proofing your pool. K. Sumner showed a preliminary commercial. K. Sumner will email the commercial text to Mr. Riley. Dr. Jon Fourre volunteered his pool for a review.

C. 2013 Local Health Report

K. Sumner distributed copies to the Commission members for review. K. Sumner informed Commission members that the data has been submitted to the State and once submitted he cannot change the data. K. Sumner asked the Commission members if they wanted to use the state's format or the format that the Commission has been using. This year both will be produced and feedback is encouraged.

D. Tobacco & Pharmacies (CVS)

Commission Members were pleased that the CVS Pharmacy Chain had announced that they would no longer be selling tobacco products. Mr. Riley discussed having local pharmacies enter into a contract with the Commission as a Community Health Partner. K. Sumner suggested adding "Recognized or Preferred" to the Community Partner to distinguish them from the many partners the Commission works with. Commission members discussed E cigarettes and the FDA regulations regarding E cigarettes. K.
Sumner will contact local pharmacies to see if they are still selling tobacco products. Mr. Riley informed Commission members of the Surgeon General Report and stated it is the 50th Anniversary of the Report.

E. Anne Dulcio, William Paterson University- Adult Immunization Presentation

Ms. Dulcio distributed a brochure, flyer and presented her presentation to the Commission Members about Adult Immunizations.

F. Chelsea Gohd, Rutgers University- Preparedness Presentation

Ms. Gohd presented her presentation to the Commission Members about Emergency Preparedness with an emphasis on using social media.

7. New Business

A. Public Health Advocacy

K. Sumner distributed the chart that he uses to demonstrate how federal dollars really do make an impact on local health. K. Sumner informed Commission members that there is an increase in work load, illustrated by food inspections and communicable disease investigations with a concurrent decrease in resources.

B. Community Design

K. Sumner distributed a brochure to the Commission members that emphasizes healthy community designs such as bike lanes or trails. Commission members discussed how much is related to public health.

8. Addendum

A. 2014 County Health Rankings

K. Sumner informed the Commission members that the 2014 County Health Rankings will be released on March 26, 2014 and the website is www.countyhealthrankings.org

B. Presentations and Strategic Plan

K. Sumner stated the presentations that were given are examples of activities that do not really fit into the strategic plan that was adopted. K. Sumner proposed to amend the Goal of priority area of the plan to better reflect the activities and focus of the Commission. The proposal is to change Goal: Increase community efforts to encourage individuals to make healthy lifestyle choices toward improving their nutrition habits and increasing their physical activity, to Goal: Increase community efforts to encourage individuals to make healthy lifestyle choices toward improving their health and
decreasing their risk of chronic or communicable disease and unintentional injury or death. Mr. Riley made a motion to accept the change as proposed by K. Sumner, seconded by Mr. Torregroza. Vote: All in favor. Motion passed.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business Mr. Riley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:06pm, seconded by Ms. Brenda King. Vote: All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Karen Wick, Recording Secretary