Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 28, 2016

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, Mr. Richard Eschle
Green Book: Dr. Jon Fourre, Ms. Jean Mazet (7:10pm)
South Bound Brook: Ms. Brenda King
Warren: Mr. Greg Riley, Mr. Malcolm Plager
Watchung: Ms. Fran Ellis,
Others in attendance: Mr. Kevin Sumner, Health Officer
Mrs. Karen Wick, Recording Secretary

3. Public Portion

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

4. Minutes

Mr. Greg Riley made a motion to approve the October 3, 2016 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Malcom Plager. Vote: All in favor. Motion passed.

5. Treasurer's Reports

A. October 2016 Treasurer's Report

Mr. Greg Riley made a motion to approve October 2016 Treasurer's Report, seconded by Mr. Alberto Torregroza. Vote: All in favor. Motion passed.

Discussion of pesticide licenses and Warren gas payment.

6. Unfinished Business:
A. Culture of Health Grant Update

K. Sumner informed the Commission Members that focus groups are being formed to conduct interviews in Bound Brook and South Bound Brook. K. Sumner stated that Healthy Somerset (Rutgers, Middle Earth, American Lung Association, Healthier Somerset and the Commission) received the grant. K. Sumner explained that there would be a survey asking basic questions and the results will be added to the data for the development of the blueprint for action.

B. Zika Virus

K. Sumner stated that the CDC has changed the status of the Miami area in Florida. Dr. Fourre informed the Commission Members of 2 articles on the Zika Virus.

C. Lead

K. Sumner stated that the regulations have not been released reducing the action levels. K. Sumner stated that he met with Senator Vitale (Chair of Health Committee) and explained the need for funding once the new regulations are in effect. K. Sumner stated that he has an upcoming meeting with the State Health Commissioner.

D. 2017 Budget

K. Sumner stated that the Finance Committee reviewed and approved the Budget. K. Sumner explained line items to the Commission Members. Mr. Greg Riley made a motion to adopt the 2017 Budget as recommended by the Finance Committee, seconded by Mr. Malcolm Plager. Vote: Mr. Alberto Torregroza-yes, Mr. Richard Eschle-yes, Dr. Jon Fourre-yes, Ms. Jean Mazet-yes, Ms. Brenda King-yes, Mr. Greg Riley-yes, Mr. Malcolm Plager-yes, Ms. Fran Ellis-yes. Motion passed.

7. New Business

A. Insurance Update

K. Sumner informed the Commission Members of his upcoming meeting with the Somerset County Joint Insurance Fund. Mr. Riley stated he sent the workman compensation figures to a broker and that the classifications are correct for the Commission. Mr. Riley will follow up with the broker.

8. Addendum to Agenda
A. Thank you cards.

K. Sumner passed the Thank you cards to the Commission Members.

B. Wells/Drought

Mr. Malcom Plager informed the Commission Members that in Warren 2 wells have dried up on Stiles St. Mr. Plager informed the Commission Members that one house has had no water for over a year and explained the situation. Ms. Mazet stated that the Governor is going to declare a drought for NJ. Commission Members discussed well drilling, septic testing. K. Sumner will reach out to the DEP to see if there is pending action to stop wet weather testing on septic systems.

There being no further business Mr. Greg Riley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58pm, seconded by Ms. Brenda King. Vote: All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Karen Wick, Recording Secretary