

Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission  
Meeting  
October 7, 2019

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 Mr. Greg Riley by reading the Sunshine Law Statement at 7:00pm

2. Roll Call

Green Brook: Dr. Jon Fourre  
South Bound Brook: Ms. Helen O'Brien  
Warren: Mr. Greg Riley, Mr. Malcom Plager  
Watchung: Ms. Julia Gunther, Mr. Ron Jubin, 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. Malcom Plager made a motion to accept the June 10, 2019 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Ron Jubin. Vote: All in favor. Motion passed.

5. Treasurer's Report- June, July, August and September 2019

Dr. Jon Fourre made a motion to approve the June, July, August and September Treasurer's Report, seconded by Mr. Ron Jubin. Vote: All in favor. Motion passed.

Discussion of insurance dividend payment, NJ Medical waste permit, Sept. tanning receipts

6. Unfinished Business

A. Culture of Health Update

K. Sumner informed the Commission Members that South Bound Brook has a farmer's market and community garden, and the grant will end June 2020. He stated that Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Rutgers are working together to create templates to survey residents about the projects associated with the grant.

#### B. NACCHO Update

K. Sumner informed the Commission Members that he wrote his last article as President of NACCHO. The article was included in the agenda packet. He is currently serving as Chairperson for the nominations committee and Immediate Past President for the organization.

#### C. Vaccination Resolution

K. Sumner stated that the Resolution that was adopted at the previous meeting was distributed to State Legislators. He encouraged the Commission Members to reach out to their State Representative. The article included in the agenda packet "Why Facts Don't Change Our Minds" was discussed along with how it related to vaccines and smoking behavior.

#### D. South Bound Brook

Mr. Greg Riley, Dr. Jon Fourre and Kevin Sumner attended the South Bound Brook Board of Health meeting to answer questions and explain the relationship of Commission and Board of Health. Commission Members discussed moving the next meeting location to South Bound Brook.

#### E. Finance Committee

K. Sumner stated the following members had previously volunteered to be on the Finance Committee.

Green Brook: Dr. John Fourre

South Bound Brook: Ms. Kathy Bolmer

Warren: Mr. Malcom Plager

Watchung: Ms. Fran Ellis

The Committee will arrange a special meeting in November to prepare the 2020 Budget.

#### F. Tobacco Control, Pending Legislation

Mr. Greg Riley informed the Commission Members of the status of Statute 992 which prohibits sale of tobacco products and electronic smoking devices at pharmacies and certain businesses with on-site pharmacies. Mr. Riley stated that on September 10, 2019 the Bill was referred to Senate Budget and Appropriation Committee.

#### G. Communicable Diseases

Commission Members discussed the figures in the report that was emailed in the agenda packet, focusing on Eastern Equine Encephalitis, Cyclospora, Mumps, Measles and Pertussis. Mr. Greg Riley asked about the cases of Pertussis. K. Sumner informed the Commission Members that the cases could be from the unvaccinated, immunity waned, or infants who are too young to be vaccinated. Commission Members discussed tick borne viruses and protecting yourself from ticks. K. Sumner informed the

Commission Members that the article on tick borne diseases and mosquitos is on the Commission Website. K. Sumner explained the difference between physician diagnosis and public health diagnosis.

H. By- Laws Committee (Law and Policy)

K. Sumner stated that the By-Laws have not been revised since 1985. He asked the Commission Members to review and send him revisions and the Commission will update next year.

I. Bound Brook Transition

Mr. Ron Jubin made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Jon Fourre. Vote: All in favor. Motion passed.

7. New Business

A. Performance Evaluation conducted by State- Satisfactory

The Commission received the evaluation results; Satisfactory which is the highest result. K. Sumner included the letter in the agenda packet and stated the Commission is still waiting for the certificate.

B. Newsletter Articles

K. Sumner informed the Commission Members of the topics included in the newsletter; mosquitos, ticks, rabies clinics, dog/cat licenses. He discussed with Commission Members microchipping cats/dogs at the rabies clinics and will reach out to the Commission Vets.

C. MBRHC press release on E-cigarettes

K. Sumner informed the Commission Members that he took the CDC warning and sent it to the newspapers, and to the schools in the Commission's area. Commission Members discussed e-cigarette use in schools and the problems the schools are dealing with. The Commission asked K. Sumner to reach out to superintendent of the schools and clerks/administrators of Commission towns to see if any action was taken; if the notice had been distributed. Commission Members discussed cigarette smoking is down and vaping is up, deaths attributed to e-cigarettes, secondary impact. K. Sumner informed the Commission of the multi-state advocacy efforts toward e-cigarettes and cannabis legalization.

K. Fran Ellis received " Profile of Positive Aging" recognition from Somerset County

Ms. Fran Ellis was recognized for her volunteerism and received this award from Somerset County.

L. 2020 Budget Audit Requirements

K. Sumner informed the Commission of the Statute requirements regarding audits. Commission asked K. Sumner to obtain 3 quotes and will have to add to the Budget for 2020.

8. Addendum

K. Sumner informed the Commission Members about the Sullivan award he received from New Jersey Public Health Association.

There being no further business Dr. Jon Fourre made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16pm, seconded by Ms. Helen O'Brien.

Mr. Greg Riley stated he wanted to discuss the Legionnaires Disease ASHRAE (American Society of Heating Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers) Standards.

Dr. Jon Fourre made a motion to re-open the meeting, seconded by Mr. Ron Jubin.

Commission Members discussed ASHRAE standards and the bill that was introduced in 2019. Warren has added a question regarding cooling towers/units to their construction checklist. K. Sumner informed the Commission Members that the CDC website has more detailed information, discussed Legionnaire Epidemiology.

Dr. Jon Fourre questioned how violent deaths are reported. K. Sumner will contact the police departments to see what reporting criteria are.

There being no further business Mr. Malcom Plager made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm, seconded by Dr. Jon Fourre. Vote: All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Karen Wick, Recording Secretary