

Minutes of the Rocky Hill Board of Health September 11, 2007

Members present – Lisbeth Haines, Beverly Poelstra, Margaret Querec, Stephen Papenberg

Members Excused – Agnes Shepard, Mary Germain

Call to order at 4:32 pm

Motion to approve the minutes – Beverly Poelstra

Seconded by Margaret Querec

Report of the Health Officer

a. Mr. Papenberg discussed the possibility that South Brunswick Township will be making a decision within the next several weeks about the future of their Health Department. They may move to consolidation of health services with Middlesex County Health Department for services. Mr. Papenberg suggested setting up a meeting with Kevin Sumner, who is the health officer for the Middle-Brook- Regional Health Commission and Boards of Health serving Bound Brook, Green Brook Township, South Bound Brook, Warren Township and Watchung. He feels that we should investigate the option for Rocky Hill of joining this partnership for delivery of its health services. We should prepare a transition plan to continue services if South Brunswick is no longer able to provide them.

b. Draft of the latest version of the Somerset County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) was shared.

c. Flu clinic schedule has been set up. The Rocky Hill Clinic will be on November 8, 2007 at the Rocky Hill Church from 9:30 am- 11:30 am. There is no charge for Rocky Hill Residents and a \$10.00 charge or Medicare B documentation for anyone else attending. Rocky Hill residents are also eligible to attend any of the other clinics offered in South Brunswick Township. The flu clinic information will be shared with a flyer attached to the Rocky Hill Community Calendar.

d. Asthma Summit, New Brunswick on October 12.

e. Municipal Alliance Update – There were no volunteers to serve on the alliance. Mr. Papenberg will provide copies of the grant information. SOS is a suicide prevention program on dealing with the increase in youth suicide rates. The program is offered in South Brunswick, what is our role? Could it be incorporated into the CHIP process?

Old Business

a. Communication, Prevention, and Preparedness – we will distribute all clinic information in the Rocky Hill Community Calendar. The educational article in the Calendar for next month will be on the disposal of prescription drugs distributed by the Federal Government. Other ideas for articles to share with the community are lead paint information, obesity and sleep disorders.

- b. USDA Housing Loan Program – information went out. Follow-up will be to publish a web site.
- c. Clean-up of Panicaro Park – the park was cleaned by the county this past week.
- d. poison ivy impinging on the public sidewalks – the Constable will be asked to check for offenders.

New Business

- a. The Board for 2007-2008 –Agnes Shepard will be resigning and needs to be replaced. We need to explore alternatives for new members.
- b. There was some discussion about the possibility of increasing the size of the Board, but it was decided that the current size of five members is appropriate.
- c. Board member contact information was updated.
- d. It was decided to keep Tuesday at 4:30 pm until we have more information about Mary Germain’s schedule.

The next meeting will be October 9, 2007 at 4:30 pm.

Adjournment

L.Haines