

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Rocky Hill Board of Health
May 13, 2008**

Present: Lisbeth Haines, MD (presiding); Susan Fisher, VMD; Beverly Poelstra, MD; Margaret Querec, MSN, RN; Mary Germain, APRN-BS, FNAP; Stephen Papenberg, South Brunswick Health Officer; William Hallman, Borough Council Liaison; Ed Zimmerman, Rocky Hill Borough Mayor.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Haines at 4:35 pm. The meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law.

Minutes from March 4, 2008 were reviewed. Motion to approve as corrected by Dr. Haines was seconded by Margaret Querec. The minutes were unanimously approved. The minutes from April 8, 2008 were unanimously approved as submitted on a motion by Dr. Poelstra with a second by Mary Germain.

Report of the Health Officer

Measles Outbreak – there is a state advisory on a multi-state outbreak of measles which is associated with travel especially Israel and Switzerland.

CHIP Meeting

There will be an Access to Health Care Meeting Task Force on Tuesday, May 20 from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm at the Somerset County Administration Building, 3rd Floor; anyone who is interested is invited to attend. Dr. Haines will try to attend.

A meeting of the Healthy Lifestyle Task Force on May 22 from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm at Somerset county Administration Building, 3rd Floor. Everyone is invited to attend.

There are some plans for having evening meetings and a combined Task force meeting in the future.

Annual Conference of the State Commission will be held at Mercer County Community College on October 23, 2008. Steve will have registration information available.

Rocky Hill Flu Clinic is scheduled for November 13, 2008 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. After some discussion a motion was made by Dr. Haines and seconded by Dr. Fisher that Rocky Hill residents and people who work in Rocky Hill should not be charged for the vaccine. Rocky Hill residents and employees of Rocky Hill businesses can also attend flu clinics in South Brunswick for free. The motion passed unanimously.

State Health Department Cancer Control and Prevention- we are asked to view the website at www.njcancer.gov. and evaluate the site by May 16

Old Business

Health Department Consolidation – there will not be a problem with our contract through this year. The issues will be reviewed again for the 2009 budget year.

Municipal Alliance – Dr. Poelstra attended a meeting last evening. The Alliance is doing a search initiative to decide on a survey of risk behaviors which will determine the community needs for services. Steve Papenberg stated that South Brunswick successfully completed a survey and he will be happy to offer assistance.

Plans are for a Patriots Game which will be the day after Labor Day and will focus on anti-drug/ alcohol advertising.

March 5, 2009 is advertised as Montgomery's Night Off which will emphasize families doing things together. Community activities will be canceled on that night.

There was a discussion about passing an ordinance on underage drinking on private property in Montgomery. Surrounding municipalities have ordinances that allow police access to private property so they have the ability to enforce underage drinking that takes place on private property. Ed Zimmerman, Rocky Hill mayor, will research ordinances and present to the Borough Council.

The state funding for municipal Alliance monies is being set for next year, money will be limited and only programs that can be evaluated and be effective will be given funding, No scholarship monies will be allowed. Each county has a steering committee to look at other programs being done. Several suggestions were projectadventure.org and peer leadership activities.

Sand Box Issue – Dr Haines displayed a Cartoon with a Health Alert to use to emphasis the danger of not covering the sand box at the Rocky hill cooperative Nursery School. The sand box is private property and belongs to the Nursery School. Mayor Zimmerman will speak to the Vice President about putting up a sign near the sand box or determining another way to keep the sand box covered when not in use. Bob Uhrik will follow-up.

New Web Site- The Web site was developed by Dr. Fisher and is now up and working. It was reviewed by the members of the Board. It is well done and Dr. Fisher should be commended on a job well done. We will develop a press release to announce the new web site. We will also reach out to other Local Board of Health to share our site. It was suggested by the Mayor that an article be written for the NJ Local Board of Health Newsletter about the development of our site. In order to finish the site a mission statement will be included. A draft of a mission statement was presented by Dr. Haines – it will be edited and expanded by Steve Papenberg and added to the web site.

Sidewalk Lighting –still being reviewed.

Van Horne Park – The hours will be dawn to dusk. Mile markers will be up soon.

Animal Ordinances for Rabies - the new Borough Council Animal Ordinance is up for adoption on May 19. There will be no pro-rated fee deleted for newly acquired animals; the fee for un-neutered/ unsprayed animals has been reduced to \$3.00 as required by state ordinance. Is has been agreed upon by the Borough council that the Constables will not be conducting the animal census. It is not an appropriate role for law enforcement to conduct. The borough council will probably hire surveyors. The new software has had a demo. Names and addresses will be able to be uploaded from the current software. People will get reminders by mail. There should be a list of unlicensed dogs sent to the State Department of Health by September 1 of each year based on the findings of a door to door census.

Emergency Operations Plan – We need information to determine the status of the Plan for Rocky Hill.

New Business

Pedestrian Safety – the pedestrian crossing signs have been installed at the most dangerous intersections of town. The town originally bought 14 and there are 6 left. The cost is approximately \$400 each. We need to determine if they are effective, or are there better ways to increase intersection safety in town. The members of the Board were asked if anyone was interested in looking for evidence based research to determine the best way to proceed. Mary Germain and Dr. Haines will do a search of the literature.

Meeting was adjourned. Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday June 3, 2008 at 4:30 pm. It was decided that there will not be any meeting for July or August.

Respectfully Submitted.

Margaret Querec MSN, RN