

**Rocky Hill Board of Health**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of 01/12/10**

Location - Borough Hall, Rocky Hill

Members in attendance: Mary Germain, Ed.D.,APRN-BC; Lisbeth Haines, MD; Beverly Poelstra, MD; Margaret Querec, M.S., RN

Also present: Ms. Linda Goldman, President, RH Borough Council; Mr. Benjamin Strong, representative of the SCDOH.

Excused: Susan Fisher, VMD

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Haines at 4:35 p.m., prior notice having been given in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Law, Chapter 231.

2. Review of Minutes of the meeting held on 12/8/09:

On page 2, Item # 5 under New Business - amend sentences one and two to read: The budgeted amount for the provision of public health services by the SCDOH ends on December 31, 2009, although the contract for services extends until December 31, 2010. SCDOH is to submit a proposal for the cost of services for 2010 to the Rocky Hill by January 15, 2010.

Unanimous consent for approval as amended.

3. Election of Officers:

Dr. Germain nominated Dr. Haines for the position of President, and Dr. Poelstra for the position of Vice-President. Dr. Haines and Dr. Poelstra were elected by acclamation.

4. Report of the South Brunswick Health Department (SCDOH):

Mr. Strong reported that December had been a quiet month. He said that he had been contacted by Ms. Dawn Prandi, REHS who had followed-up on the status of the lead abatement re: the paint surrounding the windows of the Co-operative Nursery School that is located in the Borough Hall. Ms. Prandi confirmed that lead abatement was completed in 2003 through the N.J. State Environmental Protection Agency. The issue has been completely resolved; no need for any further action.

Four out of the six food establishments in Rocky Hill that require licensing by the SCDOH have submitted their applications and paid their licensing fees to Ms. Griffiths, the Borough Clerk. Ms. Griffiths has forwarded their applications to the SCDOH for action.

Mr. Strong distributed H1N1 Influenza Vaccine Situation Report No. 11, for the week ending January 8, 2010, prepared by the SCDOH, to all the Board members.

5. Old Business:

- Municipal Alliance – Dr. Poelstra reported that Montgomery Night Out, the night in which no extra-curricular activities, sports team practices or homework are scheduled so as to allow students to spend a full evening with their families, is scheduled for March 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Licensing of Food Establishments in the Borough – 4 of the 6 establishments have initiated the process (see Report of the SCDOH).
- H1N1 – first round of clinics were held before the holidays. Mr. Strong reported that 751 persons received the vaccine in three hours at the Franklin site. The recent clinic held at Montgomery administered the vaccine to almost 900 people.
  - Another clinic has been scheduled for Franklin Township on 1-13-10 from 3:30-7:30p.m. The clinic will schedule 900 persons for the four hour time period.
  - Other clinics are scheduled as follows: Bedminster: 1-18-10; North Plainfield: 1-30-10.
  - Discussion of sites in Rocky Hill that would be appropriate to hold a clinic. There was general consensus that the Rocky Hill Borough Hall &/or the Reformed Church could serve as options for such a clinic IF the need arose to hold a clinic specifically for the residents of the Borough. The prevailing view is that the clinics being held in surrounding communities – e.g. Princeton, Montgomery, Franklin Township... - have the capacity to meet the needs of the residents of Rocky Hill.
  - Mr. Strong reported that the Flu Mist has not been well received; costly to administer and some people do not want to receive the live virus. He also said that there is ongoing debate about whether H1N1 has peaked and is receding for the long term, or if the current drop in reported cases represents a lull between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> waves, &/or if it will mutate and hit anew. He also reported that nationally, approximately 18% of the population has received the H1N1 vaccine, in comparison to a usual rate of only 5% of the population electing to receive the flu vaccine each year.
- Rabies Clinic – Ms. Goldman asked if the SCDOH is responsible for conducting the annual Rocky Hill Rabies Clinic, and noted that it must be held by April 30, 2010. Dr. Haines said that the Clinic will be conducted by the SCDOH. Mr. Strong will check to make sure that a date has been set and that all the arrangements have been put in place for the Clinic and will do so in coordination with Dr. Fisher.
- RHBOH website – Dr. Haines noted that Dr. Fisher has updated the website to include referral contact information for the SCDOH.

6. 2010 Goals for the Rocky Hill Board of Health:

The Board had a preliminary discussion of proposed goals for 2010, led by Dr. Haines. Potential goals included:

- Pedestrian safety: Dr. Haines noted that Mr. Papenberg, the Borough's former Health Officer, had been unable to extract any information from the New Jersey State Police on the incidence of vehicular accidents involving injury to pedestrians in Rocky Hill. Without authoritative data, it becomes difficult to substantiate a case for grant funding for the installation of additional measures. Ms. Goldman, reported on a program in Cherry Hill which is using decoys at a cost of \$20,000 per site. Issues of entrapment have arisen from the use of decoys.
- Creation of a Special Needs Registry - could be done in conjunction with revision of the Emergency Needs Community Survey, last conducted in 2004.
- Mental Health Resources - for the general population and especially, to support returning veterans who may have ongoing mental health issues. Ms. Goldman reported that the Borough's website includes information about resources for those in economic distress and mental health.
- Veterans Programs - how to help returning veterans re-integrate into the community and assist them to meet any ongoing physical or mental health needs. Mr. Strong indicated that the Lyons Veterans Administration Medical Center has excellent services, but that there are major bureaucratic hurdles that must be met to be accepted as a patient at the facility. Ms. Goldman suggested considering setting up a veterans outreach program, to include facilitating access to needed resources.
  - Mr. Strong will bring content from the State Registry to the next meeting.
  - Dr. Germain is trying to meet with the Medical Director at Fort Dix re: veterans' needs and will report on her discussion at the next meeting.
  - Dr Haines will bring information on depression to the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Germain, EdD,APN-BC