

**Rocky Hill Board of Health  
Minutes of the Meeting February 9, 2010**

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**Members in attendance:**

Lisbeth Haines MD (presiding), Mary Germain Ed.D APRN-BC, Beverly Poelstra MD, Margaret Querec RN MSN

Also present: Linda Goldman, Borough Council Liaison, and Michelle Samarya representing the SCDOH.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Haines at 4:37 pm in compliance with the open Public Meeting Law Chapter 231.

**Review and Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of January 2, 2010 were approved as corrected on a motion from Dr. Poelstra with a second by Ms. Querec.

**Report of the SCDOH Representative**

The monthly activity report for Rocky Hill: There was a possible case of hepatitis. There is no cause for action since it has not been verified. The type of hepatitis is not known.

There were five retail establishments that applied for and received their licenses. They were hand delivered and the next step will be inspection. There was one business that did not apply for a license. Linda Goldman will contact Dave DeRosa at the county and check on the status of that license.

H1N1 status in the county: The H1N1 virus is still widespread in New Jersey and vaccines are encouraged at all age levels. Since the virus tends to like warmer weather it would be beneficial to encourage people to have the vaccine prior to the spring. There was a clinic on January 29 that was very well attended. They are in the process of planning another clinic for the end of February at Franklin School on Claremont Road in Franklin Township. Michelle Samarya will get the pertinent information about the clinic to Dr. Haines by next week so it can be published to the residents of Rocky Hill.

There was a suggestion about providing a mobile clinic to residents unable to get out.

**Old Business**

**Municipal Alliance Update**

There was a meeting on February 8, 2010. Among several topics discussed was a reminder to families to participate in Montgomery Night Off on March 4. There will be no activities in the Township that evening so everyone can stay home with their families. Mayor Zimmerman has made a proclamation recognizing the Montgomery Night Off.

**Animal Control Contract**

There was a report from South Brunswick on the calls for animal control services in Rocky Hill for the 2009 year. There were 8 calls for a total charge of 1218.96. There was some discussion about the report and the way the charges were determined. It was decided that on a whole we are very satisfied with the services we receive and happy to be receiving services from South Brunswick.

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**Child Health Clinic**

CHOP has taken over Princeton Hospital pediatrics. The contact number is 609-497-4240. Any resident who feels they are eligible can contact them for services.

**SCDOH Agreement**

There will not be an increase in the contract amount this year. It will remain at \$10,300 for 2010. We signed a 3 year contract which covers 2009-2011. The only change is that there will be no extra cost to non-medicare residents/people who work in Rocky Hill when attaining the seasonal flu vaccine at our clinic.

**Rabies**

The number of licensed animals in Rocky Hill has increased since our new system was adopted. There were 65 dogs and 43 cats licensed in 2009. Letters have been sent out to residents to remind them to get their licenses in 2010. The Rabies Clinic will be held on either Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup> or Saturday April 17<sup>th</sup> from noon to 2 pm. The County Health Department will provide the vaccine and the vet has already been notified. The firehouse location just needs to be checked.

There was mention of the need to have the community pet survey completed, but we still don't know who can complete it?

**Project for 2010**

There was discussion about services available for Veterans. Several links were identified along with a NJ Vets Help Line which is staffed by Vets. Resources for mental health help especially for National Guard Vets were sent to Ben Strong and Dr. Haines will forward the links to members of the Board to review and decide which links are useful to put up on the Web site.

There was also discussion about the topic of depression. There was discussion about best practices for treating mild to moderate depression. Many of the resources only centered on medication and not on other treatments. It was decided it was not to offer resources for depression in the website.

**New Business**

There was a question about updating the community needs survey. There is program being developed through the county EMS deal with consolidating resources in the county. Margaret Querec will investigate further.

The next meeting will occur on March 9, 2010 at 4:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn made by Dr. Poelstra and seconded by Mary Germain. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Querec, RN MSN