

**Town of Dover  
Board of Health, March 8, 2010**

The regular monthly meeting of the Dover Board of Health was held in Town Hall, 37 N. Sussex Street, Dover.

Board President Marie Hoffman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and announced that the meeting complies with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act and has been duly advertised and posted.

Secretary Donna Cook called roll.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Darlene Kasko, Marie Hoffman, Irene Hansen,  
Constance Sibona-Foster, Donna Cook, Sandra Scarneo,  
Christopher Chapman, Judith Rugg

**ABSENT:** All Present

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jack Delaney, Alderman  
Donald Costanzo, Health Officer

**A motion to accept the minutes from the February 2010 regular meeting of the Board of Health** was made by Donna Cook, and duly seconded by Sandra Scarneo.

**ALL AYES; NO NAYS**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Letter from Medicare Services to the Dover Health Department dated 2/9/10; re: paper claims.
2. Letter from the NJDHSS to the HO dated 2/23/10; re: notice of approval for Public Health Priority Funding grant.
3. Letter from El Primer Paso to Kristine Wilsusen, Health Educator dated 3/1/10; re: "Healthy Me" children's workshops.

President Marie Hoffman asked if there was any significant correspondence. The HO stated the Letter of Approval from the NJDHSS was very important in light of the current economic climate.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Copies of the monthly report for February 2010 were distributed to the board for review.

The HO reported to the Board that H1N1 clinics continue to be offered at the nurse's office on Thursdays at 2:00 pm. Persons wanting a vaccination must call to schedule an appointment. Scheduling for H1N1 vaccinations will continue throughout the spring season.

The HO gave a brief update on Missionaries of God. A second spot check was conducted on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The program was operating satisfactorily. The court case was closed on February 9<sup>th</sup> with resulting fines of approximately \$400.

Sandra Scarneo commented that she noticed the 'Missionaries' new location was quiet and did not observe persons hanging around the premises. Connie Foster also mentioned that previous problems at the library have lessened since the new location opened.

On the subject of Animal Control Services, Sandra Scarneo brought up a recent announcement that Randolph will be providing animal control services to Mendham Township and Mendham Borough. Ms. Scarneo asked if the quality of services Dover receives would be affected. The HO mentioned that Connie Foster had expressed similar concerns previously.

The HO gave a brief overview of the implications of the Mendham arrangement on the quality of service. The HO explained that the acquisition of a new and improved animal pound on a Mendham parcel of land would benefit Dover as well as other shared service communities. The HO concluded that he believed the level and quality of services would not be adversely affected.

Judith Rugg asked the HO if there was a specific minimum fencing height requirement to contain or confine a dog. Apparently an adjoining property owner has a pit bull that is able to get over the property fence.

The HO stated that although there were laws regulating fencing, to his knowledge, there was not a specific height requirement for confining dogs; only that the dog had to be adequately controlled or confined. If a dog could jump the fence, it was not adequately controlled. The HO stated he would find out if the dog was licensed and ask Ms. Rugg to let him know the address of the animal owner.

Regarding the cigarette butt container ordinance, the HO informed the board that the Administrator was reviewing the proposed rule. He is considering modifications that pertain to issues such as:

- the potential for cigarette butt containers to encourage people to smoke.

- the possibility of creating an attractive nuisance.
- the potential unsightliness of containers.
- specifying container requirements to problem locations instead of all bars, restaurants and work places.

Connie Foster remarked that during weekend cleaning activities, she note excessive cigarette butt litter especially at bars and restaurants.

The HO reported that the following health education programs were conducted:

- 2/17: Move Today exercise program
- 2/24: Move Today exercise program
- 2/22: Health Me program (2 sessions) – nutrition, injury protection, physical fitness (3-5 yr olds) [El Primer Paso].

Connie Foster asked if programs were conducted at the 215 E. Blackwell Street Senior Housing facility. Ms. Foster would like health education programming to be conducted at this location. This led to a general discussion of health education programs for seniors.

Nursing Activities:

- Immunization Audits: 5 centers audited; remaining centers & public schools to be completed in forthcoming month.
- H1N1 Vaccinations on February 4, 11, 18, 25 (by appointment).

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The health department will be doing select Hepatitis-B vaccinations for first responders under the blood borne pathogens program. The Health Officer will purchase the vaccine (which is expensive) and the nurse has standing orders to administer the shots.

Influenza surveillance activity level currently at: SPORADIC

Scheduled H1N1 Vaccination Clinics: March 4, 11, 18, 25.

Male Cancer Screening Program is scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm. The program is for Dover men, 40 years of age or older. The focus is early detection/prevention.

Other programs are listed in the monthly report (i.e. bone density screening, skin cancer screening, stroke screening, and female cancer screening).

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Connie Foster expressed an interest in organizing a board of health sponsored program, perhaps in the area of exercise with a nutrition health education theme.

This led to a discussion of possible programs, mostly on the topic of exercise and nutrition. Suggestions included:

- Health walk for seniors with nutrition component (Connie Foster)
- “Let’s Get Moving Dover”
- “Move-It Today” for Seniors(Sandra Scarneo asked if this program was still being done)
- “Family Activity Day” (Judy Rugg)
- Scavenger Hunt theme (Sandra Scarneo)

Connie Foster questioned the possible use of school grounds and the inclusion of a fundraising piece.

The topic of programming concluded with a request that board members think about a board of health sponsored program/event for next meeting.

The HO will learn more about the rules and requirements for fundraising.

In an unrelated matter, Sandra Scarneo mentioned the proposed sugar tax in New York as a way to reduce obesity in children, and asked if anyone thought this approach would work. This led to a brief discussion of obesity in children.

**THE MEETING WAS OPENED TO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC  
WHO WISHED TO DISCUSS A PARTICULAR ISSUE.**

No members of the general public were present.

Upon completion of the public portion of the meeting, President Marie Hoffman entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. **A motion to adjourn the meeting** was made by Irene Hansen and seconded by Christopher Chapman.

**ALL AYES; NO NAYS**

**MEETING ADJOURNED**