

CITY OF ENGLEWOOD

BOARD OF HEALTH REGULAR MEETING

June 8, 2011

1. The regular meeting of the Board of Health, City of Englewood, Bergen County, was called to order at 8:15 p.m. by Dr. Earl A. Marsan, President, Board of Health.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Earl A. Marsan, President; Bertha-Nora Acosta; Stephanie Davis; Lisa Levien; and Dianna Lachman.

ALSO PRESENT:

Nelson Xavier Cruz, Director, Health Services/Health Officer/Secretary to the Board; Richard A. Lustgarten, Esq., Board of Health Attorney; and Janet Kast, Confidential Executive Secretary.

ABSENT/with apology: Dr. Lisa L. Wisotsky, Vice President, and JoEllen Bostick.

Mr. Cruz read the Open Public Meetings Statement.

Dr. Earl A. Marsan, Board President, asked those present to stand while the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2.A. Motion to approve Items 2.A.i. (Minutes of May 11, 2011 Meeting, Open/Closed); 2.A.ii. (Receipts – May, 2011); 2.A.iii. (Bills – May, 2011); 2.A.iv. (Employee Reports – May, 2011); 2.A.v. (Digest of Mail – May, 2011).

Mr. Cruz stated that cash receipts for the month of May, 2011 were \$13,647.00. Vouchers/Orders for Payment for May, 2011 were \$4,031.98. Non-budget payments were \$361.20 in May, 2011. Electronic Death Registration Receipts for the month of May, 2011 totaled \$991.50.

Motion to approve Items 2.A.i.-v. together was made by Ms. Levien, and seconded by Ms. Davis. Motion was approved 5-0.

2B. Motion to approve retail licenses (May, 2011)

Motion to approve retail licenses for the month of May, 2011 was made by Ms. Lachman, and seconded by Ms. Acosta. Mr. Cruz read the list of licenses to be approved, and stated that there had been no complaints against them or objections by anyone for the renewals. Motion was approved 5-0.

2.C. i. Board Liaison Reports
ii. Committee Reports

Ms. Lachman stated that reports would be covered in the body of the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

3. Resolution #11-07 – Appointment of REHS

Mr. Cruz read Resolution #11-07 appointing Christopher Cantisano to the position of Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS), effective June 6, 2011, for the Department of Health, City of Englewood.

Motion to adopt Resolution #11-07 was made by Ms. Lachman, and seconded by Ms. Davis. Motion was approved 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

4. Mass Immunization Exercise – June 4, 2011

Mr. Cruz reported that the Mass Immunization Exercise performed by the Department, in partnership with the Bergenfield Health Department, on June 4, 2011, went very well. The eighty-five participants included members of the U.S. Army, students and adults from the surrounding community, medical assistants, and student nurses. The exercise was videotaped, and members of the media were present as well.

Ms. Lachman, who participated in the exercise, congratulated Mr. Cruz and Mr. Volpe of the Bergenfield Health Department on an outstanding job. She reported that the planning committee for the exercise, including Mr. Bryan Krane, Emergency Operations Coordinator for the City of Englewood, is holding post-exercise meetings, and hope to continue working together on other projects in the future. Ms. Lachman stated that the Bergenfield and Englewood Health Departments were the only local health departments to receive a grant for this project, which is a significant accomplishment for the Department.

Mr. Cruz said he was meeting with the City Manager, Mr. Tim Dacey, on July 7, 2011 to discuss emergency preparedness.

5. Status of REHS Vacancy

Mr. Cruz stated that the vacancy had been filled by Mr. Chris Cantisano.

6. Bloodborne Pathogen Training – EPSD

At the previous Board of Health meeting, Mr. Cruz had been asked to meet with the Englewood Board of Education Superintendent to explore the possibility of the Department providing bloodborne pathogen training to the Englewood Public School District. Mr. Cruz reported that he had met with School Superintendent Dr. Richard Carlisle and the District's Human Resources Director, who told him they receive their immunizations through the County, which the Department is unable to provide. They are presently looking at using a webinar for the training in the future.

7. Get Fit Englewood Program

Mr. Cruz reported that the Get Fit program had been in operation for about four weeks, and approximately 72 individuals are registered at present. The program runs from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. on Saturdays at Mackay Park. A variety of classes and activities are offered, including Zumba, salsa, and boot camp.

Ms. Levien reported that there is a group of people at the Englewood Public Library who would like to start up a regular meeting place there with Weight Watchers. In order for this to happen, a few more

people are needed to complete the group. All must be City employees. Ms. Levien will request more information and Mr. Cruz will advertise to try to recruit more interested parties.

8. BOH Meeting Location

Since meeting in the 2nd floor conference room of the Police Department had presented several obstacles to the Board, Mr. Cruz suggested that future meetings could be held in the nursing area of the Health Department. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to hold future Board Meetings in the Health Department. Mr. Lustgarten reminded the Secretary that the change in venue would have to be advertised.

NEW BUSINESS

9. Superior Court Subpoena: Engle Plaza, Inc. v. Gary Klingsberg, D.O.

Mr. Cruz reported that he had received a subpoena to appear in Superior Court with regard to Engle Plaza, Inc. v. Gary Klingsberg, D.O., which was essentially a landlord/tenant issue and was settled out of court.

10. Other Business

Mr. Cruz reported that the meeting with the Mediator from the State Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC) and Local 108 Union was re-scheduled because Mr. Lustgarten was in a court trial at that time. The meeting will take place on Monday, June 13, 2011, at the Englewood Health Department.

Mr. Lustgarten informed the Board that the Recreation Department, Borough of Franklin Lakes, had hired a company called Impact, a testing service, to take a baseline of the heads of children involved in sports. In this way, should a child suffer a head injury, there would be something to compare the records to. Mr. Lustgarten suggested contacting the Borough Administrator of Franklin Lakes, Mr. Greg Hart, if the Board wished to follow up on this idea in the Englewood schools and/or Recreation Department.

Ms. Lachman stated that in South Brunswick, New Jersey, they are now able to do dog and cat registration on-line, and so far, it seems to be working. Mr. Cruz said the Department would investigate the possibility of using the VitalChek service that they use in Vital Statistics for dog and cat licensing.

Motion to open the time for public comment was made by Ms. Lachman, and seconded by Ms. Levien. Motion was approved 5-0.

PUBLIC SESSION

Ms. Jeanne Hopewell, 380 Liberty Rd.

Ms. Hopewell commented on the lack of swimming facilities for the senior citizens of Englewood and asked if the Health Department could arrange something for them, like water aerobics, within walking distance. Ms. Levien suggested using a lottery system, as they have done successfully in Tenafly, so that senior citizens on a limited income would have access to a pool for a small fee.

Ms. Hopewell also spoke about the fact that there is a swimming pool for children next to a school, but that instead of allowing the children to use the facilities in the school, they are forced to cross the street to use a facility there, which she considers dangerous.

Dr. Richard Pierson, 60 Lincoln St.

Dr. Pierson stated his desire to reactivate the Friends of the Englewood Health Department, and recruit new generations of Friends. He said they would focus on what the Director and staff of the Department needed the most support for, and hoped to hold their first meeting in the fall of 2011.

Ms. Levien suggested several areas where the Department could use support, such as nutrition and exercise, a recreation center, swimming facilities, and other concerns that would interest people in the Friends.

Ms. Levien also commented on the lack of adequate cooling centers in the City and said they should be more centrally located.

There were no further comments or questions from the public. Motion to close the time for public comment was made by Ms. Davis, and seconded by Ms. Lachman. Motion was approved 5-0.

Mr. Lustgarten stated that there was no need to go into a closed session. He said the Department is scheduled for remediation with the Local 108 Union on June 13, 2011, at 11:30 a.m.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Lachman, and seconded by Ms. Levien. All members voted "aye" in favor. The meeting ended at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Xavier Cruz
Secretary to the Board
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