

CITY OF ENGLEWOOD

BOARD OF HEALTH REGULAR MEETING

March 11, 2015

1. The regular meeting of the Board of Health, City of Englewood, Bergen County, was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by JoEllen Bostick, President, Board of Health.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

JoEllen Bostick, President; Dr. Lisa Wisotsky, Vice President; Bertha-Nora Acosta; Daniel Daniel; Stephanie Davis; Ketsia Alerte-Sadler; and Dr. Aliza Solomon.

ALSO PRESENT:

James Fedorko, Director, Health Services/Health Officer/Secretary to the Board; Richard A. Lustgarten, Esq., Board of Health Attorney; and Janet Hart, Confidential Executive Secretary.

Mr. Fedorko read the Open Public Meetings Statement. All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Oath of Allegiance for 2015 Appointment

Mr. Lustgarten administered the Oath of Allegiance to Mr. Daniel Daniel, Board of Health appointment for 2015.

3. A. Items for Approval

Motion to approve 3. A. i. (Minutes of February 11, 2015 Meeting); 3. A. ii. (Receipts – February, 2015 - \$14,918.00); 3. A. iii. (Bills – February, 2015 - \$7,062.52); 3. A. iv. (Employee Reports – February, 2015); and 3. A. v. (Digest of Mail – February, 2015).

Motion to approve Items 3. A. i-v was made by Dr. Wisotsky, and seconded by Ms. Acosta. Motion was approved 7-0.

The Board requested information on how nail salons are inspected and how regulations governing them are enforced. Mr. Fedorko will investigate and report.

Dr. Wisotsky remarked on the many infractions committed by Englewood restaurants. Ms. Davis requested more information on the standards and requirements for a restaurant inspection. Mr. Lustgarten suggested calling a meeting of all restaurant owners to inform them of stricter enforcement of regulations and thereby increase their compliance.

3. B. Motion to approve retail licenses – February, 2015

Mr. Fedorko stated that there were three licenses to be approved, as follows: Talae VII, Kbob Café Corp. Restaurant, and Heritage LLC, dba Emma. He said that there had not been any written or verbal objection to the approval of these licenses. Motion to approve retail licenses for February, 2015 was made by Dr. Solomon, and seconded by Ms. Davis. Motion was approved 7-0.

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

Mr. Daniel Daniel volunteered to head the Englewood Board of Health Bylaws Committee.

Mr. Fedorko referred the Board to the schedule for the Walk with a Leader program in their folders. He said the Opening Ceremony is set for Monday, April 20, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., at Winton White Stadium, and he discussed some of the details with the Board. If it is raining, the Grieco School is reserved for the ceremony.

RESOLUTIONS

4. Resolution 15-07 – Appointment of Public Health Nurse

Mr. Lustgarten read Resolution 15-07, appointing Claudette Murdock as Public Health Nurse, Full-Time, effective March 1, 2015, in its entirety. Motion to approve Resolution 15-07 was made by Dr. Solomon, and seconded by Ms. Sadler. Motion was approved 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

5. Youth Health Educator Recruitment

Mr. Fedorko reported that an applicant for the position of Youth Health Educator had been accepted and background checks were being done. He hoped the process would go smoothly and that the Youth Health Educator would be hired soon.

Mr. Fedorko reminded the Board that they had recently celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Reach and Teach program and that the Board planned to organize an event with Englewood Hospital and Medical Center to commemorate that. Several ideas were suggested and discussed.

6. 2015 Budget

Mr. Fedorko reported that the Department's budget hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. He gave a brief summary of the budget to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

7. 2015 Planning

Mr. Fedorko stated that much of the planning revolves around the topics of obesity, diabetes, heart, and stroke. He said the Department is currently writing a grant for the Diabetes Foundation for \$16,000 to do a program here. The "Don't Miss a Beat" program was developed due to a grant won by the Department for \$3,000, and today was the kick-off day. The Department has programs aimed at senior citizens and the elderly held at the Southeast Senior Center for Independent Living (SESCIL), 111 West, and the Bergen Family Center, which came from the Community Development Block Grant. The "Walk with a Leader" program, scheduled to begin on April 20, is aimed at adults, and for the youth, several events are being planned around the community gardens.

Mr. Fedorko mentioned a successful lecture on cancer recently at the Family Success Center, sponsored by the Bergen County CEED Program and Englewood Hospital and Medical Center. Additional HIV screenings are also being planned. He said one of the Department goals for 2015 is to try to have sodas removed from the schools' menus. The plans for Public Health Week in April were also discussed.

8. Other Business

Mr. Lustgarten reported that the Department had a request from the union representative to begin collective bargaining for the Board of Health employees, and that he expected to receive their proposal in the next several weeks. He said when it is received, both he and Mr. Fedorko will review it and then discuss it with the Board in Closed Session.

Mr. Fedorko reported that an article on the recent beekeeping ordinance passed in Englewood had appeared in the State Letter to Beekeepers in New Jersey.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion to open the time for public comment was made by Ms. Davis, and seconded by Ms. Sadler. Motion was approved 7-0.

No members of the public were present.

Motion to close the time for public comment was made by Ms. Davis, and seconded by Dr. Solomon. Motion was approved 7-0.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Sadler, and seconded by Ms. Davis. All members voted "aye," in favor. Motion was carried.

The meeting officially adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Fedorko
Secretary to the Board
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