

TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT OLIVE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



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BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

WEDNESDAY APRIL 18, 2018

Call to Order: The April 18, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 6:33 PM by Chairperson Colleen Labow. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

Open Public Meetings Act Announcement: Michele Doucette: "According to the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been given to the Daily Record. Notice has been posted in the Municipal Building, 204 Flanders-Drakestown Road, Mount Olive Township, New Jersey and notices were sent to those requesting the same."

Roll Call: Present: Dr. Ross, Dr. Wallack, Mark Kana, Dr. Abrams and Colleen Labow. Dr. Miccio at 6:44 pm

Absent: Anita Cooper

Colleen Labow also recognized Board of Health Secretary, Michele Doucette; Health Officer, Trevor Weigle and Attorney, Peter King, Derrick Webb, Deputy Director, and Blair Wagner, college student.

Minutes: The minutes of the January 17, 2018 meeting were approved on a motion by Dr. Wallack and second by Dr. Ross; all members present were in favor.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was acknowledged:

1. Memo from H.O. to Business Administrator; re: December 2017 Major Activities
2. Memo from H.O. to Director of Planning; re: Overlook Village re: Waste Receptacles
3. Memo from H.O. to Various Department Heads; re: Young Health Spa
4. Email Correspondence from Deputy Director to Business Administrator; re: Food Trucks
5. Email from State Health Department to NJ Health Officers; re: 2017 Rabies Cases

6. Email from Deputy Director to Various Department Heads; re: Introduced Legislation
7. Memo from H.O. to Employee; re: Disciplinary Matter (*Privileged*)
8. Email from State Health Department to NJ Health Officers; re: Influenza and Antivirals
9. Memo from Employee to H.O.; re: Resignation (*Privileged*)
10. Letter from H.O. to Dog Licensees; re: Incorrect Information
11. Letter from H.O. to Budd Lake Chapel; re: Appreciation for Donation
12. Letter from H.O. to Ledgewood Baptist Church; re: Appreciation for Donation
13. Letter from H.O. to MOTHS Student Council; re: Appreciation for Donation
14. Letter from H.O. to Mt. Olive Lions Club; re: Appreciation for Donation
15. Memo from H.O. to Business Administrator; re: January 2017 Major Activities
16. Memo from H.O. to Business Administrator; re: February 2018 Major Activities.
17. Letter sent to Pool Owner/Operators; re: Public Recreational Bathing Code (N.J.A.C. 8:26)

Written Reports:

The Public Health Activities reports for January, February and March 2018 were approved on a motion by Dr. Wallack and second by Dr. Ross; all present were in favor.

New Business:

Health Officer Weigle brought attention to the following content in the Monthly Reports:

- Page 10 of the January report: A change to the way deaths will be reported going forward; starting in 2018 we will report only the primary cause of death and will use the categories that the State uses. We will then be able to compare Mt. Olive deaths with the 10 ten causes state-wide.
- Page 12 of the January report: The Health Department will be using a software program called VSMG Dashboard for our performance management efforts. This will document and measure our progress towards our goals and objectives, identifying where quality improvement is needed.
- Page 12 of the January report: We have created an accreditation team of 5 health department staff members. Some things we will be working on will be Community Health Assessment, Community Health Improvement Plan, Workforce Development Plan, Strategic Plan and Quality Improvement Plan. The group will also be looking at documentation that we can use to meet the 100 measures that accreditation requires.
- Page 3 of the February report: The Deputy Director worked with the health inspectors to review proposed legislation, known as the

Cottage Food Bill. They reviewed the bill and forwarded comments to the New Jersey Environmental Health Association for testimony to New Jersey State legislatures. The Cottage Food Bill would allow people to cook in their homes and sell to the public.

- Page 12 of the February report: explains the revision of our Strategic Plan which was started a few years ago. During the February staff the Strategic Plan, started a couple of years ago, was reviewed, including the SWOT analysis. The Accreditation Team will start creating the specific activities for each objective of the Strategic Priorities to enter into VMSG. This way those activities can be monitored for completion and necessary adjustment.
- Page 13 of the March report: In addition to the monthly revenue report, a Quarterly Financial Report will be included. This is a fuller picture of revenue and expenses. Animal Control is not included in the quarterly report it is separate and is a state statutorily set trust fund.
- Page 14 of the March report: The department is working on conducting a Community Health Assessment (CHA); including conducting a Community Voices Survey to collect primary qualitative and quantitative data; thus far 268 surveys have been completed. The survey is part of a larger health assessment being conducted by the North Jersey Health Collaborative, of which Mt. Olive H.D. is a member. They are doing the survey for a multi county area: 63 organizations, including our H.D. volunteered to disseminate the survey. In return we get data back that is specific to our jurisdiction and zip codes. Our interns will also work on the CHA project by conducting focus groups and key informant interviews and analyzing the data. In addition they will assist in conducting secondary data analysis and providing a report on same. We will form a Community Health Advisory Group to ensure that the CHA and subsequent Community Health Improvement Plans are the results of collaborative efforts.

Ordinance on First Reading: None

Ordinance on Second Reading: None

Resolutions: Resolution # 2018-09 Supporting Legislation Clarifying Exemptions from Mandatory Immunizations for Students

**TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT OLIVE
BOARD OF HEALTH**

RESOLUTION NO. BOH 2018-09

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LEGISLATION CLARIFYING EXEMPTIONS FROM
MANDATORY IMMUNIZATIONS FOR STUDENTS**

WHEREAS, The Township of Mount Olive Board of Health provides public health services to the residents of Mount Olive, and;

WHEREAS, The Township of Mount Olive Board of Health has held and continues to hold a position in support of vaccination, and;

WHEREAS, On March 5, 2018 the Senate referred Bill No. 2173 clarifying statutory exemptions from mandatory immunizations for students to the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee for consideration, and;

WHEREAS, On April 5, 2018 the Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee released from Committee Assembly Bill No. 3818 for consideration by the full Assembly, and;

WHEREAS, these identical companion bills would impose more rigorous requirements in order for parents to claim a religious exemption from mandatory vaccinations for school children, and;

WHEREAS, Studies have demonstrated that the religious exemption is at times claimed either as a pretext by parents philosophically opposed to vaccine or simply as a convenience to avoid the necessity of arranging doctor appointments for administration of the vaccines, and;

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Health reported that 10,407 religious exemptions were reported for the 2016-2017 school year, and

WHEREAS, The Star-Ledger reported that religious exemptions were claimed for nearly 9,000 students in the 2013-2014 academic year, compared with 1641 student in 2005-2006¹, and;

WHEREAS, the scientific evidence that vaccines are safe is overwhelming², and;

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation does not preclude an exemption when vaccination would conflict with bona fide religious tenets or practices, and;

WHEREAS, the decrease in vaccination rates poses a serious risk to public health³, and;

WHEREAS, outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases, such as measles, pertussis, and mumps, are on the rise⁴, and;

WHEREAS, there is concern that vaccination rates have fallen below the recommended number to provide herd immunity to protect those who cannot be vaccinated.⁵

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Mount Olive Board of Health, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, fully supports the proposed legislation and urges the legislature to pass the bills promptly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon passage by the New Jersey State Legislature that the Township of Mount Olive Board of Health urges the Governor to sign the bill into law promptly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Office of the Governor of the State of New Jersey, the State Legislators representing the Township of Mount Olive, the Speaker of the New Jersey General Assembly, the President of the New Jersey State Senate, and the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Health.

¹ Livio, S. (2015, March 21). Should Religious Exemptions for child vaccine be harder to get in NJ? *The Star-Ledger*.

² (n.d.). Safety. Retrieved 26 March 2015 from <http://www.vaccines.gov/basics/safety>

³ Immunization Action Coalition. (September 2014). Personal belief exemptions for vaccination put people at risk. Examine the evidence for yourself. Retrieved 26 March 2015 from <http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p2069.pdf>

⁴ (n.d.). Pertussis. Retrieved 26 March 2015 from <http://www.cdc.gov/pertussis/surv-reporting.html>

(n.d.). Mumps. Retrieved 26 March 2015 from <http://www.cdc.gov/mumps/outbreaks.html>

(n.d.). Measles. Retrieved 26 March 2015 from <http://www.cdc.gov/measles/cases-outbreaks.html>

⁵ Fischetti, M. (2013) Too Many Children Go Unvaccinated. *Scientific American*. (308),6.

Resolution # 2018-08 Supporting National Accreditation

**TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT OLIVE
BOARD OF HEALTH**

RESOLUTION NO. BOH 2018-08

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING
NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH ACCREDITATION**

WHEREAS, public health department accreditation is defined as the development of a set of standards, a process to measure health department performance against those standards, and recognition for those health departments who meet the standards; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) has established a national public health department voluntary accreditation process that seeks to advance quality and performance within public health departments; and

WHEREAS, achieving accreditation through PHAB provides a means for a health department to identify performance improvement opportunities, to improve management, develop leadership, and improve relationships with the community; and

WHEREAS, accreditation documents the capacity of the public health department to deliver the three core functions of public health and the ten essential public health services; and

WHEREAS, the process of accreditation will encourage and stimulate quality and performance improvement in the health department as well as promote greater accountability and transparency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Health of the Township of Mount Olive does hereby recognize the importance of national public health accreditation for a local health department and strongly supports the pursuit of accreditation status for the Township of Mount Olive Health Department.

The Resolutions were approved on a motion by Dr. Wallack and second by Dr. Ross; all present were in favor.

Unfinished Business: None

Legal Business: None

Public Portion: None

Board Comments: The board members congratulated Derrick on receiving the President's Award presented by the New Jersey Environmental Health Association. The board thanked the Health Department for all the emails.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM on a motion by Dr. Abrams and second by Dr. Wallack; all members present were in favor.

Colleen Labow
Chairman

I, Michele Doucette, Mount Olive Township Board of Health Secretary, do hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and correct copy of the Minutes approved at a legally convened meeting of the Mount Olive Township Board of Health duly held on April 18, 2018.

Michele Doucette
Board of Health Secretary