

REGULAR MEETING OF THE OAKLAND BOARD OF HEALTH

May 12, 2008 - 7:30 p.m.

Conference Room - Municipal Building

CALL TO ORDER Meeting called to order at 7:31 PM by Mr. Beattie

ROLL CALL Mr. Beattie, Dr. Davis, Mr. Talucci, Ms. Walpole, Ms. West, Ms. Wilgus – All Yes

OTHERS PRESENT Council Liaison Pasquale Pignatelli, Thomas J. Romans, Esq., and Sanitary Inspector Robert Jernick

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT **This meeting is being held in accordance with the regulations of the Public Meetings Law, notices of which were sent to The Record, Suburban Trends and any other persons requesting same.**

REGULAR BUSINESS

MINUTES The Board reviewed the April 14, 2008 meeting minutes.

Motion of Ms. West, seconded by Ms. Walpole, minutes approved.

Roll Call: Mr. Beattie, Dr. Davis, Mr. Talucci, Ms. Walpole, Ms. West, Ms. Wilgus – All Yes

REPORTS The Board reviewed the April 2008 Sanitarian’s Monthly Report.

Mr. Talucci questioned the protocol for handling animal bites and spoke of a shortage of human rabies vaccine and possible reasons why people fail to report animal bites which include fear that one’s pet will be taken away and fear of a lawsuit. Mr. Beattie suggested that Mr. Talucci prepare an article that could be submitted to the newspaper after the next animal bite occurs in Oakland.

Motion of Mr. Walpole, seconded by Mr. Talucci, the Report was accepted.

Roll Call: Mr. Beattie, Dr. Davis, Mr. Talucci, Ms. Walpole, Ms. West, Ms. Wilgus – All Yes

The Board reviewed the April Secretary’s/Registrar’s Report.

Motion of Ms. West, seconded by Ms. Walpole, the Report was accepted.

Roll Call: Mr. Beattie, Dr. Davis, Mr. Talucci, Ms. Walpole, Ms. West, Ms. Wilgus – All Yes

PAYMENT OF BILLS Motion of Dr. Davis, seconded by Ms. West, the following bills approved:

04/22/2008 – The Valley Hospital (1 st Quarter Community Wellness Program, per 2008 Contract)	\$607.80
04/25/2008 – Borough of Waldwick (One child seen at the 4/10/08 CHC)	\$ 35.00

04/25/2008 – Thomas Romans, Esq. \$100.00
(For professional services rendered with regard to preparation
of resolution for 41 Hopper Street)

Roll Call: Mr. Beattie, Dr. Davis, Mr. Talucci, Ms. Walpole, Ms. West, Ms. Wilgus
– All Yes

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Beattie commented about a meeting that he and Ms. Dubowick had had with the Administrator concerning acquiring a booth at the town picnic and seeing if any other Boards and Commissions would be interesting in doing the same. Mr. Beattie stated he had not yet heard back from the Administrator on this.

Mr. Beattie also spoke about Ms. Dubowick's attendance at Board Meetings. It was mentioned that Ms. Dubowick is not allowed to volunteer at the town picnic because of the labor contract; however she is required to attend Board meetings without compensation even though her contract states she should be. This subject is still under discussion with the Borough Administrator who is checking the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act. Mr. Pignatelli stated he would take this up with the Administrator and stated Ms. Dubowick should be compensated. Mr. Pignatelli indicated that if Ms. Dubowick is amenable, she should take comp time for the balance of the year, but next year funds should be allocated in the budget to pay her. Ms. Dubowick asked if she could be paid for all the meetings she had worked in previous years. Mr. Beattie stated a contract is a contract and Mr. Pignatelli agreed. Mr. Pignatelli and Mr. Beattie both recommended that Ms. Dubowick speak with her Union Rep.

NEW BUSINESS

NEW FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS IN OAKLAND Inspector Jernick informed the Board about a new food establishment, Oakland Java, that opened in town. Other new establishments scheduled to open in Oakland are Walgreens, Starbucks and Portobello Feasts. Mr. Jernick also added that food establishment inspections are up to date.

SUNNY'S SPA ESTHETICS Mr. Beattie informed the Board of an incident that had occurred at this establishment approximately a month ago whereby a resident claimed the establishment had given his wife a sexually transmitted disease when she was in for a waxing. The medical report indicated she had a case of folliculitis, not a sexually transmitted disease. Inspector McGrath inspected the establishment and didn't see any violations. The complainant filed a complaint with the State Board of Cosmetology, the agency that licenses nail salons, and a state inspector was sent to conduct a full inspection of the establishment. This inspection revealed an unlicensed operator and ear candling was being offered, an illegal service. The inspector indicated he would not be returning for a reinspection.

Ms. Dubowick said she had asked the inspector what the Board of Health could do to further protect those who frequent nail salons. The inspector provided a sample ordinance adopted by another town authorizing local inspection of nail salons. Currently, there is no such ordinance in Oakland. Ms. Walpole stated that Hackensack's nurses used to check nail salons. Ms. Dubowick was directed to

call the Hackensack Health Dept. to obtain a copy of the ordinance for comparison to the sample.

DISPOSAL OF HOUSE-HOLD MEDICATION & OTHER HEALTH ED MATERIALS

Secretary addressed the Board about information received on the proper disposal of household medications which the Board approved for posting on the Borough's website. A handwashing video and a website that provides ratings on physicians and hospitals as well as a health survey were discussed. Mr. Beattie will review the video, however the Board decided against promoting the website due to the fact that physician participation is voluntary.

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Ms. Dubowick reported that she and Phyllis Strohmeier from West Bergen Mental Health manned a table at ShopRite on the afternoon of May 9th to disseminate both educational material and information on available services in recognition of National Children's Mental Health Week. West Bergen Mental Health has recently opened an office in Oakland and soon will be breaking ground on their new corporate headquarters which will be located next to RBARI.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

STAMP OUT STIGMA

Ms. Dubowick reported on this initiative that she had attended at Bergen Community College in April which was designed to stamp out the stigma associated with mental illness. She explained that an enormous stigma still exists making it difficult for people to reach out for the help they need. Over 50 mental health agencies were represented at the event run by Kathy Pignatelli who did an outstanding job. Ms. Dubowick stated she had obtained a wealth of resource material, including a listing of all the support groups in the area which she will maintain in the office. The Board suggested putting a link on the website to some of the organizations. Ms. Dubowick will check with the individual who supplies all of the information via e-mail to find out if Oakland's school nurses are on the list of recipients.

Mr. Pignatelli added that his wife Kathy is going to be recognized by the Governor for the outstanding job she did with this initiative and for her efforts to eliminate the stigma associated with mental illness. The Board offered their congratulations.

41 HOPPER STREET RESOLUTION

It was reported that the homeowner met the requirements of the resolution, and Inspector McGrath approved the plan last week.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Davis spoke about a documentary that teaches young children about people who are disabled in an effort to increase sensitivity in children for those who have a physical disability. He stated that a friend's daughter had filmed the documentary and urged Board members to go to www.labeleddisabledfilm.com to view the trailer for this film which will be released later in the month. Dr. Davis said the film was very well done and attacks the problem at a very young age so children grow up with a sensitivity and acceptance toward those who are disabled.

S.M.A.C. PROGRAM

An article was submitted to Crossroads informing residents that this program is in danger of being canceled due to a lack of participation. The article will urge residents to contact the Health Department if they wish to continue the program.

ADJOURNMENT

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Motion of Dr. Davis, seconded by Ms. West, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Roll Call: Mr. Beattie, Dr. Davis, Mr. Talucci, Ms. Walpole, Ms. West, Ms. Wilgus
– All Yes

APPROVED:

Ronald J. Beattie, President

ATTEST: _____
Karin Kennedy Dubowick, Secretary

DATE: _____