

# Minutes of the Reorganizational & Regular Meeting of the Board of Health January 19, 2022

The Reorganizational Meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 7:30pm by The President, Mr. Bob Dorsi, in conformance with the Sunshine Law.

Upon roll call Mr. Bob Dorsi, Mr. Ed Sorge, Dr. Komal Naik, Mrs. Ellen Guritzky, Mrs. Carolyn Sayre, Mr. Jeff Varnerin along with Ms. Andrea Alvare, Ms. Jessica Mindo and Ms. Angelica Velazquez from Union County were present.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ellen Guritzky; seconded by Dr. Komal Naik to elect Mr. Bob Dorsi as President for 2022. By unanimous vote all members were in favor.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ellen Guritzky; seconded by Dr. Komal Naik to elect Mr. Ed Sorge as Vice President for 2022. By unanimous vote all members were in favor.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ellen Guritzky; seconded by Dr. Komal Naik to approve a Resolution to appoint Linda Palumbo as Secretary from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. By unanimous vote all members were in favor.

## **Regular Meeting:**

Upon roll call Mr. Bob Dorsi, Mr. Ed Sorge, Dr. Komal Naik, Mrs. Ellen Guritzky, Mrs. Carolyn Sayre, Mr. Jeff Varnerin along with Ms. Andrea Alvare, Ms. Jessica Mindo and Ms. Angelica Velazquez from Union County.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ellen Guritzky to approve the minutes of November 17, 2021 Board of Health Meeting and seconded by Mr. Ed Sorge. By unanimous vote all members were in favor.

**Presidents Report-** no report

## **Health Officer's Report:**

Since our first patient in March 2020, we have had 2,471 positive cases and 78 deaths.

Overall, 94% of the adult population in Berkeley Heights have completed their vaccination course (92% last time the Board met) and 106% of vaccinated adults have completed at least one dose (92% last time the Board met).

*Per NJDOH: Select municipalities may observe more than 100% vaccine coverage due to multiple reasons: transient persons (i.e., people who have moved), those who are traveling and not residing in their home where the census counted them, students who may select their student residence for vaccination data, persons in long-term care or other facility-based housing outside of the home) which might be counted in a different location for the census, and other reasons.*

## **Vaccine Clinics**

Moderna, J&J and Pfizer (12 and older) vaccines continue to be provided at Kean University/Downs Hall on Wednesdays and Fridays from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Pfizer (5 and older) vaccines continue to be provided at Warinanco Ice Skating Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

All vaccines, including pediatric Pfizer are provided at Plainfield High School on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

For an up-to-date list of upcoming clinics and to make an appointment, please visit our website at UCNJ.org.

To date the County has provided over 135,630 vaccines to over 69,000 people. Vaccines are currently very abundant. To make an appointment please call 1-833-256-2478 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

There was a brief discussion about clarifying the most up to date information on testing positive for COVID. The date of exposure is considered day 0. Day 1 is the first full day after last contact with a person who has had COVID-19. The recommendation is to get tested between 5<sup>th</sup>- 7<sup>th</sup> day.

## **Testing**

The Testing Center at Kean University is still open to all Union County residents on Mondays from 7:00 a.m. to noon and Thursdays from 7:00 a.m. to noon and 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Tests are also being administered at the Gerry B. Green Building in Plainfield on Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Since March 11th, 2020, the county had tested over 186,175 people. Registration and general information are available on county's UCNJ.ORG homepage.

For an up-to-date list of upcoming clinics and to make an appointment please visit our website at UCNJ.org.

## **Public Health Nursing:**

School Immunization Audits will be scheduled starting February 2022.

## **Food Inspections**

- Proud Thai – Initial inspection 11/18/21. Received a Conditional. Re-inspected on 11/30/21- Satisfactory.
- Thomas P. Hughes School – Re-inspection on 11/29/21 - Satisfactory.
- Delicious Heights – Re-inspection on 11/29/21 - Satisfactory.

- Kawee Thai Cuisine – Initial inspection on 12/2/21. Received a Conditional. Re-inspected on 12/13/21 - Satisfactory.
- Trap Rock – Initial inspection on 12/6/21. Received a Conditional. Re-inspected on 12/16/21 - Satisfactory.
- Lupa Ristorante – Initial inspection on 12/16/21 - Satisfactory.
- Sub Zone – Initial inspected on 11/4/2021. Received a Conditional. Re-inspected on 12/16/21 - Satisfactory.
- Nokia of America Corporation - Pre-operational inspection on 12/29/21 - Satisfactory.
- Bistro to Go - Pre-operational inspection on 1/14/2022 - Satisfactory.
- Hop Hing Chinese Restaurant. Initial inspected on 11/19/21 - Satisfactory.
- Runnells Center – Initial Inspection on 11/18/2021 - Satisfactory.
- Country Farms c/o Jigar Corp. – Initial inspection on 11/19/21 - Satisfactory.

### **Shelter Inspection**

- Home for Good Dogs - Initial inspection 11/29/21. Re-inspected on 12/14/21 – Satisfactory

### **New Business**

Marino's Seafood - Pre-operational on 11/23/21 (class 4). Open on 11/30/21.

### **Nuisance complaint**

395 Springfield Avenue – Owner unable to show proof of pest control at the 12/15/21 court date. Later in the day owner provided pesticide contract for 1 year for the location. On 12/22/21, inspector went to the site and saw 3 bait stations. 2<sup>nd</sup> court date for rat infestation scheduled for 2/3/22.

Court scheduled on 2/3/22 for dog bite from 2021.

Home for Good Dog - Complaint referred by Consumer Affairs received on 1/5/22.

Complainant alleged that an online listing for the dogs in question listed the incorrect breed as well as a false statement indicating “good with dogs.” Inspector spoke with the owner to make her aware of the complaint and to update the adoption listing. As per the owner, the dogs were adopted a couple of weeks before, so the listing is no longer posted. Owner was advised to send email confirming dogs were adopted.

**Old Business-** no report

**Citizens Hearing-** no report

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Bob Dorsi asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:57pm. A motion was made by Dr. Komal Naik; seconded by Mrs. Ellen Guritzky to adjourn to March 16, 2022 at 7:30pm.

Submitted by Linda Palumbo