

**HOPEWELL VALLEY  
ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH  
Regular Meeting**

**Wednesday, April 18, 2012, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Hopewell Township Municipal Building**

*This is to affirm that the regularly scheduled meeting of the Hopewell Valley Advisory Board of Health has been duly advertised and is being conducted in compliance with all provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.*

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Notice of this meeting has been posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board and forwarded to the Hopewell Valley News and Trenton Times (the official newspapers) on December 22,, 2011 P.L. 1975, Chapter 231. Revised date sent 1-27-12

**Present:** Matt Martin, Jan Bishop, Allen Thomas, Michael Rothwell,  
Mrs. Kim Johnson, Dr. Mark Sherwood, Dr. Sharon Gertzman

**Absent:** Kathy Hill

**Also Present:**  
Health Officer, Gary Guarino and Bob English

The April 18, 2012 meeting of the Hopewell Township Health Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairman Jan Bishop at 7:00 p.m. Roll was called and upon review of minutes from the February 1, 2012 regular meeting, Matt Martin moved to approve, Mike Rothwell seconded.

Mr. Guarino presented an update on the RWJ grant and the Greater Mercer County Public Health Partnership which runs through August. The United Ways is a broad-based organization partnering with 4 hospitals and 8 local health departments in Mercer County, The Robert Wood Johnson grant is funding the Greater Mercer Public Health Partnership in an effort to organize focus groups and gather data from various organizations, senior centers and alliance groups regarding the needs and concerns of the community. The data will be available in June, and ETS will host the event. Mr. Guarino advised a retreat is scheduled for September 19 and 20 for a community advisory panel to review the data and prioritize concerns. The goal is to complete the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) report by December 12, 2012, as the hospitals are obligated to be prepared for IRS reporting for the 2013 tax year.

Ms. Kim Johnson reported on the focus group she attended and said it was dealing with mental health, senior health, and community gardens. Ms. Bishop suggested forming a focus group which would educate consumers regarding health care.

Mr. Guarino reported the new Capital Health hospital is up and running and has recorded 800 births in four months. A letter has been prepared by the hospital outlining the procedures for obtaining a birth certificate from the Hopewell Township Health Department. The letter indicates a registrar will be available on Monday, Wednesday from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, and Friday from 9 am – 12 noon. Birth certificates are \$10.00 per copy with Cash or money order made

payable to Hopewell Township. Corrections relating to birth records will be by appointment only. A correction fee of \$35.00 is required. Corrections must be approved by the State Registrar's Office and can take 8 to 12 weeks.

Mr. Guarino reported transportation has been an issue, referring to a shuttle from Mercer Hospital. Mr. Guarino reported on negotiations between Capital and NJ transit to incorporate an additional stop onto the loop.

Mr. Bob English reported on the Health Home Health Family program scheduled for Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup> 10am - 2 pm at the Public Works garage. Admission is free, and at the present time 12 vendors have confirmed they will be participating. Mr. English reported the venue will include water treatment systems, pool safety, mosquito control and arsenic systems. The event will coincide with Hopewell Valley Come Outside and Play, which was rescheduled from April to June 7-9, 2012.

Lengthy discussion was held on the following septic system applications:

Mr. Guarino reported on Block 99.04 Lot 8 – Corner lot Maddock Road and Forrest Central Drive. Mr. Guarino recommends the application be approved and forwarded to the Boards of Health and Zoning because it is undersized for a one acre lot with a conventional septic system. Mr. Guarino noted the lot has very few issues and meets most requirements. The property is only 4000 sq. ft short and percs fairly well, everything fits and the property can accommodate an in-ground septic system.

Block 69 Lot 53 – 107 Corrine Drive. This application was previously reviewed in 2011 and rejected for verification of wetlands & water quality issues and nitrate levels. Mr. Guarino noted the lot is less than two acres and will require a waiver from the Zoning Board as it is undersized, and the lot has drainage and water table issues. The property requires a special permit from DEP due to wetlands on the lot. Advisory Board members have reviewed this application on two separate occasions. The applicants are proposing a septic design which would be an advanced mounded peat system in an effort to limit any impact on the surrounding properties.

Board members referred to Mr. Guarino requesting his recommendations regarding the above-mentioned property. Mr. Guarino recommended the following conditions be met prior to approval:

- Well must be compliant with extra casing of 100 feet.
- Well must be drilled and tested prior to issuance of building permits
- All DEP approvals must be met
- Setbacks will be over 100 feet from any wells
- Septic system will be restricted to a four bedroom house.

Board members concurred the application may proceed to the Board of Health for review suggesting conditions be met prior to approval.

Mr. Guarino reported on the 2012 County Health Ranking Reports.

Mr. Guarino reported on the re-adoption to N.J.A.C. 7:9a Individual Subsurface Sewage disposal system April 2, 2012 with amendments and he provided the list of the updates and highlights for review and discussion.

Red Cross Shelter reception training June 12, 2012 will be held at the Union Fire House in Titusville, NJ Training and protocol for evacuation will be discussed.

The State Audit of the health department is scheduled for April 26, 2012.

Mr. Guarino referenced the Flu update and state report for week ending 4-7-2012, Mr. Guarino noted this past year has been a very mild season.

Mr. Guarino reported on the deer population survey March 2012. Very few cases of Lyme disease have been reported as physicians are not doing lab work and simply prescribing antibiotics.

Hopewell Valley Come Outside and Play, has been rescheduled from April to June 7-9, 2012.

Mr. Guarino reported on the Animal Shelter Report for 2011 noting all three towns are included in the report.

Mr. Guarino reported babysitting classes will be held through Capital Health.

There being no further business Dr. Gertzman moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Rothwell seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Prassas  
Secretary Advisory Board  
Hopewell Township