

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH MAY 16, 2019

A Regular Meeting of the Bloomfield Board of Health, as established by public record in *The Independent Press* and posted on the Public Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building, was called to order on May 16, 2019 at 6:34 p.m. in Room 111 in the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Director Lore showed the following members to be present:

Joel Elkins, President	Present
Dr. Ruchi Mehta, Vice President	Present
Antonia Rodriguez, Member	Present
Denise Serbay, Member	Present
Jody Polidoro, Member	Present
Council Liaison Wartyna Davis	Absent

Also present: Karen Lore, Director of Health & Welfare, Maya Lordo, Assistant Health Officer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board, on a motion by BM Polidoro, seconded by BM Rodriguez, reviewed the April 18, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes.

After review, the Board unanimously approved the meeting minutes as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

LICENSES PENDING APPROVAL – APRIL 2019

The Board, on a motion by BM Polidoro, seconded by BM Rodriguez, unanimously approved the following licenses for the month of April:

Trade Name	License Class	Application Fee
BUCCO RESTAURANT	1 Restaurant G	100
LIZBETH BAKERY & RESTAURANT LLC	1 Restaurant G	100
K & T VARIETY STORE	Candy Counter	25
MISTER SOFTEE	Mobile Vendor	50
SOUL HOUSE THE JUKE JOINT	1 Restaurant G	100
TAO YUEN CHUEN	1 Restaurant G	100

ANNIE ART NAILS	BEAUTY/BARB11+	150
BELLA CHICAS SALON	BEAUTY/BAR5-10	100
JEIDY LIZ NAIL SALON	BEAUTY/BAR5-10	100

REVIEW OF THE APRIL 2019 COMMUNICATIONS

The Board, on a motion by BM Polidoro, seconded by BM Rodriguez, reviewed and unanimously voted to accept the April 2019 communications.

APRIL 2019 FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Board, on a motion by BM Polidoro, seconded by BM Rodriguez, unanimously voted to accept the April 2019 Financial Reports.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

Maya Lordo, Health Officer, reported on the following:

- The health effects of vaping and nicotine addiction. An article from the Journal of American Medicine entitled E-Cigarettes, Vaping, and Youth JAMA. 2014;312(6):595-596.oi:10.1001/jama.2014.7883 was sent to BOH members prior to meeting to further inform members on topic. Additional information on vaping statistics for 8-12th graders was discussed as well as the effects of nicotine addiction and the health consequences. Currently NJ is one of only 3 states in the U.S. where smoking and vaping age of sale is 21. Also, some NJ communities are choosing to license vape shops. Bloomfield currently has 3 vape shops in town and no license requirement. The increased vaping of nicotine among teens is causing concern with the levels of nicotine in vape products significantly higher than those found in cigarettes. The HO will be working with the Board to begin reviewing a potential licensing requirement for vape shops and developing enforcement activities to ensure that vape products are not being sold to anyone under the age of 21.
- The HO also summarized the environmental reports, Bloomfield Municipal Alliance activities and health education programs and initiatives that are underway.

DIRECTOR OF HEALTH AND WELFARE REPORT

The Director provided the following report to the Board:

- It was reported that after receiving several new complaints in the area surrounding the Lion Gate project, authorization was given to work with Sentry and our newly certified pest control personnel to immediately begin an aggressive baiting program on that property and surrounding area. Over 100 traps were set and we will be closely monitoring the area.
- The annual "senior prom" was a huge success. The Director thanked the Mayor and Council who were able to attend. The seniors were also

excited to see Senator Menendez who came to support the event. 160 seniors registered, 55 college students participated and over 20 local businesses contributed. A collaboration between NTNN and Bloomfield Human Services. Recreation provided the transportation. Partners for Health Foundation and Shop-rite were presented with plaques for their contributions to the community. The Director commended the Bloomfield College students along with Paula Peikes, Stephanie Cruz and the social work staff on an outstanding job!

- Human Services met with Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine at Seton Hall University regarding Human Dimension Voices Program. (HDVP) This program provides an opportunity for individuals and families to get to know medical students who will be the next generation of doctors. A pair of students will be matched with an individual or family and visit them in their home about once every other month for 3 years. The program is free and voluntary. By sharing their life experiences with medical students, the families will be teaching them how to be better doctors by helping them understand all aspects of their daily lives and the impact on health. On the flip side, students can help families with their health and wellness goals. Human Services will identify and screen residents to participate in this program in addition to helping families with goals.
- Met with the School superintendent and his staff. The district is interested in expanding the Breakfast After the Bell program. Startup costs to add 2 additional schools to the program will be provided by the Partners for Health Foundation. Currently Berkeley school is the only school participating in the program. The principal reports improvement in student behaviors since implementing the program with a decrease in suspensions. Both Carteret and Watsessing schools will have a target launch date in September 2019.
- The Nurses held a Urinalysis Screening in the Public Health Nursing Office. A urinalysis screening can be used to assess your overall health; help in diagnosing a medical condition; or to monitor a medical condition. The urinalysis screening is offered several times a year.
- The Department is partnering with NJ Hospice to present the Last Wishes Program. Community members will learn how to complete a simple, 5-page form which enables you to plan for your medical, personal, emotional, and spiritual needs prior to illness. The presentation by Lorraine Spiotta, Community Liaison, Hospice of New Jersey was held Monday May 13, 2019 at the Bloomfield Civic Center.
- The Bloomfield Health Department staff has received 3 full scholarships to attend the New Jersey Prevention Network NJPN 19th Annual Addiction Conference. The conference is located in Atlantic City and will feature the latest trends and emerging issues in substance abuse prevention. The conference will educate about prevention efforts

throughout New Jersey and provide guidance on implementation of effective programming.

- An update on the Lead Grant activity was provided.
 - Lead Tabling Event held at Red Carpet Kids- May 2, 2019
 - Environmental hazard education information was included in this tabling event.
 - 30 flyers of each topic were distributed to the parents participating in this event
 - Topics included – Mold, pest control and lead/water
 - 12 children were screened

Meeting May 15, 2019- Collaboration with Partnership for Maternal Health and Bloomfield Children's Library – Childhood lead prevention and environmental hazard education materials. A tabling event scheduled for June 15, 2019. Childhood Lead Prevention program will be scheduled in October 2019 at Bloomfield Children's Library during Lead Awareness Month. Our goal is to eliminate childhood lead poisoning, decrease exposure and help families maintain health safe homes. Also, provide solutions and connect families with resources.

Will begin lead testing of soil and consumer products utilizing our lead analyzer. The testing will be available to residents once a week at the health department in room 111, 1 municipal plaza on Tuesdays, starting June 11, 2019 from 10:00-12:00a.m. There is not cost for the items to be tested but we do limit to 5 items per visit.

- The Health Department is participating in Walk to Win 3 challenge sponsored by GSMJIF – We have 5 team members participating in this 7 week challenge to improve our health. The average steps for the week are calculated and submitted. There are over 100 teams registered in NJ for this challenge. Currently, we are in 11th place. Slow and steady will win this race!
- The Nurses held a Stroke Screening on Tuesday, May 14th 2019. The screening was provided by the Hackensack Meridian Health Mountainside Medical Center Community Health Division. The Stroke Screening consisted of a blood pressure reading, screening for cholesterol and blood sugar as well as an assessment of the carotid artery performed by a physician. A total of thirteen (13) patients were screened at this event and four (4) were referred to a cardiologist for further evaluation and follow-up.
- The Nurses attended the NJ Department of Health Communicable Disease Forum at the Verona Community Center on Thursday, May 16th 2019. The featured speakers at this forum were part of the Communicable Disease Service- Regional Epidemiology Program. This lecture provided the Public

Health Nurses with in-depth educational information, training and resources and updates regarding communicable disease specifically vector-borne disease and Measles. This forum also provided knowledge on how to proceed with foodborne illness investigations specifically at youth camps as well as provided a brief update for Public Health Providers with regards to the recent increase in cases of Hepatitis A among homelessness and drug using populations particularly in South Jersey. The Public Health Nurses gained a great deal of insight and knowledge which will be useful when engaging and educating our patients and the public in which we serve.

- The department started has started an Instagram page on May 3, 2019. As of May 16, 2019 we have 113 followers and growing, all are encouraged to follow us @bloomfieldhdnj.
- The department is expanding the AARP grant walking program and is holding a summer registration event on May 17, 2019. The event will be held at Brookdale Park at the Watchung Ave entrance from 10AM to 2PM. We plan to have other registration events throughout the summer.
- The City Green Veggie Truck is back in Bloomfield. We are 1 of 4 sites in Essex County that the truck visits on regular basis and we are looking forward to a great season. The Veggie truck will begin on June 4th, 2019. The veggie truck will be here every other Tuesday from 4:30PM to 6PM. We are also partnering with Bloomfield Library and Bloomfield Recreation to coordinate various community evets for families, physical activities such as yoga and Chi-gong. We will also have cooking demos from our partners at SNAP-ED.

Dates & Time: 4:30PM to 6PM Every other Tuesday
June: 4, 18
July: 2, 16, 30
August: 13, 27
September: 10,24
October: 8, 22
November: 5

COUNCIL LIAISON'S REPORT

No report.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board, on a motion by BM Polidoro, seconded by BM Rodriguez, unanimously voted to move to Closed Session at 7:16 pm. All present voted in the affirmative.

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a public body to go into closed session during a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health of the Township of Bloomfield has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the public; and

WHEREAS, this meeting of the Board of Health will reconvene immediately following the closed session,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Health of the Township of Bloomfield will go into closed session for the following reason(s) as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

	(1) Any matter which, by express provision of Federal law or State statute or rule of court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from the provisions of subsection a. of this section.
	(2) Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States.
	(3) Any material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as any records, data, reports, recommendations, or other personal material of any educational, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing, relocation, insurance and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual admitted to or served by such institution or program, including but not limited to information relative to the individual's personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned (or, in the case of a minor or incompetent, his guardian) shall request in writing that the same be disclosed publicly.
	(4) Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body.
	(5) Any matter involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed.
	(6) Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, provided that their disclosure could impair such protection. Any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law.
	(7) Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation other than in subsection b. (4) herein in which the public body is, or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer.
x	(8) Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public

	officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting.
	(9) Any deliberations of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party as a result of an act or omission for which the responding party bears responsibility.

The public portion of the meeting reconvened at 7:37p.m.

APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

The Board reviewed the Closed Session Minutes of April 18, 2019 within Closed Session.

Based on its review, the Board, on a motion by BM Polidoro, seconded by BM Rodriguez, unanimously voted to approve the Closed Session Minutes of April 18, 2019 as submitted.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board, on a motion by BM Polidoro, seconded by BM Rodriguez, unanimously voted to adjourn the May 16, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Board of Health of the Township of Bloomfield, County of Essex, State of New Jersey at 7:38p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Lore, Director of Health and Welfare
Secretary to the Board