

Minutes of the Reorganizational & Regular Meeting of the Board of Health January 18, 2023

The Reorganizational Meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 7:36pm 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, Mrs. Stephanie Karpoff, Mr. Jeff Varnerin along with Mrs. Andrea Alvare and Ms. Angelica Velazquez from Union County were present.

A motion was made by Mr. Ed Sorge; seconded by Dr. Komal Naik to elect Mr. Bob Dorsi as President for 2023. By unanimous vote all members were in favor.

A motion was made by Mr. Bob Dorsi; seconded by Dr. Komal Naik to elect Mr. Ed Sorge as Vice President for 2023. By unanimous vote all members were in favor.

A motion was made by Mr. Bob Dorsi; seconded by Dr. Komal Naik to approve a Resolution to appoint Linda Palumbo as Secretary from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. 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, Mrs. Stephani Karpoff, Mr. Jeff Varnerin along with Mrs. Andrea Alvare and Ms. Angelica Velazquez from Union County.

A motion was made by Mr. Bob Dorsi to approve the minutes of November 16, 2022 Board of Health Meeting and seconded by Mr. Ed Sorge. By unanimous vote all members were in favor.

Presidents Report

There's a new restaurant opening soon where Hacienda was located previously. Possibly a Wawa coming to BH.

Health Officer's Report

Since our first patient in March 2020, we have had a total of 4,423 positive cases (+208 since we last met) and 89 deaths.

*Mortality data I provided periodically. The New Jersey Department of Health, Communicable Disease Reporting and Surveillance system gets updated as physicians, hospitals, and other responsible entities enter information.

Overall, more than 90% of the adult population in Berkeley Heights have completed their vaccination course.

69% of individuals 12 through 17 and 50% of individuals ages 5 – 11 years of age have completed their vaccination course.

Bivalent Booster rates

29% of the eligible population have received the bivalent booster. (Previous meeting 20%)

AGE	PERCENT
5-11	13%
12-15	14%
16-17	19%
18-29	15%
30-49	26%
50-64	32%
65-79	49%
80+	50%

Vaccine Clinics

COVID-19 vaccines continue to be offered through the county.

Warinanco Sports Center

Tuesdays from 1pm - 7pm

Thursdays from 3pm - 7pm

Plainfield High School

Saturdays from 9am - noon

Vaccines are also offered through the homebound residents.

For an up-to-date list of upcoming clinics and to make an appointment please visit our website at www.ucnj.org or call 908-613-7829.

Testing

Testing continues to be offered free of charge at various locations throughout the county including Warinanco Sports Center, Union County EMS Building in Roselle and Plainfield Performing Arts Center.

Registration and general information are available on the county's www.ucnj.org homepage.

Public Health Nursing

There have been no reported outbreaks in the school district.

3 Communicable Disease Investigations conducted since our last meeting.

As of 01/11/23, the CDC has recommended an end to U.S. Ebola travel-related measures, including public health monitoring of travelers who have been to Uganda in the prior 21 days.

Additionally, CDC has discontinued public health risk assessment at US ports of entry and has removed its Travel Health Notice for Uganda

11/16- 01/17 COVID19 Investigation Protocols: focused case investigation on those 18 years and under AND those 65 years and older approximately 175 cases investigated within the high-risk criteria.

Retail Food Inspections/Nuisance Complaints

Business Name	Address 1	Inspection Date	Inspection Result	Inspection R
Connell Foundation Food Group LLC	300 Connell Dr	11/16/2022 9:42	Not Approved	Plan Review
Trap Rock Restaurant & Brewery	279 Springfield Ave	11/17/2022 13:04	Conditionally Satisfactory	Routine
Sadal Wine Cellar	440 Springfield Ave	11/17/2022 14:33	Satisfactory	Routine
Grazi's Kitchen	473 Springfield Ave	11/17/2022 15:30	Conditionally Satisfactory	Routine
Berkeley News & Tobacco	151 Plainfield Ave	11/18/2022 9:10	Satisfactory	Routine
Vine Republic	500 Springfield Ave	11/18/2022 10:43	Satisfactory	Routine
Summit Medical Group, The Summit Café	1 Diamond Hill Road	11/23/2022 9:57	Not Approved	HACCP
Country Farms c/o Jigar Corp	378 Springfield Ave	11/26/2022 9:49	Satisfactory	Routine
Patria Station Café	128 Station Street	11/26/2022 10:31	Satisfactory	Routine
Sub Zone, Inc.	559 Springfield Ave	11/26/2022 11:15	Satisfactory	Routine
Runnells Center	40 Watchung Way	11/29/2022 9:51	Satisfactory	Routine
Pak American Halal Grill	635 Springfield Ave	11/29/2022 12:37	Unsatisfactory	Emergency R
Patria Station Café	128 Station Street	11/29/2022 13:19	Violation Notice	Grease Trap
Marino's Italian Seafood	408 Springfield Avenue	11/29/2022 14:21	Violation Notice	Grease Trap
Woodruff School	Briarwood Dr, West	11/30/2022 10:30	Satisfactory	Routine
Goodman's Restaurant & Deli	400 Springfield Ave	11/30/2022 11:11	Satisfactory	Routine
Lifetime Fitness Café/Indoor Pools & SPAs	25 Connell Dr	11/30/2022 12:19	Satisfactory	Reinspection
Mary Kay McMillan School	651 Mountain Ave	11/30/2022 12:38	Satisfactory	Routine
Goodman's Restaurant & Deli	400 Springfield Ave	11/30/2022 13:51	Satisfactory	Complaint (Fo
Hop Hing Chinese Restaurant	430 B Springfield Ave	12/1/2022 10:48	Conditionally Satisfactory	Routine
LaRosa Chicken & Deli	368 A Springfield Ave	12/1/2022 12:09	Satisfactory	Routine
Summit Medical Group, The Summit Café	1 Diamond Hill Road	12/2/2022 11:03	Not Approved	HACCP
Nova Dama LLC/ Permanent Cosmetics	261 Springfield Avenue	12/2/2022 13:11	Satisfactory	Routine
Pak American Halal Grill	635 Springfield Ave	12/5/2022 11:34	Satisfactory	Emergency R
Connell Foundation Food Group LLC	200 Connell Dr	12/6/2022 10:44	Satisfactory	Routine
Scream Truck	Mobile Establishment	12/7/2022 12:11	Satisfactory	Routine
Lupa Ristorante	449 Springfield Avenue	12/9/2022 11:44	Satisfactory	Routine
Septic Installation 2 Ghost Pony Rd	2 Ghost Pony Rd	12/13/2022 10:42	Approved	Plan Review
Proud Thai	645 Springfield Ave	12/13/2022 11:26	Satisfactory	Routine

Summit Health- Permanent Cosmetics	1 Diamond Hill Road	12/13/2022 22:45	Satisfactory	Routine
Delicious Heights	428 Springfield Ave	12/19/2022 11:36	Satisfactory	Routine
Home for Good Dog Rescue	465 Springfield Ave	12/19/2022 14:36	Satisfactory	Routine
Connell Café-L'Oreal	50 Connell Dr	12/21/2022 12:16	Conditionally Satisfactory	Routine
Neelam Exotic Indian Cuisine	295 Springfield Ave	12/28/2022 17:08	Approved	Grease Trap
Diamond Hill Montessori	105 Diamond Hill Rd	1/10/2023 10:29	Satisfactory	Routine
Stop & Shop Supermarkets	404 Springfield Ave	1/10/2023 11:02	Satisfactory	Routine
Stop and Shop Hissho Sushi	404 Springfield Ave	1/10/2023 12:11	Satisfactory	Routine
Runnells Center	40 Watchung Way	1/12/2023 14:38	Satisfactory	Complaint
Nokia of America Corporation	600 Mountain Ave	1/17/2023 10:52	Satisfactory	Routine

Potentially Dangerous Dog Case

Trial scheduled on February 9th at 3:30pm.

Wonder Trucks

No update from NJDOH. Through a news article we learned that the company plans to eliminate its chef on the road concept and build physical kitchens in the state. The trucks are expected to be eliminated by May.

Dogtopia

Owner provided isolation protocol for sick dogs and has also provided completed IZDP Infectious and Zoonotic Disease Program veterinary forms. It was approved to open on 12/13.

Lead in rental properties

There are 3,666 homes that were built prior to 1978. From this list we are currently looking at how many homes are two family homes.

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 7:52pm. A motion was made by Mr. Bob Dorsi; seconded by Mr. Ed Sorge to adjourn to March 15, 2023 at 7:30pm.

Submitted by Linda Palumbo