

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH
WORK SESSION MEETING**

March 30, 2005

Chair William C. Nugent called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and announced that adequate notice of this meeting of the Readington Township Board of Health has been provided, by posting on the Township Bulletin Board, delivery to the Courier News and filing with the Township Clerk.

Attendance Roll Call:

Daniel Allen	absent	Stephanie Moore	present	William C. Nugent	present
Jane Butula	present	Beatrice Muir	present	Wendy Sheay	absent
Raymond Facinelli	absent				

- A. This meeting is a workshop session to discuss the Local Public Health Governance Performance Assessment Instrument.

Ms. Butula reviewed, in the 1980's Health Departments determined that a national health standards system did not exist. The system in existence was fragmented and not up to date. Seven health agencies came together and devised the National Health Standard which was legally adopted by New Jersey on 2/18/03.

The board would use the pamphlet entitled Governance National Public Health Performance Standards, Local Public Health Governance Performance Assessment Instrument.

Chair Nugent stated the goal of the board would be to fill out and submit the survey, focusing on the questions as pointed out by Mr. Beckley.

The board reviewed the essential services as follows:

- 1). Monitor – The boards consensus was that this is done through HCHD, but is not providing to local boards in a timely way. When the HCHD report is received, the board can review and determine opportunities for improvement.
- 2). Diagnose – Ms. Butula stated that besides what HCHD does, the local board is involved in well testing, smoking, radon.
- 3). Inform – HCHD is mostly responsible for this, although well testing, smoking, septic system maintenance and rabies pamphlets are available through the local office.
- 4). Mobilize – HCHD has used volunteers, Merck and schools, there is recycling at the township, Southbranch watershed and the Environmental Commission have volunteers.
- 5). Develop – The general consensus of the board is that there are deficiencies in this area.
- 6). Enforce – The general consensus was that the board is doing a good job. The items in this section were addressed individually. The response on all was yes with the exception as follows:

G.6.1: Board counsel will be consulted.

G.6.1.2: As directed by HCHD.

G.6.7.1: High partially.

G.6.7.2: High partially.

G.6.8.1: Low partially. Board has seen but not reviewed

G.7. Handled by Social Services.

G.6.7.1: High partially.

G.8.9.1: Low partially.

The board determined to review the remainder of the Essential Services for the next session. The HCHD should be providing answers by April 15, 2005. The board will meet again after that.

B. ADJOURNMENT

A *MOTION* was made by Ms. Moore to adjourn at 9:15 pm, seconded by Ms. Muir with a vote of Ayes all, Nays, none recorded.

Respectfully submitted:

Lorraine Petzinger
Board of Health Secretary