Minutes of the Public Health Council

April 8, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard J. Censullo, MPH (Via Phone) Herbert Yardley, MA (Via Phone) Dennis San Filippo (Via Phone) Robert Gogats - Vice Chair (Via Phone) Mickey Gross, MPA, Chairperson

MEMBERS EXCUSED

None

<u>STAFF</u> Donna Pasqualine Timothy Smith

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is a formal meeting of the Public Health Council. Adequate notice of this meeting has been published in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, c-10:4.10 of the State of New Jersey entitled Open Public Meetings Act. Notice was sent to the Secretary of State, who posted the notice in a public place. Notices were forwarded to 17 New Jersey newspapers, two wire services, two Philadelphia newspapers.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Public Health Council meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. on Monday, April 8, 2013, in the Board Room of the New Jersey Health and Agriculture Building.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

No additions to the agenda were made

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Mr. Gross advised the members that there has been no change in powers of the Public Health Council and he doesn't believe that there will be. He requested that a meeting be scheduled with the Health Commissioner to go over the Department's plans for the future of the Council. All members were in favor. Mr. Gross also mentioned that he would reach out to Michael Lakat from the Office of Local Health Regarding the steps for how a health officer is to be disciplined. He also discussed potential changes in the swimming pool code and requested Loel Muetter from the Consumer and Environmental Health Service present at a future meeting.

Mr. Censullo requested that when Mr. Gross talks to Mr. Lakat he ask about the procedure regarding the health officers and other licensed personnel, noting that the Council is in place not to make decisions, but to advise the Commissioner. Mr. SanFilippo asked about the legal liability of the Council and Mr. Yardley requested that Health Department staff review some of the past revocations of licenses in which the Public Health Council was involved.

Motion 1

Approval of November 19, 2012 and December 10, 2013 Minutes. Called and Carried (M-Mr. Censullo - S–Mr. San Filippo)

Update on Body Art Procedures, Chapter 8 – NJ State Sanitary Code, N.J.A.C. 8:27-1 et seq.

Mr. Timothy Smith from the Consumer, Environmental, Occupational Health Service, Office of Public Health Sanitation and Safety presented an overview on the Body Art Procedures Rules, Chapter 8 – NJ State Sanitary Code, N.J.A.C. 8:27-1 et seq. which will expire on August 15, 2014. Mr. Smith discussed the scope of the rules which include Body Piercing, Tattooing, Permanent Cosmetics and Ear Piercing.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Censullo advised the Council that he retired on March 1, 2014 after 38 years in public health from his position as Health Officer of North Bergen Township and requested clarification as to whether or not his retirement and pension will be in jeopardy if he remains on the Public Health Council. Ms. Pasqualine advised him that she sent a request to the Division of Pensions and had confirmation receipt, but they have yet to respond.

The Council requested Ms. Pasqualine check with the Department of Health's Ethics Liaison to ensure that they are not required to file, financial disclosure forms.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business was discussed; the meeting of the Public Health Council adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

UPON REQUEST THE FULL TRANSCRIPT OF APRIL 8, 2013 MEETING IS AVAILABLE