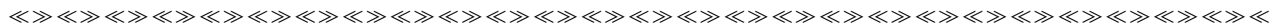


**BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER
BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
January 11, 2023**

- Present: *Dr. Constantine Rossakis
*Stafford Patentas
*Dr. Frida Parker
*George Tashji
*Dr. Rakesh Sharma
*Dr. Joseph Bellapianta
*Dr. Robert G. Lahita, Borough Surgeon & Medical Director
Council Duncan Carpenter
Namitha Reddy, Health Officer
Linda Canavan, Secretary to Board

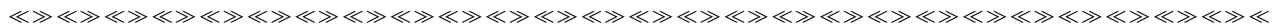


Re-Organization-Appointment of Officers for 2023 as follows:

Stafford Patentas motioned Dr. Constantine Rossakis as President for the year 2023,
Seconded by Dr. Lahita, Ayes Unanimous.

Dr. Rossakis motioned Dr. Robert G. Lahita as Vice President for the year 2023,
Seconded by Stafford Patentas, Ayes Unanimous.

Dr. Rossakis motioned Stafford Patentas as Secretary of the Board for the year 2023,
Seconded by Dr. Lahita, Ayes Unanimous.



This meeting took place in compliance with the NJ SUNSHINE LAW.

Dr. Rossakis motioned appointment for the following for 2023:

- Namitha Reddy, Health Officer of NWRHC
- Darlene Mandeville, Reg. Environmental Health Specialist of NWRHC
- Gary Dorsi, Reg. Environmental Health Specialist of NWRHC
- Nursing Service, NorthWest Bergen Regional Health Commission (NWRHC)
- Martin Spence, Administrative Authority to Enforce
NJAC 7:9A-1.1 "Standards for Individual
Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems
- Linda Canavan, Recording Secretary

Dr. Rakesh Sharma seconded, Ayes Unanimous.

Minutes from December 7, 2022 were approved.

Motion from Dr. Rossakis, seconded by George Tashji and all in favor.

Namitha Reddy's Report: Attached.

Spence Engineering's Report: 2022

Activity	Jan.	Feb	Mar.	Apr	May	Jun	Ju l	Au g	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total s
Plan Review	4	2	4	3	3	4	9	10	2	3	5	7	56
Soil Logs / Test Pits	2	1		2	2	2				1	1		11
Site Inspections	8	4	8	9	11	7	4	8	17		9	4	89
Cert of Compliance (New)			1	1		2		1					5
Cert of Compliance (Alterations)	1	1					4			1		3	9
Plan Approvals (Alterations)	3	1	1	2	1	1	5	2	2		1	1	22
Plan Approvals (New Construction)					1			1		1	3		5
Demolition Reviews	2	2	2	2	2	2		2	4	2	2	2	24
Totals	20	11	16	19	20	18	22	24	25	8	21	17	221

Old Business: Covid discussions

New Business: None

Open to Public: None

Bills: NorthWest Bergen Regional Health Commission
Tyco Animal Control, Monthly

Adjournment

NORTHWEST BERGEN REGIONAL HEALTH COMMISSION

ACTIVITY REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2022

* SADDLE RIVER *

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

- Legionnaires disease:

Seeing an increase in the number of Legionnaires' disease cases being reported in a geographic area which borders Passaic County and Bergen County.

Healthcare providers are being asked to have a high index of suspicion for *Legionella* when evaluating patients for community-acquired and healthcare-associated pneumonia, particularly if SARS-CoV-2 testing is negative.

We are requesting lower respiratory specimens are collected and held for patients who test positive for *Legionella* by a urinary antigen test and who reside/work in or visited Passaic County or Bergen County.

- Invasive GAS in pediatric population:

Seeing a recent increase in pediatric invasive group A streptococcal (iGAS) infections.

It also highlights the increased seasonal risk of iGAS disease for all age groups, and the importance of early recognition, diagnosis, and appropriate treatment of these diseases in children and adults.

- COVID

Data Report

Variant surveillance: As of week, ending Dec 10, 2022

Omicron Bq1 @39.6%

Omicron BQ 1.1 @ 23.9%

Omicron XBB @ 20.4%

- Influenza and Respiratory Report

Influenza activity level is high statewide and in Bergen County.

Emergency Department visits and outpatient provider visits associated with influenza-like illness are lower than last week but are higher than this week last year.

There have been two confirmed influenza-associated pediatric deaths reported this season

Outbreaks of Influenza and RSV continue to be reported in all settings throughout the state

Positive results continue to be reported; influenza A (subtyping not performed) is at 72.78%, followed by A(H3N2) 23.73%, A (H1N1) pdm09 3.22%, and B 0.27%

- RSV in Bergen County
Total Tests Performed: 1170
Total tests positive: 63
- Continued oversight of CDRSS/COMM Care case investigation/contact tracing by Public Health Nurses and staff.

CONSUMER HEALTH

Oversight and response to inspections, complaints, inquiries, and correspondence.

Guidance and oversight of Chapter 24 retail food inspections, environmental complaints, and inquiries; responded to resident and tenant cases needing assistance.

Coordinate activities as needed with staff that include rabies clinics, plan reviews, complaints, inspections, etc.

Continued inspecting public recreational bathing facilities and monitoring weekly water analysis for pools and hot tubs, youth camps, and upcoming temporary events as requested.

HEALTH EDUCATION / TRAINING

Attended weekly meetings with the COVID-19 team and the Vulnerable Populations Outreach Coordinator, VPOC, for activity in Montvale and other communities serviced by NWBRHC. Continued to monitor CDC and NJDOH websites for guidance documents and provide updates accordingly.

- Continued to monitor and post COVID updates, clinics, and various health education topics on Instagram and Facebook.
- Spanish Food Handling Class was scheduled in Waldwick on 12/13/2022. All towns welcome. Four attendees.
- NWBRHC Commission has the Bivalent Moderna and Pfizer Booster in stock, available if a clinic is requested.
- Received Narcan, Naxolone HCl Nasal Spray donation available to be distributed to towns for use by emergency professionals.

MANDATED ESTABLISHMENT INSPECTIONS

RISK LEVEL	ESTABLISHMENT NAME	Sat	Re-check Sat-Spot	Cond	Unsat	Preop Sat	Preop Cond	Reins Sat	Reinsp Cond	Monthly Totals
*	Florence Salon	X								Risk 1=0 Risk 2=1 Risk 3=4 *=5
2	Residence Inn by Marriott	X								
3	Saddle River Café	X								
3	Saddle River Deli	X								
3	Saddle River Inn	X								
3	Saddle River Inn							X		
*	Saddle River Men's Salon	X								
*	Saddle River Nails	X								
*	The Mane Loft	X								
*	The Mane Loft @ Stag House	X								
December		9	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	10
November		4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
October		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
September		0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
August		2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
July		3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
June		1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3
May		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
April		0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
March		1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
February		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
January		2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
YEARLY TOTALS		23	3	0	0	3	1	1	0	31

POOL WATER TEST RESULTS & INVESTIGATIONS:

- None

TEMPORARY FOOD EVENTS

Month	Month Totals	Details
December	0	NA
October-November	0	NA
September	1	SEE SEPTEMBER REPORT
August	1	SEE AUGUST REPORT
June-July	0	NA
May	1	SEE MAY REPORT
January-April	0	NA
Yearly Total = 3		

PLAN REVIEWS & CONSULTATIONS

Month	Approved	Not Approved	Consultations	Month Totals
January-December	0	0	0	0
Totals	Approved = 0	Not Approved = 0	Consultations = 0	Yearly Total = 0

COMPLAINTS

Month	Month Totals	Complaint #
August-November	0	NA
July	1	091-22C
June	1	049-22C
May	2	049-22C & 052-22C
January-April	0	NA
Yearly Total= 4		

INQUIRIES

Month	Month Totals	Inquiry #
August-December	0	NA
July	1	054-22I
May-June	0	NA
April	1	033-22I
March	1	024-22I
February	1	011-22I
January	1	004-22I
Yearly Total = 5		

PRIVATE WELL CONSULTATIONS: (1)

ANIMAL BITES AND REPORT OF RABIES INVESTIGATION

Month	Month Totals	Case #	Incident Type	State Lab	Result
November-Dec	0	NA	NA	No	NA
October	1	063-22	Dog to Person	No	NA
September	0	NA	NA	No	NA
August	3	048-22	Bat to Person	Yes	Negative
		051-22	Dog to Raccoon	Yes	Positive
		052-22	Dog to Raccoon	Yes	Positive
July	2	041-22	Dog to person	No	NA
		042-22	Dog to person	No	NA
June	2	036-22	Dog to Groundhog	Yes	Negative
		039-22	Cat to Person	Yes	Negative
May	2	023-22	Dog to Person	No	NA
		028-22	Fox to dog & person	Yes	Positive
April	0	NA	NA	No	NA
March	1	008-22	Dog to Dog	No	NA
January-Feb.	0	NA	NA	No	NA
Yearly Total = 11					

SUMMONSES/ABATEMENTS/VIOLATIONS ISSUED

Month	Month Totals	Details
January-Nov.	0	NA
Yearly Total = 0		

Spanish Food Handler Class to be conducted on 12/13/2022 in the Waldwick Public Library.

Class Type	Instructor	Establishment	# Attended	Class Date	Town Held in	Language
Total Saddle River = 0						

OPRA REQUESTS

Month	Month Totals	Details
December	1	38 Ackerman Road. Records of the Health Department
October-November	0	NA
September	1	SEE SEPTEMBER REPORT
March-August	0	NA
February	1	SEE FEBRUARY REPORT
January	0	NA
Yearly Total = 3		

HEALTH EDUCATION ACTIVITY REPORT

Month	Month Totals	Details
December		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and safety tips for preparing for snow and upcoming cold temperatures created for Saddle River Borough Newsletter • Created an infographic about the importance of self-care during the holidays. • Fight the Flu social media post to promote influenza vaccination week. • Created an infographic about Climate Change & Older Adults.
November	1	SEE NOVEMBER REPORT
October	1	SEE SEPTEMBER REPORT
September	2	SEE SEPTEMBER REPORT
August	2	SEE AUGUST REPORT
July	5	SEE JULY REPORT
June	8	SEE JUNE REPORT
May	8	SEE MAY REPORT
April	5	SEE APRIL REPORT

March	9	SEE MARCH REPORT
February	6	SEE FEBRUARY REPORT
January	5	SEE JANUARY REPORT
Yearly Total = 47		

VITAL STATISTICS

DEATHS	Month Totals
December	3
November	1
October	2
September	3
August	3
July	2
June	1
May	2
April	2
March	2
February	2
January	5
Yearly Totals	28

MARRIAGE APPLICATIONS	Month Totals
December	1
November	1
October	2
September	2
August	2
July	1
June	2
May	3
April	1
March	1
February	0
January	0
Yearly Totals	16

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING REPORT-COMMUNICABLE DISEASE INVESTIGATIONS

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
COVID-19	118	29	12	31	54	68	51	19	26	36	45	52	541
Cyclosporiasis	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Lyme Disease	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Pertussis	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Salmonellosis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Shigella	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
YEARLY TOTAL	118	29	14	31	54	69	52	20	27	36	45	53	548

***The above numbers include all case statuses (i.e., Confirmed, Probable, Possible, Report Under investigation, not a Case). Data reflects the reporting burden of disease and does NOT reflect the number that is confirmed.**

November 2022 Nursing Report Saddle River	
Covid Update Schools & Early Childcare Centers	NWBRHC continues to work with schools and early child-care centers in monitoring COVID 19 cases. Updated guidance recommendations were provided to the schools on 12/14 to correspond to the increase in COVID 19 community activity to High Risk/Orange. Currently, there is no current outbreak in SR schools.
Covid Update Long-Term Care Facility	NWBRHC continues to collaborate with skilled nursing and congregate living facilities to monitor outbreaks of COVID cases. Currently, Brighton Gardens is in active outbreak. The most recent case was on 12/25.
Communicable Disease	One case of Shigellosis was investigated. A case of campylobacter was also investigated but the case turned out to be a resident of Upper Saddle River. Case transferred to Bergen County HD.

Strengthening Local Public Capacity: Local Health Outreach Coordinator Report

Grant Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REHS- conducted Food Handlers Class in Spanish to reduce disease • Provided two separate updates to NJDOH guidance documents to Long Term Care facilities for COVID-19 and Flu. • Provided email updates to schools and daycares on COVID-19 updates and prevention measures. • Outreach and distribution of COVID-19 Test Kits to regional Child health clinics for families • Outreach and distribution of COVID-19 Test Kits to Food Pantries to give away to families in need. • Provided COVID-19 Test Kits to each town for distribution within their communities. • Provided manufacturer updates for expiration dates for Flowflex COVID-19 tests. • Requested and Received additional COVID-19 Test Kits from Bergen County. • Outreach to a local mental health provider to network and discuss needs within the community. • Provided newsletter article: Tips for Preparing for Snow and Upcoming Colder Temperatures
Meetings Attended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening Grantees Monthly Meeting (12/16/2022) • Attended Bergen-Hudson & CDS Local Response Team COVID-19 Investigator Meeting

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended weekly meetings with public health nurses, contact tracing supervisor, and grant supervisor to discuss existing outbreaks, linkages to social support, upcoming clinics, etc. • Office staff meeting to discuss outreach and collaboration with Health Education, Communicable Diseases, Nursing, and Environmental divisions-12/1/2022 • Inservice on Food Safety and Disease Reduction-12/9/2022 • Coordinated with Local Health Outreach Coordinators in neighboring towns to share ideas and coordinate activities-12/7/2022 • Met with County COVID-19 Coordinator and Social Support Coordinator12-12-2022
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Webinars Attended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
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Social Media	Instagram and Facebook posts about the following topics:				
	Date	Topic	Facebook	Instagram	MailChimp Email
	11/30/22	Signs of COVID/Flu/RSV	x		
	12/1/22	World AIDS Day	x	x	
	12/1/22	Flu Prevention	x		
	12/5/22	Ridgewood Stigma Free Event	x	x	x
	12/5/22	Lead Recall	x		
	12/6/22	National Influenza Vaccination Week	x	x	
	12/6/22	Waldwick Flu Clinic	x	x	
	12/7/22	National Influenza Vaccination Week	x		
	12/8/22	National Influenza Vaccination Week	x		
	12/9/22	National Influenza Vaccination Week	x		
	12/13/22	Flu Prevention			X

	12/14/22	Hand Washing	X	X	
	12/15/22	NAMI: Coping During the Holiday Blues	X	X	X
	12/16/22	NJ Parent Link	X	X	
	12/19/22	Facebook Live Event Vaccines NJDOH	X		
	12/19/22	Addiction Help	X		
	12/20/22	Holiday Fire Safety	X		
	12/21/22	Holiday Fire Safety	X	X	
	12/22/22	MonkeyPox	X	X	
	12/28/22	Rotovirus	X		
	12/29/22	RSV	X	X	
Administrative/Misc.					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisted public health nurses with updating the line lists for long-term care facilities and conducted infection control review practices to mitigate disease during outbreaks • Continual outreach to NJDOH Regional Epidemiologists regarding outbreaks within Communities. • Conducted Training for developing data logger manual reports. • Updated all monthly activity reports to reflect activity conducted. • Development of quarterly progress and expenditure reports. • Received notification that the grant will be renewed for the 2023-2024 year

CORRESPONDENCE SENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

- Environmental Laboratory Network, LLC. Post-Treatment Summary Report.

Respectfully Submitted,

Namitha Reddy, Health Officer