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**TOWNSHIP OF MONTGOMERY
BOARD OF HEALTH
AGENDA**

7:30 PM

October 13th 2021

Meeting Location – “Zoom Meeting”

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“It is the intention of the Board to conclude this meeting by 9:30pm. Any Agenda item not considered by 9:30pm will be tabled until the next regularly scheduled meeting”

I. Opening Statement – Adequate notice of the meeting as required by sections 3(d) and 4(a) of the Open Public Meeting Act has been provided to the public and filed with the Township Clerk.

II. Board Members – Mr. Kaganowicz (), Dr. Wolfson (),
Dr. Grayson (), Dr. McGeary (), Dr. Faisal (), Dr. Sharma (), Dr. Newman

Alternate 1: Dr. Saraiya

Alternate 2: Neeta O’Mara

Health Officer – Devangi Patel –

Deputy Health Officer – Vacant

Administrative Assistant – Jennifer Foster -

Township Committee Lesion: — Neena Singh

ADVISOR – Dr. Mandelbaum

III. Public Comments

Dear Stephanie and Devangi,

Since COVID-19 continues to be a prioritized focus for you as our municipal health officers, here are some resources I have compiled which reinforce the role of substance abuse and smoking as modifiable risk factors for COVID-19 illness that merits public health attention and messaging from a public health perspective.

There are study findings which pertain specifically to cannabis use and abuse which also merit the attention of our municipal health department, particularly because the legalization of recreational cannabis and all the negative public health and safety ramifications of what will almost certainly be an increase in availability and use of cannabis in New Jersey regrettably has coincided with the COVID-19 pandemic.

I sent relevant scientific studies and a few articles more for a general audience over the course of this past summer to the Township Committee which provide compelling findings across the multiple categories of health, safety, and environmental concerns for township residents, as associated with cannabis business presence in communities. Hopefully those studies and articles were forwarded to your department, but if not, I would be happy to send them to you.

For now, below are a sampling of resources you might find helpful as it pertains to COVID-19 and cannabis, substance abuse, & smoking. The final 5 resources are ones which I shared with the Township Committee via email on August 19 (the day of a scheduled Township Committee meeting).

By the way, can you please let me know that you've received this email and the one I sent to both of you yesterday? My reason for asking is that my emails which I sent to the Health Department email never reached you, and so it is worthwhile to verify that messages are now getting through to both of you.

With regards,

Susan Rogers

IV. Consent Agenda

All matters listed hereunder are considered routine in nature and will be approved in one motion. Any member request that an item(s) be removed for separate consideration:

A. Monthly Reports

1. Health Department Monthly Report – September 2021
2. Communicable Disease Report – September 2021
3. Animal Control Report – September 2021

B. Minutes Updates: The minutes of the regular meetings of the Board of Health held on September 8th 2021

Approved:

Seconded:

II. COVID 19 Updates – Booster Clinic Planning, Preventing School Outbreaks

III. Vulnerable Populations Coordinator Report

V. Health Officers Report – Budget Preview Discussion

VI. New Business

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business to discuss the meeting will now adjourn at _____

Motion to adjourn was moved by _____ and seconded by _____

Next Meeting November 10th 2021 Via Zoom