

**Skokie Board of Health
March 9th, 2017**

Present

Mr. Abbasi	Ms. Topouzian
Dr. Drachler	Ms. Urbanus
Ms. Jones Thorne	Dr. Usman
Ms. Nickisch Duggan	Dr. Varma
Mr. Pandya	Dr. Vernon
Dr. Shim	Dr. Werner

Absent

Mr. Nidetz
Dr. Prince
Dr. Polin

Excused

Dr. Dave
Dr. Gaynes
Dr. Sood
Dr. Williams

Dr. Catherine Counard, Director of Health
Mr. David Clough, Staff

For the March 9th, 2017 meeting the Skokie Board of Health attended the Skokie Cares meeting at the Illinois Holocaust Museum. The Board participated in the guided discussions based on three questions:

1. How can we build stronger networks and partnerships that include people and organizations of all cultures, faiths, and backgrounds?
2. How can we engage families and kids in welcoming everyone to the community?
3. How can we welcome and build relationships with our neighbors and fellow residents?

Following the discussion the Board held a brief meeting.

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 7:26 p.m. by Dr. Drachler, Chairman.

Approval of Minutes – Minutes from the February meeting were reviewed and approved.

Chair’s Report

Dr. Drachler urged board members to RSVP for the upcoming Village “Boards and Commissions” dinner.

Health Director’s Monthly Report – a copy of the report is attached

Highlights included:

- **Marching against racism with the Morton Grove Mosque**
- **Historic Women’s March in Washington D.C. on January 21st**
- **Skokie Welcomes Everyone campaign**
- **Supporting the Affordable Care Act with letters to Governor Rauner and Congress**

Dr. Counard discussed the state’s budget crisis and how it was presented by local elected officials at the Turning Point Town Hall. An overflowing crowd of community members, expressed grave concern about maintaining mental health, behavioral health and community support services in Illinois, and asked very tough questions and demanding answers. Ms. Urbanus asked how the Town Hall meeting was advertised in the community. Dr. Counard stated that she received an e-mail alert, but was not sure how else the event was advertised. She believed that information was posted at the Skokie Public Library, and likely other venues.

Old Business:

Dr. Counard reported that the updated dental referral sheet has been completed. A copy is attached. Many thanks again to Dr. Williams for persuading additional Skokie dentists to assist with providing care for people who do not have dental insurance. It makes a difference!

New Business:

No new business.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM

PLEASE NOTE THURSDAY APRIL 13 MEETING LOCATION:

**HARKEN HEALTH CLINIC
5540 TOUHY AVE, SKOKIE, IL 60077
(847) 410-1821
7:00 pm**
