



HEALTH OFFICER'S END OF YEAR MESSAGE 2018-2019

A REFLECTION

MISSION: EDUCATION

AS 2018 ENTERS ITS LAST FEW WEEKS, I realize how many small and varied strides the MCRHC has made in the interest of education. It is part of our mission. Staff members have pursued Lead licenses, plan CPR/AED certifications, became familiarized with Municipal practices in order to incorporate them into our governance process, participated in a program for the preparation and prevention of Communicable Diseases just to name a few.

We have been prepping for some prominent reviews of our operation and services. Our Accreditation journey spans not only the staff, but the Commission, public health partners and residents of our 20 towns. We held our 1st Town Administrators' meeting in October, inviting many important community leaders to our base of operations for an overview and showcasing of staff members' knowledge and talent. We have begun to enhance our website design so we become quicker with posted information and even more accessible. We work alongside our schools and physicians and the NJDOH to strengthen immunization rates and documentation. The state has provided signage for use in town recreational areas in regard to a major concern and campaign of tick awareness/vector-borne disease. A fairly continuous stream of interns look to us for an initial exposure to the Public Health field. It is important to note that the MCRHC also learns from the public's questions, comments and priority concerns within a specific municipality or facing Monmouth County as a whole. Public Health questions of the Month are based on these inquiries.

As you have given this department your vote of confidence, to lead your populations in public health protocols, decisions, and advocacy, we cannot and will not stop seeking to enhance and increase our flow of information sharing as well as supporting our staff's abilities through training. More amazing is that we continue to forge ahead in these arenas with less than ideal sources of public health funding.

My thanks to our Board of Commissioners, currently comprised of long-term and newly-appointed members, whose joint background experience and expertise along with committed leadership in shared service practice spur this Commission onward.

To all who read this, may you and your loved ones know peace, health & happiness in the New Year.

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