

Village of Oak Park  
Board of Health  
October 22, 2013  
Village Hall – Room 101  
Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order: @ 6:02 PM

Present: Chair, Dr. Mbekeani; Commissioners: Diakite, Miller, Campbell,  
Lowrie, Dr. Grivois-Shah,

Absent: Dr. Pont

Guests: Elizabeth Lippitt, Executive Director, The Children's Clinic, Infant  
Welfare Society of Oak Park and River Forest; Gary Cuneen,  
Executive Director, Seven Generations Ahead; Elizabeth Zavala,  
UIC SPH student

2. Approval of agenda: Agenda approved, with addition of discussion regarding  
Board of Health meeting new starting time

3. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of September 24, 2013 meeting approved

4. Public Comment: None

5. New Business:

- Introduction of recently appointed BOH Commissioner Kenneth Campbell,  
Administrator, Cook County Health Systems
- *Wild About Wellness*, Oak Park: Elizabeth Lippitt and Gary Cuneen gave  
a presentation on the initiative spear-headed by the West Cook Y' with  
initial funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. *Wild About  
Wellness* is focused on impacting the obesity epidemic, locally. Elizabeth  
Lippitt and Gary Cuneen discussed the goals and objectives and activities  
underway to increase activity and improve nutrition. Board of Health  
members were invited to a community breakfast, sponsored by *WAW*, on  
November 14, at 8 AM, at Marion Street Cheese Market, at which time  
interested community members will be able to learn about how they can  
become involved in the anti-obesity efforts.

6. Old Business:

- Recommendation for an ordinance mandating bicycle helmet use among  
youth in Oak Park: Ravi Grivois-Shah provided a review of the Village  
Board meeting of October 7 at which the Board voted 5-2 to approve the  
recommendation for the ordinance change. Margaret provided a draft of  
the ordinance change prepared by the Legal Department. Board of Health  
members expressed concern about the language imposing a fine.

Margaret advised that her understanding is that a fine would likely be imposed after repeated violations and failure to provide proof of possession of a helmet. Margaret advised that she would be meeting with the Legal, Adjudication, and Police Department to further refine the ordinance and that she would discuss the Board of Health's concerns.

- Board of Health meeting start time: members discussed the possibility of a change in the meeting time and arrived at consensus with a 7 PM start time effective November 19, 2013.

7. Motion to adjourn at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Provost-Fyfe, Health Director