

**EAST SHORE DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
688 East Main Street, Branford CT
Executive Board Meeting - Thursday, June 9, 2022, at 5:30 pm
Virtual - Zoom Meeting**

Present: Susan Addiss, Michael Pascucilla,
Virginia Fallon, Darlene Zimmermann,
Elaine Anderson, Susan Deko

Absent: Dennis Nastri, Nick Palladino, Marissa DeChillo-Bateman

Meeting called to order by Susan Addiss at 05:30 pm.

1. Welcome
2. Public Comment
3. Minutes from May pending approval
4. Correspondence – normal correspondence
5. Old Business
 - ESDHD Financial Advisor – Updated Fund Recommendations – Continued communication with Chris, continue to keep funds in the holding pattern, market still volatile, continue to monitor market and keep where funds are currently. Currently safe, secure and collecting interest. Continue to check in with him monthly.
 - Climate Change Photojournalism Project/Interns – Status National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) Summer Internship Grant Proposal – Status –Two currently working with ESDHD Yale and UCONN. Alberta student just joined the team. NEHA one to two students will potentially be joining team again in the fall. Meeting to be held to discuss project. Table planned at East Haven Fall Festival to share work with the community. Also, community conversations on climate change set up coming up in the library.
 - EPIC Clinical Database – Contract is being reviewed by Yale’s legal team. Once agreed an MOU will be signed. Process will take a few months, in addition to additional months to set up. Goal is Epic will be up and running by flu season (end September beginning October).
 - Health Department file digitation project – Research has continued reviewing other health districts programs, including lessons learned. Staff meeting conducted to discuss next steps. This process will take several years to complete.

All files will be scanned in house by a contracted company. All files need to be scrubbed first. The end goal is to improve customer service.

6. New Business

- Coronavirus Update / Vaccination Statistics/Clinics – Local & State Update Presentation - Coronavirus Update / Vaccination Statistics – Local & State Update Presentation from the Director. He reviewed national statistics, statistical chart of Connecticut. Director reviewed all three towns in the district including, positivity rates, age distribution, fatalities, vaccination rates, trends. Discussion on effectiveness of Covid booster. A review of vaccines in children, there are a lot of hesitant per Dr. Young on parents to vaccinate their children. ESDHD continue to educate the community and administer the vaccines to targeted populations in the community.
- COVID CT DPH Grant ELC 2 – Next stage in process, the State changed some of the rules. The state just sent an updated guidance. ESDHD needs to redo the grant and send another report on how they are going to utilize the finding. Plan to hire another temporary nurse and a community health worker. The intent is to increase education in the community and reduce rates by targeting vulnerable populations.
- Travel Clinic Operations – Status – The public health nurse is going through training, in the process of updating policies and procedures, Dr. Young plans on taking training as well.

7. Executive Session – Legal Matter – Motion to go into Executive Session by Virginia Fallon and 2nd by Darlene Zimmermann, return from Executive Session Sue Addiss Motion and Virginia Fallon 2nd.

8. Director's Report

- Things are picking up, additions, festivals, new businesses, swimming pools, septic repairs, mobile venue, economically we are getting back on track.
 - ESDHD PH Activity Reports (Environmental, Emerg. Preparedness, Education & Nursing).
 - PHAB Accreditation Application Status – no update, continue to wait on their review, projected for sometime in the fall they will finish their review. Potentially after the first of the year there will be a site visit. Pending virtual or in person.
 - ESDHD Union Negotiations – Collective Bargaining Contract Expiration 6/2022 – First meeting with labor attorney, he is in the process of securing dates, reviewed some important items for recommendation.
 - ESDHD 2022-2023 Adopted Budget Report – Adopted, audit will take place in September.

- ESDHD BOD's Summer Break/Miscellaneous Discussion

9. Motion to adjourn by Darlene Zimmermann and 2nd by Virginia Fallon. All in favor.
Adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Carrano

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