

EAST SHORE DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
688 East Main Street, Branford, CT 06405

Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 13, 2025, at 5:40 pm
In-Person/Virtual Meeting

Present: Dennis Nastri, Susan Addiss, Michael Pascucilla, Elaine Anderson, Virginia Fallon, Susan Deko, Darlene Zimmermann, Michael Turcio, John Paul Cardichon, Dr. Richard Young,

Absent: Wendy Bellmore

Dennis Nastri called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

1. Welcome/Public Comments General Discussion
2. Approval of the January 9, 2025, ESDHD Board Minutes – Darlene Zimmermann motioned to approve the minutes and Elaine Anderson 2nd. All in favor. Approved.
3. Correspondences –
4. Old Business
 - a. Travel clinic – Dr. Young reported on individuals utilizing the clinic.
 - b. Yale Partnership – 3 students are interested and have selected ESDHD for their paid internship.
5. New Business
 - a. Current/Pending Grants – Michael Pascucilla
 - Opioid grant (OD2A grant) - from the state is still paused; only some of the funding has been released. We have a contract with New Haven, which is still not fully executed (the carryover money is not a part of it). We are planning a meeting with New Haven to see how we can move forward with the contract, including the money that has been held. The Harm Reduction Position has been laid off until we can work it out with the City of New Haven and the CDC.
 - Correspondence from the State of Connecticut Public Health Commissioner: Some of the grant funding money has been released. We can begin to draw the grants, such as the public health preparedness, infrastructure, and immunization grants. These grants are for this physical year.
 - Correspondence from the State of Connecticut Public Health regarding legislative bills with some unfunded mandates coming to the local departments. Directors of Public Health have collaborated with the lobbyist to talk with the state regarding this matter. Especially with the 10% cut in per capital from the state.
 - DEMS Region 2 grant – We are still moving forward; although we do not have an executed contract, the steering committee and the state have approved us. 2 grants of just over a half million dollars
 - i. Recognition for Elisabeth for pursuing this grant
 - ii. 2 administration fees - \$423,000.00 (\$70,000.00 Adm. fee) and \$76,000.00 (\$1,500.00 Adm. fee)
 - b. ESDHD Epidemiological Report – Madison Wierzel presented a report on:
 - H5N1/Bird Flu Update

- Respiratory Infection Update
- Discussion on the Community Dining Room Assistance

6. ESDHD Committee Board Members Report

- Executive Committee - Dennis Nastro – no report
- Personnel Committee - Sue Deko – Lay off of new Reduction Harm Specialist.
- Planning/Evaluation Committee - Elaine Anderson – no report
- Audit Committee – Michael Turcio – First meeting 4/16 at 5:30 pm.
- Budget Committee – Virginia Fallon – has met twice, continues to work on the budget, and future meetings are scheduled.
- Ad Hoc Committee - By-Laws – Susan Addiss – no report
- Ad Hoc Committee – Health District Building – Darlene Zimmermann – no report

7. Sue Deko motioned to go into the executive session and, Susan Addiss, 2nd. All in favor.

8. Susan Addiss motioned to exit the executive session and, Elaine Anderson, 2nd. All in favor.

9. Director's Report

- PHAB Accreditation Application Status – Committee will be meeting at the end of February, and we should have an answer soon.
- ESDHD PH Activity Reports (Environmental, Emerg. Preparedness, Education & Nursing).

10. Adjournment

- The motion to adjourn was made by Mike Turcio and 2nd by Virginia Fallon. All in favor. Adjourned at 6:55 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Carrano

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