

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

Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 12, 2025, at 5:30 pm
In-Person/Virtual Meeting

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

Absent: Wendy Bellmore

Dennis Natri called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

1. Welcome/Public Comments General Discussion – none.
 2. Approval of the May 8, 2025, ESDHD Board Minutes – Susan Deko motioned to approve the minutes, and Virginia Fallon 2nd. All in favor. Approved.
 3. Correspondences – none.
 4. Deidra Popkins – Nurturing Families Division Year End Report
 - a. Reviewed the Spring 2025 Contract Evaluations Scoring Form for the HFA program.
 - b. Reviewed the Nurturing Families history since the 2013 implementation.
 - c. Review of Benchmark data comparing statewide MIECHV data to ESDHD data – comparing state to ESDHD data from 2019 to 2025.
 - d. Reviewed goals for next year.
 5. ESDHD Epidemiological Report – Madison Wierzel presented a report on:
 - Small respiratory virus update
 - Tick precautions
 - Sun safety
 - Update briefly: H5N1, measles, ACIP
 6. Old Business
 - a. Travel Clinic update by Dr. Young – reported that it has been very busy. Last month we saw ten individuals and this month we are up to ten individuals already.
 7. New Business
 - New Environmental Health Database – Plan to go live next month.
 - More online customer service functionality.
 - New website to go live next month.
 - Researching medical databases for potential adoption in the future.
 - Exploring the purchase of iPads for use by the environmental staff.
- MST Water Quality Research
- Update given by Michael Pascucilla, Director.
 - College students will continue to work on water testing.
 - Will be seeking further funding for the project.
8. Executive Session
 - a. Darlene Zimmermann made a motion to go into executive session, and Susan Deko 2nd. All in favor.

- b. Susan Deko made a motion to return from executive session, and Darlene Zimmermann 2nd. All in favor.

9. Committee Reports

- Executive Committee - Dennis Nastri – no report.
- Personnel Committee – Susan Deko – Committee has been reviewing all policies. Michael Pascucilla, Director, reviewed a copy of the Retirement Policy. Susan Deko made a motion to approve the Personnel Policy on review of the personnel committee, subject to final legal review. Virginia Fallon 2nd. All in Favor.
- Planning/Evaluation Committee - Elaine Anderson – no report.
- Audit Committee – Michael Turcio – no report.
- Budget Committee – Virginia Fallon –no report.
- Ad Hoc Committee - By-Laws – Susan Addiss – no report.
- Ad Hoc Committee – Health District Building – Darlene Zimmermann – no report.

10. Executive Session

Virginia Fallon made a motion to go into executive session, and Susan Deko 2nd the motion. All in favor.

Susan Deko made a motion to come out of the executive session, and Virginia Fallon 2nd the motion. All in favor.

11. Budget

- a. Michael Pascucilla reviewed the budget.
 1. ESDHD Background and Budget Overview
 2. ESDHD Budget Request
 3. ESDHD Proposed Budget
 4. ESDHD Proposed Budget Income
 1. Noted that the population continues to decrease in our district and in the state of Connecticut.
 5. ESDHD Budget Request Summary

Susan Deko made a motion to accept the proposed budget, and Darlene Zimmermann 2nd. All in favor.

12. Directors Report

- The Director will be regularly meeting with the ESDHD Budget Committee given the uncertain federal/state financial climate.

13. Activity Reports

- Sent via email for review – no comments.

14. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by Susan Deko and 2nd by Darlene Zimmermann. All in favor. Adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Carrano

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