

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

ESDHD Executive Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 3:30 pm
In-Person/Virtual - Zoom Meeting

Present: Susan Addiss, Michael Pascucilla, Darlene Zimmermann, Elaine Anderson, Susan Deko, Marissa DeChillo-Bateman, Dr. Young, Dennis Natri, Virginia Fallon

Absent: Michael Turcio

Meeting called to order at 3:43 pm.

1. Welcome
2. Public comment – no comment
3. Motion to accept minutes from June - Sue Deko and seconded by Sue Addiss. All in favor. Minutes accepted.
4. No correspondence to report
5. Old Business
 - ESDHD Vacancies – Public Health Nurse vacancies were posted, a few interested in part-time and one full time candidate are being reviewed. Currently reviewing the budget and grant funding to determine whether a full or part-time position will be offered. Recently hired an individual to assist with billing for the vaccine clinics. Position posted for grant coordinator and with a couple strong candidates for consideration in the position.
 - Travel Clinic Program – Update – Dr. Young reported steady business, many individuals coming to the clinic from around Connecticut and even from out of state. Particularly interested in yellow fever vaccine.
6. New Business
 - Student intern presentation – Fiona Palmieri – Table presentation to next month.
 - Current and pending grants – Michael Pascucilla, Director reviewed current grants. A few of the grants have been extended to 2024 or 2025, most related to the Covid grants. Grant funding for free covid vaccines from the state have been changed. The state is no longer providing free vaccines, new policy, and guidelines to come from the state shortly. We ordered 200 covid vaccines from the state. We recently applied for the Workforce Development grant. If the grant is awarded, an additional meeting with the board committees will need to take place in the future to discuss allocation of the grant. Also recently received a suicide prevention grant for \$50,000 that we applied for.
 - Epidemiology report – Madison Wierzel reported on information received from advisory clinic meeting presentation from yesterday. Reflected on the importance of children receiving Covid vaccines and on the number of hospitalizations among children with and without co-morbidities. In addition, reviewed the

prevalence data across the lifespan. A review of the new variances and new vaccines and immune responses was also presented.

Sue Addiss made a motion to go into executive session regarding the union contract. Darlene Zimmermann seconded the motion. All in favor. Entered executive session at 4:07 pm. Upon return from executive session, Darlene Zimmermann made a motion to accept the union contract as read. Sue Addiss seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

7. Director's Report

- PHAB Accreditation Application Status – Site visitation took place. The director reported they will have an answer regarding accreditation in November. Overall, he was given positive feedback during the exit interview.
- ESDHD PH Activity Reports (Environmental, Emerg. Preparedness, Education & Nursing). Activity reports in a new format, now more detail.

Motion to enter executive session by Darlene Zimmermann, seconded by Elaine Anderson. All in favor. Upon return from the executive session, Melissa DeChillo-Bateman made a motion to develop a tuition reimbursement committee. Sue Deko seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

8. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by Sue Deko and seconded by Elaine Anderson. All in favor. Adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Carrano

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