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## **BOARD OF HEALTH GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

**November 8, 2021**

### **Meeting Minutes**

- I. CALL TO ORDER.** Pat Checko chaired this meeting and called it to order at 6:33 PM in the Director's office of the Central Connecticut Health District in Rocky Hill, CT. **Present:** Pat Checko (via zoom); Charles Brown, Director of Health; Lecia Paonessa (via zoom), Diane Doot (via Zoom) and Judith Sartucci (via zoom).

**Excused: None Quorum present.**

**Staff present:** None

**Notice posted:** November 5, 2021

- II. PUBLIC FORUM:** no one from the public was present either in person or on Zoom.

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**A MOTION** by Doot, seconded by Paonessa to approve the agenda amended by the addition of "Discussion of In-Person Board and Committee Meetings" under New Business. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A MOTION** by Doot, seconded by Paonessa to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2021, Governance Committee meeting as presented. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-**

**1. Community Health Assessment (CHA) update**

- Brown and Checko continued to update the Committee on the agency's data collection project.
- Mark Abraham, Executive Director of Data Haven in New Haven, recently emailed out town level health equity reports for downloading. Brown provided these for review prior to the Committee's Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Checko reviewed Berlin Report to identify areas of interest with committee members. Doot volunteered to work with Checko and Brown on additional review of town reports for inclusion of data in CHA.

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**VI. NEW BUSINESS.**

1. Discussion of In-Person Board and Committee Meetings.
  - Checko asked the committee what their thoughts were on meeting in-person in the coming months. Brown reported that transmission rates of COVID-19 are likely to increase in the coming months and while our Board is vaccinated, they still are part of the most vulnerable segment of the population. Brown recommended staying virtual until the Spring of 2022. Committee members concurred.

**VII. NEXT MEETING DATE**

- December 13, 2021, at 6:30pm at the CCHD Office in Rocky Hill and via Zoom.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**A MOTION** by Sartucci, seconded by Doot to adjourn.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** Meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles K. Brown Jr.  
Recorder pro tem

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY COMMITTEE: January 10, 2022