



BOARD OF HEALTH

MARCH 18, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER. Chairman Patricia Checko called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M. via zoom and telephone.

Present: Patricia Checko, Chairman (via Zoom)
Charles K Brown Jr., Secretary-Treasurer/Director of Health
Kevin Borrup (via zoom arr. 6:40 pm)
Ann Marie Diloreto (via conference call)
Dianne Doot (via zoom)
Barbara Gilbert (via conference call)
Deborah Henault (via zoom)
Ray Jarema (via conference call)
Jerilyn Nagel (via zoom)
Lecia Paonessa (via zoom)
Judy Sartucci (via zoom)
Marti Stiglich (via conference call)
David Wemett (via zoom arr. 6:47 pm)
Roy Zartarian (via zoom)

Excused:

Quorum present.

Meeting notice posted: March 16, 2021.

Staff Present: No one

B. PUBLIC FORUM – No one

C. ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA –

MOTION by Zartarian, seconded by Paonessa to approve the agenda as posted.
Motion carried unanimously.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

1. Record of Votes and Minutes of January 21, 2021 Board meeting

MOTION by Zartarian, seconded by Paonessa to approve the Minutes of the January 21, 2020 regular Board meeting as posted. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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MOTION by Sartucci, seconded by Paonessa to approve the Record of Votes of the January 21, 2020 regular Board meeting as posted. **Motion carried unanimously**

E. OFFICER AND STAFF REPORTS –

1. Chairman’s Report – Chairman Checko reported:

The Public Health Committee had a public hearing on SB1 a bill that would establish parity for Mental, Behavioral and Physical Health in the time of a pandemic and will be holding a hearing on the issue of racism as a public health crisis. Twenty towns have already adopted declarations on this issue.

A bill has also advanced that would require reporters to the states APCD (All Payers Claims Database) to include data on the race, ethnicity and primary language of the insured individual.

We have submitted testimony on three bills to date.

1. Governor’s budget.
2. Against a bill to allow funeral homes to serve food and drink.
3. Banning flavors on tobacco and vaping products.

Another bill CCHD supported is elimination of religious exemptions.

A Public hearing is scheduled next month for the CCHD revised sanitary code at 5:30 and the budget at 6:00.

In June we will be celebrating our 25 anniversary. Details will be discussed at a later date.

2. Director Health and Staff – Brown highlighted the following:

- Staff have been busy supporting clinic 4-5 days a week including Saturdays.
- Began Friends and Families support group for Opioid Grant again.
- Environmental staff have been supporting COVID complaints in all 4 towns.
- Working with seasonal FSE’s to begin their process of opening.
- Potential for temporary event this summer.
- Administrative staff have been supporting clinic with data entry and billing. Have gotten reimbursement from some insurance companies but others are deferring to Medicare.

MOTION by Nagel, seconded by Wemett to accept the monthly report of the Director of Health dated March 18, 2021 as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS -

- 1. Governance Committee** – Next meeting is April 12, 2021.
- 2. Human Resources Committee** – Next meeting is April 14, 2021.
- 3. Finance Committee** – Next meeting is April 13, 2021.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Executive Session for the purposes of discussing FY 2021-2022 Budget Considerations –

MOTION by Gilbert, seconded by Borrup to go into executive session for the purposes of discussing personnel issues and FY 2021-2022 Budget considerations. **Motion carried unanimously.**

In session at 7:07pm. Present: Borrup, Brown, Checko, Diloreto, Doot, Gilbert, Henault, Jarema, Nagel, Paonessa, Sartucci, Stiglich, Wemett and Zartarian.

Out of Executive Session at 7:17pm.

MOTION by Checko, to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to move the budget forward to a public hearing and name Henault as hearing officer of said public hearing. **Motion carried unanimously.**

2. COVID-19 Update and Municipal Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF)–

- Staff have been keeping up with information from CDC and CT Department of Public Health for a year. Currently 7683 confirmed and probable cases in the district (7267 last month); 1588 in Rocky Hill, 2437 in Newington, 1369 in Berlin and 2289 in Wethersfield. 286 deaths in the district (277 last month); 120 in Rocky Hill, 101 in Newington, 29 in Berlin and 36 in Wethersfield.
- Towns moving schools back to in-school and wrapping up winter sports. Each town has had many in-school issues to deal with that required assistance from the health district. 1st school outbreak students have increased. Number of full in-school students have increased.

- Volunteers are continuing our contact tracing but have been taxed recently. Over 8,800 cases and contacts have been tracked using the state system since May 20th. Number of cases have been increasing in the past couple of days.
- Vaccine clinics continuing in our District. 18 Clinics since February 10, 2021. Second doses will continue moving forward, 16 scheduled clinics to go. Looking at potential to start Berlin fairground push in early May. Outreach to homebound patients and hard to reach planning ongoing.

3. Public Hearings on Sanitary Code and FY 2021-2022 Budget – A
Public Hearing is scheduled for April 15, 2021 at 5:30 pm for the Sanitary Code and 6:00 pm for FY 2021-.2022 budget.

MOTION by Sartucci, seconded by Wemett to endorse the three pieces of testimony that was sent in on behalf of the board. Approved: Checko, Diloreto, Doot, Gilbert, Henault, Jarema, Nagel, Paonessa, Sartucci, Stiglich, Wemett and Zartarian. Opposed: No one. Abstained: Borrup **Motion carried unanimously.**

4. Next meeting – April 15, 2021, 6:30 PM, CCHD Offices in Rocky Hill, CT

H. ADJOURNMENT –

MOTION by Henault, seconded by Stiglich to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Charles K. Brown, Jr., MPH
Secretary-Treasurer

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY BOARD: April 15,2021