



## **BOARD OF HEALTH**

### **APRIL 15, 2021 MEETING MINUTES**

**A. CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Patricia Checko called the meeting to order at 6:30 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. 6:31 pm)  
Ann Marie Diloreto (via conference call)  
Barbara Gilbert (via zoom)  
Deborah Henault (via zoom)  
Ray Jarema (via conference call)  
Jerilyn Nagel (via zoom arr. 6:50 pm)  
Lecia Paonessa (via zoom)  
Judy Sartucci (via zoom)  
David Wemett (via zoom)  
Roy Zartarian (via zoom)

**Excused:** Dianne Doot and Marti Stiglich

**Quorum present.**

**Meeting notice posted:** April 14, 2021.

**Staff Present:** No one

**B. PUBLIC FORUM –** No one

**C. ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA –**

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

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –**

**1. Record of Votes and Minutes of March 18, 2021, Board meeting**

**MOTION** by Gilbert, seconded by Henault to approve the Record of Votes of the March 18, 2021, regular Board meeting as posted. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**MOTION** by Gilbert, seconded by Henault to approve the Minutes of the March 18, 2021, regular Board meeting as posted. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## **E. OFFICER AND STAFF REPORTS –**

### **1. Chairman’s Report –** Chairman Checko reported:

Checko stated CDC public health state of modernization initiate coming out as part of the care funding and intended to look at the cost of modernization of Public Health data and surveillance systems.

These would include:

- Software systems and tools
- Interoperability
- Improve data collection, sharing, analysis and electronic laboratory reporting.
- Coordinate with public and private to spread of variants and other health issues.

The intent is “to move from a siloed and brittle public health data system to connected, resilient, adaptable, and sustainable system with capabilities. Necessary to protect the health of individuals while measuring population health and supporting effective public health programs.” (CDC)

Legislative bills that made it to the senate calendars for action are:

- Banning of tobacco flavors.
- Newborn screening; timing of testing and a few more diseases added to the list of diseases to be tested for.
- Opioid and mental health bill that would create parity of mental, behavioral and physical health.
- Prohibiting sale of tobacco products in health care facilities and pharmacies.
- Funeral homes to serve food and beverages.
- Governor’s budget.
- Vaccine bill to remove the religious exemption and has been endorsed by the governor.

Three people will have terms expiring this year. The Chair will call them to determine their interest in restanding for their Board appointments prior to contacting the mayor of the town.

Acknowledge Charles Brown for his efforts and ethics of work during COVID-19.

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

- Staff have been busy supporting clinic 4-5 days a week including Saturdays.

- Last senior clinic in Newington tomorrow.
- New Health Educator starting May 3<sup>rd</sup> with focus on COVID-19.
- Environmental Health staff completing motel inspection.
- Administrative staff supporting clinics with data entry and billing.
- Medicare reimbursement has increased significantly from \$16.94 and \$28.39 to \$40.00 after March 15, 2021.

**MOTION** by Gilbert, seconded by Sartucci to accept the monthly report of the Director of Health dated April 15, 2021 as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## **F. COMMITTEE REPORTS -**

- 1. Governance Committee** – Next meeting is May 10, 2021.
- 2. Human Resources Committee** – Next meeting is May 12, 2021.
- 3. Finance Committee** – Next meeting is May 18, 2021. Brown reviewed the monthly financial reports for FY 2020-2021 through March 31, 2021, and answered and clarified issues for the Board about various line items.

**MOTION** by Henault, seconded by Jarema to accept the March 2021 quarterly financial report. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## **G. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Review of Public Hearing on CCHD Proposed Sanitary Code and adoption of the new code.**

Jarema stated several suggestions to the proposed sanitary code which would include additional water testing and emergency powers of the governor. Sartucci suggested that the emergency power by the governor be sent to the lawyers for review.

**MOTION** by Jarema, seconded by Sartucci to accept technical changes to the sanitary code related to pools and additional well testing and to make them a part of our sanitary code. Also, questions related to emergency powers be directed to our attorney for clarification before taking any further action. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**MOTION** by recommendation of the Governance Committee to adopt the Sanitary Code as amended. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**2. Review of Public Hearing on Proposed budget and fee schedule as pertains to the FY 2021-2022 budget and adoption of budget.**

**MOTION** by recommendation of the Finance Committee to adopt the FY 2021-2022 Central CT Health District budget as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**MOTION** by the recommendation of the Finance Committee to accept the same fee schedule as 2020. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**3. CCHD 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** – No big party to celebrate but will do something for board and staff.

**4. 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 over a year. Currently 8293 confirmed and probable cases in the district (7683 last month); 1715 in Rocky Hill, 2629 in Newington, 1499 in Berlin and 2450 in Wethersfield. 289 deaths in the district (286 last month); 122 in Rocky Hill, 100 in Newington, 30 in Berlin and 37 in Wethersfield.
- Towns moving schools back to in-school and spring sports. Each town has had many in-school issues to deal with that required assistance from the health district. Spring break and travel associated outbreaks a concern. Assisting with planning for graduations and proms. Number of full in-school students have increased.
- Volunteers are continuing our contact tracing. Over 9,600 cases and contacts have been tracked using the state system since May 20<sup>th</sup>. Number of cases have been increasing in the past couple of weeks.
- Vaccine clinics continuing in our District. 34 Clinics since February 10, 2021. Cancelled Berlin fairground push in early May due to J&J issues. Outreach to homebound patients and hard to reach planning ongoing.

**H. Next meeting** – May 20, 2021, 6:30 PM, CCHD Offices in Rocky Hill, CT

**I. ADJOURNMENT –**

**MOTION** by Zartarian, seconded by Borrup to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

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

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY BOARD: May 20, 2021