



BOARD OF HEALTH

MAY 19, 2022, MEETING MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER. Chairman Patricia Checko called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M. via zoom and telephone.

Present: Patricia Checko, Chairman (via Zoom)
Charles K Brown Jr., Secretary-Treasurer/Director of Health
Ann Marie Diloreto (via telephone)
Deborah Henault (via zoom)
Ray Jarema (via telephone)
Lecia Paonessa (via zoom)
Judith Sartucci (via zoom)
Marty Stiglich (via telephone)
David Wemett (via zoom) arr.6:31 pm
Roy Zartarian (via zoom)

Excused: Dianne Doot and Barbara Gilbert

Absent: Jerilyn Nagel

Quorum present. No one

Meeting notice posted: May 17, 2022.

Staff Present: No one

B. PUBLIC FORUM – Luis Pantoja

C. ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA –

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

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

1. Record of Votes and Minutes for April 21, 2022, Board meeting

MOTION by Sartucci, seconded by Wemett to approve the Record of Votes of the April 21, 2022, Board meeting with a minor correction. Approved: Checko, Diloreto, Henault, Jarema, Paonessa, Sartucci and Wemett. Opposed: No one. Abstained: Zartarian **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Sartucci, seconded by Wemett to approve the Minutes of the April 21, 2022, Board meeting with a minor correction. Approved: Checko, Diloreto, Henault, Jarema, Paonessa, Sartucci and Wemett. Opposed: No one. Abstained: Zartarian **Motion carried.**

E. OFFICER AND STAFF REPORTS –

1. **Chairman’s Report** – Checko reported that letters to the mayors have gone out for re-appointments.

A lead article was put in the board packet. Lead bill was passed making the new lead level 3.5. Article stated this is a problem for urban areas where children are eating lead paint chips. Checko stated she thinks this is a preventive measure.

Checko wanted to thank the environmental staff for making the contract negotiations a pleasure this year.

2. **Director of Health and Staff –**

- Walking competition is underway, and 373 participants signed up. Rocky Hill is currently leading.
- Johnathan is working on COVID-19 vaccination clinics for 2nd booster for adults with access and functional needs.
- Clinical Health Services – Lisa is working with Betty to provide information sessions about vector borne diseases in Wethersfield and Rocky Hill.
- Luis working with a broker to identify options for clinical space, sublease with Wethersfield Chiropractor is a possibility. Will not be moving forward until the grant comes through.
- Cheryl is working through several IT issues this week and is working with MICA and Luis to expand system to allow for EHR (electronic health records) and enhanced billing options.
- Environmental Health – Pools inspections are underway.
- Union contract negotiations are complete.
- Interviews continue for EH inspector. Jasmine Campbell starts on May 23, 2022.
- Barbara announced her intention to retire effective August 5th.

MOTION by Zartarian, seconded by Diloreto to accept the monthly report of the Director of Health dated May 19, 2022, as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS -

1. **Governance Committee** – Nothing to report. Next meeting is June 6, 2022.

2. **Human Resources Committee** – Nothing to report. Next meeting is June 8, 2022.
3. **Finance Committee** – Nothing to report. Next meeting is June 14, 2022.

G. NEW BUSINESS-

1. COVID-19 Update –

- Staff have been keeping up with information from CDC and CT Department of Public Health for over 2 years now. Currently 20,166 confirmed and probable cases in the district (17,893 in November); 4100 in Rocky Hill, 6455 in Newington, 3905 in Berlin and 5706 in Wethersfield. 390 deaths in the district; 149 in Rocky Hill, 137 in Newington, 50 in Berlin and 54 in Wethersfield.
- Towns continuing to monitor situation. Mask mandate reinstated for Newington after cases in town hall caused Town Manager to close facility.
- Several outbreaks in school settings we worked with DPH to follow-up on.
- Volunteers are continuing our case investigations. Over 10000 cases and contacts have been tracked using the state system since May 20th. Number of cases have been increasing recently. 60-75 cases daily for last week.

2. Board Approval of Union Contract –

MOTION by Wemett, seconded by Paonessa to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

In Session at 7:04 PM. Present: Brown, Checko, Diloreto, Henault, Jarema, Paonessa, Sartucci, Stiglich arr. 7:07 pm, Wemett and Zartarian.

Out of Session at 7:30 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION by Wemett, seconded by Stiglich to accept the ratification of the collective bargaining agreement between Central Connecticut Health District and Local 818 of Council #4 American Federation of State, County and Municipal employees AFL-CIO for the period from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2025. **Motion carried unanimously.**

3. Budget Workshop Director Brown reviewed the proposed budget with the Board. The towns have already been advised of the proposed town per capita of \$7.00.

MOTION by Zartarian, seconded by Henault to move the budget forward to a public hearing. **Motion carried unanimously.**

H. Next Meeting – June 16, 2022, 6:30 PM, CCHD Offices in Rocky Hill, CT

I. ADJOURNMENT –

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY BOARD: June 16, 2022