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BOARD OF HEALTH GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

September 13, 2021

Meeting Minutes

- I. CALL TO ORDER.** Pat Checko chaired this meeting. She called the meeting to order at 6:29 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: September 10, 2021
- II. PUBLIC FORUM:** no one from the public was present.
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Sartucci asked that "Public Health Accreditation Update" be added under New Business. **A MOTION** was made by Sartucci and seconded by Doot to approve the agenda as amended. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
A MOTION was made by Paonessa, seconded by Doot, to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2021 Committee meeting. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS-**
- 1. CCHD 25th Anniversary**
- Brown reported that articles on 25th anniversary had been in media in the community since June. The committee members discussed options for distribution of shirts to committee members. Proclamations from the towns were also received. One more article is expected in Life Publications in September.
 - <http://www.newbritainherald.com/NBH-Berlin+News/393417/central-connecticut-health-district-celebrating-25th-anniversary-with-commemorative-logo>
 - <https://patch.com/connecticut/rockyhill/central-connecticut-health-district-celebrates-25-years>
 - <https://news.yahoo.com/central-ct-health-district-gets-174200196.html>

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2. Community Health Assessment (CHA) update

- Brown reported that contractor had completed data collection project utilizing Farmington Valley Health District framework. Additional data collection from MAVEN Disease surveillance system will be conducted and the data will be reviewed for gaps.
- Checko reported that DataHaven had issued town level Health Equity reports for download. Brown has downloaded all town reports for district and these will be reviewed for relevance to CHA.

VI. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Public Health Accreditation Update

- Sartucci sat in on conference call at NALBOH about PHAB being revised and that new standards may be available by the end of the year. This is the 3rd set of standards and it may offer easier opportunities to be accredited but still challenging. She also reported that the 10 Essential Services of Public Health have been revised and Governance and Administration are being integrated into 10 standards instead of standing alone. She stated small LHDs serve most of the country and larger agencies are being accredited currently but many smaller LHDs are not, especially with COVID. An effort to put in place “pathways to accreditation” for smaller LHDs is being developed.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE

- October 18th at 6:30pm at the CCHD Offices in Rocky Hill and via phone
- Future Topics
 - PHAB measures and policy issues

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Sartucci, seconded by Doot to adjourn. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** Meeting adjourned at 7:06PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles K. Brown, Jr.

Recorder pro tem

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY COMMITTEE: October 18, 2021