



BOARD OF HEALTH

SEPTEMBER 15, 2022, MEETING MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER. Chairman Patricia Checko called the meeting to order at 6:34 P.M. via zoom and telephone.

Present: Patricia Checko, Chairman
Charles K Brown Jr., Secretary-Treasurer/Director of Health
Ann Marie Diloreto
Dianne Doot
Barbara Gilbert
Ray Jarema (via telephone)
Lecia Paonessa
Judy Sartucci (via zoom)
Marty Stiglich
David Wemett (via zoom)
Roy Zartarian (via zoom)

Excused: Deborah Henault

Absent: Jerilyn Nagel

Quorum present. Yes

Meeting notice posted: September 13, 2022

Staff Present: No one

B. PUBLIC FORUM – Yes

C. ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA –

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

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

1. Record of Votes and Minutes for August 18, 2022, Board meeting-

MOTION by Gilbert, seconded by Stiglich to approve the Record of Votes of the August 18, 2022, Board meeting. Approved: Checko, Diloreto, Doot, Gilbert, Jarema, Paonessa, Stiglich, Wemett and Zartarian. Opposed: No one. Abstained: Sartucci **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Diloreto, seconded by Jarema to approve the Minutes of the August 18, 2022, Board meeting. Approved: Checko, Diloreto, Doot, Gilbert, Jarema, Paonessa, Stiglich, Wemett and Zartarian. Opposed: No one. Abstained: Sartucci **Motion carried.**

E. OFFICER AND STAFF REPORTS –

1. **Chairman’s Report –** Checko reported that it was nice to have meetings back in the office. Checko watched the IHME report, they track the epidemic of covid and make the predictions. Good news is there is not an endemic, will be one to two years until then. Prediction will continue at the current level; cases should become mild.
An article about lead was in the Hartford Courant. Our laws now ban lead paint. We are lucky enough to have a few lead cases but are now seeing lead in spices and pans.
Call out to Jeff Vecchitto, for his service during the Berlin Fair and for keeping the Environmental Health Team in good order. Thank you, Jeff, for all your hard work.
Checko wanted to thank everyone for their participation in the Board, since this is her last meeting as chairperson.

2. Director of Health and Staff –

- Flu planning is moving forward-Thanks to the team. Seven clinics planned for October -4 indoor, 2 drive-thru 1 family clinic. We will be offering limited amount of High-Dose vaccine, in addition to our normal quadrivalent vaccine. Appointment based system to assure social distancing through controlled flow of patients. Mica dropped the ball on the appointment system so Luis made one on Squarespace to make sure we could register everyone using the QR code we had already distributed.
- Epidemiologist started and has hit the ground running! Already producing weekly COVID-19 reports and looking at trends from the pandemic. Part-time for now but will be full-time in the next week or so.
- Clinical Health Services- Found potential office space. ELC2 contact will not be finalized before entering into agreement. Now shifted to test and treat model with on-site and mobile testing capability. Attorney has reviewed the proposed lease and we are planning to sign agreement soon. Working on integrating Mica EHR system. Mica is recovering from a Denial-of-Service attack from hackers a few weeks ago. This has brought work to a standstill as they recover control of their

system. We do not believe that our patient data has been compromised at this time.

- Environmental Health recruitment continues for EH Inspector and Supervising Sanitarian, viable applicants are beginning to appear, two potential interviews next week. Berlin Fair starts today. Jeff and Barbara have Annie assisting to get inspections completed. Kudos to Jeff Vecchitto for being as organized as he is which allows CCHD to get the work done efficiently. Thanks to Jasmine Campbell as well for handling the complaints that have come in so they can focus on the fair...Go Team!!!
- Administrative staff – Thanks for Cheryl for starting preps for our upcoming audit of FY 21-22. Our accountant has had some health issues and hopefully we will be prepared for October/November audit.
- DOH - CHA/CHIP/Strategic Plan from Mark Nickel- Community perception survey (still open and responses trickling in):
 - 736 respondents to the community perception survey.
 - Demographics: White (81%), Black (4%), Asian (5%), other (4%), prefer not to say (8%)
 - Age of respondents: 35 to 44 (40%), 45 to 54 (30%), 55 to 64 (11%), 65+ (10%), 24 to 35 (6%); 18 to 24 (2%)
 - Top “most important health issue”: mental health; alcohol tobacco and other drugs; infectious or contagious disease; environmental issues; aging issues such as memory. % indicating “yes” this as a public health concern in your town: gun violence (22%), racism (39%); and climate change (44%)
- CCHD brand recognition. 59% indicate they do not know what role CCHD plays and 37% trust the CCHD as a source of public health information. 40% of respondents indicated they have not heard of CCHD.
- Innovation: to response-website or app to find healthy activities/service nearby (28%). Many ideas generated.
- Funding: Majority respond that increases should occur for per-person funding: More than \$20.00per person (24%); \$20.00 per person (23%); \$15.00 per person (23%); \$10.00 per person (16%); and less than \$10.00 (22%). Majority indicate higher funding levels – even in the context of the CCHD brand recognition.

MOTION by Stiglich, seconded by Diloreto to accept the monthly report of the Director of Health dated September 15, 2022, as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS -

1. **Finance Committee** – Next meeting is October 18, 2022.
2. **Human Resources Committee** – Brown discussed the Wellness Policy that he has been working on since before COVID-19 started. Approved changes were made by the attorney before bringing to the board. Next meeting is October 12, 2022.

MOTION by Human Resource Committee to accept the Central CT Health District employee Wellness Policy as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

3. **Governance Committee** – Next meeting is October 17, 2022.
4. **Nomination Committee** – Diloreto would like to present the following slate.
Barbara Gilbert – Chairman
Pat Checko – Vice Chairman
Deborah Henault – Member at Large

G. NEW BUSINESS-

1. COVID-19 and Flu Clinic Update –

- Staff have been keeping up with information from CDC and CT Department of Public Health for over 2 years now. Currently over 22,852 confirmed and probable cases in the district (17,893 in November); 4665 in Rocky Hill, 7308 in Newington, 4433 in Berlin and 6446 in Wethersfield. 403 deaths in the district; 153 in Rocky Hill, 139 in Newington, 53 in Berlin and 58 in Wethersfield.
- Volunteers are continuing our case investigations. Over 25,747 cases and contacts have been tracked using the state system since May 20th, 2021.
- Number of cases have been steady investigations. Health education is still the focus of calls at this point and education for self-tracing and notification. Guidance is changed and quarantine not required if asymptomatic.

Monkeypox

- CCHD has had two cases and two contacts to follow-up so far.
- Education and awareness activities have included outreach to hotels and motels. Housekeeping staff at risk for potential contact with soiled linens. Distributed pamphlet and PPE to motels.
- CCHD Monkeypox resource page great source of information.

2. Election of Officers –

MOTION by Paonessa, seconded by Doot to turn the meeting over to the Secretary-Treasurer, Charles K. Brown Jr., to conduct the elections.
Motion carried unanimously.

Brown asked the group if anybody was interested in any positions.

MOTION by Stiglich, seconded by Sartucci to move the slate forward.
Motion carried unanimously.

H. Next Meeting – October 20, 2022, 6:30 PM, CCHD Offices in Rocky Hill, CT.

I. ADJOURNMENT –

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY BOARD: November 17, 2022