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PUBLIC HEALTH for BERLIN, NEWINGTON, ROCKY HILL, & WETHERSFIELD

BOARD OF HEALTH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

February 10, 2022
Minutes

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

Meeting called to order by Chairman Checko at 10:10 AM via conference call.

Present: Charles Brown (Director of Health), Patricia Checko, Deborah Henault and Barbara Gilbert.

Excused: None **Quorum present.**

Date notice posted: 2.9.2022

B. PUBLIC FORUM – None

C. Discussion of Community Health Division regarding Clinical Services at CCHD

Committee members reviewed and discussed the Community Health Division's proposed plan for the expansion of clinical services. Staff assumed ability to bill for services and make expansion self-funded. The committee felt this would be extremely challenging. Fulltime MD or APRN would be required to provide many of services anticipated (assuming daily availability of services, ability to order laboratory services, establishment of contract with a clinical lab, etc.), in addition to meeting requirements for a clinical setting by the CT Department of Health. None of these are practically or economically feasible at this time. It would also require purchase of an upgrade to existing management software for medical client based data.

With the addition of a Public Health Nurse to CCHD staff, the roles, duties and breadth of the duties of the position are beginning to be put in place. Certainly that individual will be working closely with anticipated Epidemiologist in setting up the long anticipated surveillance and follow-up aspects of the state's reportable disease systems.

Cost analysis of the proposed expansion, or discussion related to the need for such expanded clinical services and/or their acceptance by the District residents or the expansive medical community around us still needs to be conducted.

While some of these future ideas may become part of the discussion for strategic planning, Gilbert noted that our communities' demographics are changing, and we may need to meet those needs. There are many more condos and apartments and we may need to adapt to that.

The Committee agreed to continue the discussion at a second meeting to be held at CCHD on Monday, February 14, 2022 at 10:00 am.

D. ADJOURNMENT – **A MOTION** was made by Gilbert, seconded by Henault to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:12 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Checko
Chairman

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY
COMMITTEE: _____