



**Norwalk Board of Health**  
**May 22, 2018**  
**8:30 AM**  
**Library**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
**Minutes**

Call to order at 8:31 AM Present:

**Board of Health** – Norman Weinberger, MD, Matthew Brovender, Esq., Janet Karpiak, MD, Kenneth Lalime, RPH (phone)

**Staff** – Theresa Argondezzi, Health Educator, Tom Closter, Director of Environmental Services, Deanna D’Amore, Director of Health, Megan DiMeglio Project Coordinator

**Approval of the April 24, 2018 meeting minutes** – Dr. Weinberger moved and Dr. Karpiak seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The minutes passed unanimously.

**Environmental Health Software Program**

Ms. D’Amore reviewed the current environmental health software systems. The IT Department shared with the Health Department a new system called Muncity that other City Departments are using. Ms. D’Amore and Mr. Closter explained this is a great opportunity for the Environmental Division to tie into a system that is connected with the other departments. Transitioning to a new system will come with many benefits to the department and help to serve the public more efficiently. The IT Department and Health Department will seek the approval of the ITT Committee and the Finance Committee of the Common Council. Ms. D’Amore will also review and discuss this with the Health, Welfare, and Public Safety Committee of the Common Council. Board members discussed the benefits of moving to this new system.

**Proposed City Reorganization**

Ms. D’Amore presented the Mayor’s proposed reorganization of city departments. Ms. D’Amore reviewed the proposed new structure related to the Health Department. The Health Department in the new structure would come under Community Services and would be overseen by a new position titled Chief of Community Services.

**Health Enhancement Communities Grant**

Ms. Argondezzi presented an overview of the Health Enhancement Communities (HEC) Grant the Health Department received from the State. Norwalk was selected as a reference community and will work with the State for a 6-month period to provide recommendations and community specific solutions to advance the development of an actionable HEC strategy. The HEC initiative aims to foster community-wide multi-sector collaboration and accountability to promote community health improvement and equity.

## **Opioids**

Ms. D'Amore informed the Board about the work the Health Department is doing around opioids:

- The Health Department assisted the Human Services Council with a mailing to all prescribers in the area.
- Three staff members attended the 2018 CT Opioid & Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention Conference. Ms. D'Amore told the board that next month they will receive a presentation on what was presented at the conference.
- The Health Department has been working with the Human Services Council and Positive Directions to coordinate a Narcan training for Health Department and City staff next month.

Adjourn at 9:03 AM