



**Norwalk Board of Health
February 26, 2019
8:00 AM
Library**

**Monthly Meeting
Minutes**

Call to order at 8:06 AM Present:

Board of Health –Theresa Quell, PhD, RN, Vincent Amoruccio, MS, MA, Matthew Brovender, Esq, Janet Karpiak, M.D, (phone)

Staff –Deanna D’Amore, Director of Health, Megan DiMeglio, Project Coordinator, David Reed M.D., Medical Director, (phone)

Approval of the January 22, 2019 Meeting Minutes – Dr. Quell moved and Mr. Amoruccio seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The minutes passed unanimously.

Director’s Report

- Ms. D’Amore provided an update on the laboratory and shared that they have hired a new part-time laboratory technician.
- She also reported the departure of the Health Education Associate who has accepted a new job opportunity. The Board acknowledged her significant contributions to the department during her time on staff.
- Ms. D’Amore said that the Community Services portion of the City reorganization is currently being discussed by the Ordinance Committee and the Personnel Committee of the Common Council. She let the Board know that a public hearing has been scheduled for next month with the Ordinance Committee.

Budget Updates

Ms. D’Amore gave an update on the 2019-2020 operating & capital budget requests for the health department. She also reviewed the Governor’s recommended 20% budget cut to the per capita grant to local health departments and districts. Board members discussed how the Project Coordinator position and the Health Education Associate position are funded from this grant. Ms. D’Amore explained how health directors are working together on this to advocate for the funding to remain, but that this has been a trend lately to decrease state support. Last year the per capita grant was cut 10.8%.

State Legislative Updates

Ms. D’Amore highlighted a few proposed bills that have been introduced this legislative session and the coordinated response from the members of the CT Association of Directors of Health.

Regional Public Health Emergency Preparedness

Ms. D'Amore reviewed the proposed restructuring of the Mass Dispensing Areas in Connecticut. Norwalk is included within DEMHS Region 1. Local health directors and preparedness coordinators have been meeting to determine how to structure this region. Board members provided their input and considerations.

Reaccreditation

Ms. DiMeglio gave an overview and update of the Public Health Accreditation Board –Reaccreditation process. The Health Department will be applying for reaccreditation this summer. Ms. DiMeglio and Ms. D'Amore will keep the board updated in the months to come. Ms. D'Amore spoke about the great work Ms. DiMeglio has been doing working with the staff on documentation for their programs and services.

Adjourn at 8:43 AM