

Norwalk Health Department Board of Health Actions

**June 8, 2004
8:00 AM
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Call to order at 8:00 AM

Present: Board of Health – Mr. Lalime, Dr. McNamara & Dr. Tracey

Staff – Mr. Callahan

Minutes of April 13, 2004 & May 11, 2004 Meetings

A motion to approve the minutes of these meetings was made by Mr. Lalime, seconded by Dr. McNamara and was passed by a unanimous vote.

Strategic Plan Review

The Strategic Plan for FY 05 was reviewed. A motion to approve the strategic plan was made by Mr. Lalime, seconded by Dr. Tracey and was passed unanimously.

Personnel

An agreement was reached with the Norwalk Municipal Employees Association that allows Sanitarian William Mooney to commit up to 20 hours per week to the development of public health emergency response capacity in the city. The union also agreed to allow up to 20 hours per week of the Environmental Health duties to be performed by a non-bargaining unit person.

Andrea Reyes formerly a Nutritionist was appointed the Acting Coordinator of the WIC program. Emily Swann was hired as a part time Nutritionist.

Pediatric Changes

The Board discussed the state of pediatric health care in Norwalk. The legal problems of two Pediatricians who provide services for approximately 3,500 children may result in an interruption in their ability to continue to practice. Most of the children affected are enrolled in the HUSKY program. The Norwalk Community Health Center is the only other practice that participates in this program. The Board of Health was instrumental in the establishment of the health center. Strong concern for the well being of the children and a long standing interest in insuring the success of the health center led the Board to take action on this situation. A motion was made by Mr. Lalime and seconded by Dr. Tracey to write a letter to Anna Washington, Executive Director of NCHC, which expressed the Board's long and continued support for and willingness to assist the Health Center, stated the Board's concern for the well being of children residing in the city, and requesting NCHC within the next two weeks develop and share with the Board their plan for meeting the potential and expected increase in pediatric patients. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn 9:15 AM

