



**Norwalk Board of Health
April 30, 2019
8:00 AM
Library**

**Monthly Meeting
Minutes**

Call to order at 8:02 AM

Present:

Board of Health –Theresa Quell, PhD, RN, Matthew Brovender, Esq, Norman Weinberger, MD, Janet Karpiak, MD, Kenneth Lalime, RPH, Vincent Amoruccio, MS, MA, (phone)

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

Public- Kelly Kultys, City Hall Reporter, Norwalk Hour, Mahammad Camara, Fairfield University Student, Jonathan Delgado, Fairfield University Research Coordinator

Approval of the March 26, 2019 Meeting Minutes – Dr. Weinberger moved and Dr. Karpiak seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The minutes passed unanimously.

Director’s Report

- Personnel Updates – Ms. D’Amore informed the board of Alfred Kao’s (Laboratory Director) retirement date.
- Municipality- The new environmental software company Muncicity will be holding a two-day training with staff this week.

Noise Ordinance

Ms. D’Amore reviewed the revisions in the noise ordinance that were recently approved by the Common Council.

Food Access

Ms. Argondezzi gave an overview of recent food access work by the Health Department. She also shared that a part-time Food Access Coordinator has been hired with funding from a grant. Ms. Argondezzi explained the partnership with Fairfield University’s Center for Faith & Public Life and the Health Department. Mr. Camara, a student from Fairfield University, was completed a capstone project to study food access in Norwalk. Mr. Camara presented his project to the Board and members discussed the findings.

Tattoo Regulations

Mr. Closter explained the State law that previously required tattoo artists to be under the supervision of a physician. During the health department inspections, inspectors check documentation showing that technicians are under the supervision of a physician. Recently it has become more challenging to find a physician to supervise tattoo technicians. Mr. Closter did some research and found out that the state repealed that law. Mr. Closter explained that registered nurses and advanced practice registered nurses could perform the supervision if the department would allow it. Ms. D'Amore requested the Board's opinion on this change. Dr. Quell agreed that an RN or APRN could qualify. The other Board members agreed.

Nail Salons

Ms. D'Amore explained the health department has been working with Bob Kocienda from the Center for Youth Leadership to improve the regulation of nail salons in Norwalk. The health department is looking at the ventilation systems in salons, sterilization of equipment and education for inspectors and owners. Ms. Closter is looking to hold workshops for nail salon owners and training for health department inspectors.

Immunization Action Plan Program

Ms. Bates, Immunization Action Plan Program (IAP) Coordinator gave an update on the program. Ms. Bates explained that the Norwalk IAP program covers the towns of Norwalk, New Canaan, Wilton, Westport and Weston. Recently, the program has expanded to cover services in Ridgefield and Danbury. The Health Department has received additional funding from the state health department to cover those areas. Ms. Bates explained that they have increased a part time outreach worker to full time and hired a part time IAP Area Coordinator to cover the Danbury area.

Ms. Bates informed the Board that April 27-May 4 is National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW). NIIW is an annual observance to highlight the importance of protecting infants from vaccine-preventable diseases and to celebrate the achievements of immunization programs and their partners in promoting healthy communities. This year we are celebrating the 25th anniversary of NIIW. Ms. Bates presented the events hosted by the health department this week, they include:

- April 29th & May 3rd 10am-3pm CT WiZ/Immunization Record Check
- April 30th 10:30-11:30am "Shots for Tots" Talk for FCA's, Parents as Teachers (PAT) Program
- May 1st 12:30-2:00pm CT's CDC Immunization Champion Award Presentation/Luncheon Norwalk Hospital

Measles

Ms. D'Amore reported that the Connecticut Department of Public Health has been providing guidance to local health departments on measles and the roles of state and local health during exposures and outbreaks. She said that there have been three cases of measles so far this year in Connecticut, and they are monitoring the current outbreaks in New York and other areas in the country.

Reaccreditation Progress

Ms. DiMeglio gave an update on the progress for meeting reaccreditation. 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.

Adjourn at 8:55 AM