



Norwalk Board of Health
May 28, 2019
8:00 AM
Library

Monthly Meeting
Minutes

Call to order at 8:02 AM Present:

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

Staff –Deanna D’Amore, Director of Health, Megan DiMeglio, Project Coordinator

Approval of the April 30, 2019 Meeting Minutes – Dr. Quell moved and Mr. Lalime seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The minutes passed unanimously.

Director’s Report

- Project Coordinator position will be funded from the City’s budget starting in July 2019.
- Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Associate part time position will be funded from the City’s budget starting in July 2019. Funding will cover 10 hours a week to manage cases.
- The health department will be receiving a 20% cut from the state per capita grant.
- The IT department is working with the health department on updating the rain gauge.
- The health department lab is now under the State DPH lab license for clinical testing, and staff members are updating the lab clinical manual.
- Ms. D’Amore highlighted some issues with the current massage ordinance.
- Ms. D’ Amore told the board of the meditation event happening on June 22, 2019 at the Norwalk Library.
- Ms. D’Amore told the board of the food access meeting with food service providers in Norwalk happening next week.
- Ms. D’Amore shared some personnel updates.

Childhood Immunization Champion Event

Ms. DiMeglio presented pictures from the CDC Childhood Immunization Champion Event held at Norwalk Hospital on May 1, 2019.

STD Clinic

Ms. D'Amore proposed to the board to change the name of the STD Clinic at the health department to Sexual Health Clinic. Ms. D'Amore explained how the scope of the clinic is much broader than testing and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases. She highlighted education, counseling, referrals, and vaccinations, as well as potential new areas including expedited partner therapy. All board members supported this name change.

Health Department Organizational Charts

Ms. D'Amore presented the new organizational charts she developed for the health department given the City's recent reorganization. One chart features the functions/services provided by the health department, and the other presents the staffing, including all city and grant funded positions, both full-time and part-time.

Workforce Development

Ms. D'Amore informed the board of two upcoming training opportunities:

- On June 12, 2019 the Health Department in partnership with the Hub, the behavioral health action organization for southwestern CT, will be hosting a Suicide Prevention / Narcan Training open to all City of Norwalk employees.
- Ms. D'Amore has been asked to be a future instructor of an Evidence Based Public Health course that will be offered to Connecticut public health practitioners. Master trainers will come to Connecticut in July and train the future instructors. The Connecticut Department of Public Health and the Yale School of Public Health/New England Public Health Training Center are bringing this training to Connecticut. Ms. D'Amore recommended Theresa Argondezzi, Health Educator, to be an instructor, and she will also participate in the training.

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 8:43 AM