

***Norwalk Health Department Board of Health Actions***

**Norwalk Health Department  
Board of Health  
Meeting Minutes  
November 13, 2001**

**Attendance**

**Board: Mr. Lalime, Dr. McNamara & Dr. Tracey  
Staff: Mr. Callahan**

**Correction to minutes of September 11, 2001 meeting to include Dr. McNamara as present. Motion to approve the minutes as corrected by Mr. Lalime, seconded by Dr. McNamara, and unanimously passed.**

**United Way Grant**

**The Health Department will serve as the lead agency in a 5 year \$600,000 project aimed at improving the health of children between birth and 5 years. This project is being funded by the United Way of Tri State and administered by the local United Way of Norwalk and Wilton. In addition to coordinating the efforts of various health and social service providers the Health Department is responsible for updating Norwalk Infant Mortality figures. Funding will be distributed to the Norwalk Community Health Center (NCHC) for a part-time USKT enrollment worker and the Family and Children's Agency to support the MOMS project.**

**Ryan White Planning Project**

**NCHC was awarded funding to conduct an assessment of the need for HIV/ AIDS services and to develop a strategy to meet the needs. NCHC will sub contract with the City of Norwalk for coordination of this project. A Project Coordinator will be hired by the Health Department to implement this project. This is a 12 month project.**

**Flu Program**

**The mass clinics are underway and participation is greater than normal. There are 12 clinics planned and 8 - 10 companies have requested flu shots. All of the vaccine (3,700 doses ) that was ordered has been delivered.**

**Bioterrorism**

**The Health, Fire, and Police Departments are developing a response plan to acts of bioterrorism. Health Department has and continues to attend training session conducted by the CDC and State Health Department.**

**Mission & Goals Progress Report**

**The progress report (attached) was reviewed.**

**Comments made were as follows:**

**Healthy Norwalk Partnership - summary report for mass distribution should be at a**

**3rd or 4th grade reading level**

**Integration of services with the Norwalk Community Health Center - Investigate a tie in between the statewide immunization registry and the systems maintained by Novamedix which 5000 physicians use.**

**Environmental Programs - Evaluate instituting a reinspection charge.**

**Bioterrorism**

**The Health Department is in constant communications with the Connecticut Department of Public Health (CDPH) via an email network. A policy and procedures for responding to suspect packages is being developed with the Police and Fire Departments. The Health Department web page will be updated to include a message about bioterrorism and a link to the CDPH web site will be added.**

**Adjourn 9:10 AM**

