



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

Monthly Meeting
Minutes

Call to order at 8:05 AM Present:

Board of Health –Theresa Quell, PhD, RN, Matthew Brovender, Norman Weinberger, MD (phone)

Staff –Deanna D’Amore, Director of Health, Megan DiMeglio, Project Coordinator, Theresa Argondezzi, Health Educator, Tom Closter, Environmental Director, Jahliah Green, Health Education Associate

Public- Sirin Vahora, RN, Anne Meuile, RN Suzanne Scott, RN, University of Bridgeport

Approval of the October 22, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Dr. Weinberger moved and Dr. Quell seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The minutes passed unanimously.

Director Report

- Our childhood immunization numbers continue to remain higher than last year due to the increase of new children in Norwalk. Between July and November of 2018, we provided 829 immunizations through our childhood immunization clinic. In 2019, from July through November, we provided 1,404. This is a 69% increase this year.
- The Triangle Community Center will be providing a cultural sensitivity training focused on the transgender community to health department staff in January.
- The December Board of Health meeting will be held on December 17th.

2019 Lighthouse Certificate Awards

Ms. Closter explained the Lighthouse Certificate program and explained the changes in restaurant classifications. Mr. Closter presented a list of restaurants that will be receiving a lighthouse award this year. In 2018, 49% of the eligible restaurants in Norwalk received an award. This year, 58% of eligible restaurants will be receiving an award. The board discussed which establishment to select to host the award ceremony at this year. Mr. Closter will ask his staff for recommendations and get back to the board with a list. The ceremony will happen early next year.

Health Enhancement Communities

Ms. Argondezzi gave an update on the Health Enhancement Communities (HEC) grant. The Health Department and the Mid-Fairfield Child Guidance Center applied jointly. Ms. Argondezzi is functioning as the Project Manager. Ms. Argondezzi explained that the first meeting occurred this month and went well. The grant period is for three months. Ms. Argondezzi will keep the board updated in the months to come.

Climate Change and Public Health

Ms. D'Amore gave highlights from the Climate Change Conference she attended and the role of the health department in addressing the health impacts of climate change.

Operating & Capital Budgets

Ms. D'Amore gave an update on the operating & capital budget process for 2020-2021. Ms. D'Amore will keep the board updated in the months to come.

Personnel Updates

- Elsa Garcia has accepted the position of Administrative Support II.
- The health department will be looking to fill the front desk bilingual receptionist position.
- The WIC program will be filling the two open positions in the near future.
- The IAP program will be looking to fill the part time area coordinator position.

2020 Meeting Schedule

Ms. D'Amore asked the board if the same meeting schedule works for next year. The board members agreed Ms. D'Amore will forward the meeting schedule for the next year to all members.

Adjourn at 8:45 AM