



City of Norwalk
Board of Health
Monthly Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2020 8:00 AM
Via Teleconference

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Call to order at 8:05AM Present:

Board of Health: Theresa Quell, PhD, RN, Vincent Amoruccio, MA, Kenneth Lalime, RPH, Janet Karpiak, MD, Norman Weinberger, MD

Staff: Deanna D'Amore, Director of Health, Megan DiMeglio, Project Coordinator, Theresa Argondezzi, Health Educator, David Reed, MD, Medical Director, Tom Closter, Environmental Director, Lamond Daniels, Chief of Community Services, Darleen Hoffler, Clinical Supervisor, Glenn Iannaccone, Emergency Response Coordinator, Pat DiPietro, Business Manager

Public: Diane Lauricella

Media: Erin Kayata, Norwalk Hour Reporter

1) Approval of the March 24, 2020 Meeting Minutes

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

2) Public Participation

Diane Lauricella provided suggestions on public health communications. She shared, "I have requested that the City add language, with all of its public outreach tools and in user-friendly terms, about the face mask pros and cons so that the public can make informed choices and not have a false sense of security." She also provided comments on environmental cleanups.

3) COVID-19 Updates from Staff and Board Discussion

- a. Director of Health: Ms. D'Amore gave an overview of the Health Departments response to COVID- 19. Ms. D'Amore also gave an update on the number of COVID-19 positive cases and deaths.

- b. Chief of Community Services: Mr. Lamond gave an update from the Community Services Department.
- c. Supervisor of Clinical Services: Ms. Hoffler gave an update on the Preventable Disease division.
- d. Public Health Preparedness Coordinator: Mr. Iannaccone gave an update on the Emergency Preparedness Division and the Emergency Response Team.
- e. Director of Environmental Services: Mr. Closter gave an update on the Environmental Health Division.
- f. Business Manager: Ms. DiPietro gave an update on finance and COVID-19 funding.
- g. Medical Director: Gave an update on COVID-19 related issues he is seeing around the region.

4) Reaccreditation Update from the Project Coordinator: Ms. DiMeglio gave an update on the reaccreditation timeline for the department and feedback she has received from the Public Health Accreditation Board.

5) Personnel Updates: Ms. D'Amore presented the personnel updates for the department.

6) Current Norwalk Health Department Operations - Essential Programs and Services: Ms. D'Amore reviewed the current programs and services that are continuing during this COVID-19 pandemic.

Adjourn at 9:07 AM