



Common Council
Health, Welfare, and Public Safety Committee

September 23, 2010
Regular Meeting Agenda
City Hall, Community Room
7:30 pm

1. Welcome and Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes: May 5, 2010, June 24, 2010, and July 22, 2010
3. Public Participation
4. Old Business
5. New Business:
Police Department:
No items submitted

Fire Department:
No items submitted

Health Department:

1. Reimbursement for Clinical Services

The Health Department provides various reimbursable clinical services. Payment by third parties such as managed care, insurance, and claims processing companies require contracts. This resolution will enable Mayor Richard C. Moccia to sign contracts on behalf of the City of Norwalk.

Authorize the Mayor, Richard A. Moccia, to execute any and all documents and amendments necessary to facilitate the provision of and or payment for services provided by the Norwalk Health Department.

2. Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant

The Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) will be receiving continued Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the period August 10, 2010 through August 9, 2011. The Norwalk Health Department will be receiving \$64,911 in PHEP funding for this period. Some of the activities that will be required under the PHEP contracts include:

- Work with Regional Public Health Advisor (RPHA) to complete the local assessment for Project Public Health Ready application.
- Complete the technical assistance review (TARs) of the local mass dispensing area plan. Analyze information from the TAR to identify strengths and gaps for mass dispensing in the region. Collaborate with the RPHA and other local health departments/districts in the MDA and DEMHS Region to address gaps.
- Collaborate with other local health departments/districts to conduct a feasibility study of alternative mass dispensing methods in the region, such as drive-thru, mobile dispensing teams, and distribution to large businesses.
- Actively participate in regional drills and exercises that are required by the Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI).

Authorize the Mayor, Richard Moccia, to execute any and all documents necessary to apply for and accept funds from the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health for a Public Health Emergency Response program for the period August 10, 2010 to August 9, 2011 in the amount of \$64,911.

Authorize the Mayor, Richard Moccia, to execute any and all agreements, documents, instruments or amendments as may be necessary to implement a Public Health Emergency Response program for the period August 10, 2010 to August 9, 2011.

3. Lead Poisoning Prevention Grant

The Connecticut Association of Directors of Health (CADH) received funding from the State of Connecticut to assist local health departments for childhood lead poisoning testing, case management and intervention activities. The Norwalk Health Department was awarded \$22,342 to provide services as directed by the State of Connecticut. This contract is for the period September 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. The Norwalk Health Department staff will screen children for lead poisoning, investigate to determine the source of lead in children with elevated blood lead levels, and provide educational materials to the public and child care providers.

Authorize the Mayor, Richard Moccia, to execute all documents necessary to apply for and accept funds from the Connecticut Association of Directors of Health to implement a lead poison program for the period September 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 in the amount of \$22,342.

Authorize the Mayor, Richard Moccia, to execute any and all agreements, documents, instruments or amendments as may be necessary to implement a Public Health Emergency Response program for the period September 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

4. Preventive Health Block Grant

The Connecticut Department of Public Health administers this project with federal funding. The award to Norwalk is in the amount \$12,303 for the period is 7/1/10-6/30/11. The funds are for obesity prevention projects.

Fit Kids, a childhood obesity prevention program, targets children participating in elementary school-based afterschool sites. The Norwalk Health Department is the lead agency and is supported by Sacred Heart University. Students from Sacred Heart University's exercise science program teach two hours of physical activity and nutrition education each week for a period of eight weeks.

6. Discussion

7. Adjournment