

Board of Health

April 12, 2011

8:00 AM

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Minutes

Call to order at 8:10 AM

Present: Board of Health – Kenneth Lalime, RPH, RPH, John McNamara, MD, Theresa Quell, PhD, RN, Edward Tracey, MD

Staff – Tim Callahan, Director of Health

Approval of March 8, 2011 meeting minutes

A motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Dr Tracey, seconded by Mr. Lalime and passed unanimously.

Building Improvement Projects – Capital Budget

Interior Renovations - The schedule calls for completion of all work by the end of April 2011.

Capital budget 2012 – Mayor Richard Moccia is proposing to include sufficient funds to complete exterior work in the 2012 capital budget. The estimated cost to repoint the brick façade, address structural cracks and replace the stairs on the East Ave side is \$785,452.

National Association of Local boards of Health (NALBOH)

The Board discussed joining NALBOH. Receiving alerts about emerging public health issues, legislative updates, and opportunities for training and networking with other Board of Health members were a few of the benefits. The annual cost is \$120. Mr. Callahan will complete the application.

Health Equity Index

The Health Department was chosen to participate in a pilot program to test the Health Equity Index. A \$3,000 stipend was included in the award. The Health Equity Index is an attempt to categorize and define the factors influencing health. During the next three months, Board and staff members will sign on to the web site, familiarize themselves with the index, and provide comments to Tim Callahan. The Connecticut Association of Directors of Health (CADH) is administering the HEI project. CADH staff will attend the May or June Board meeting to discuss the Index.

Give Kids a Smile 2010

Fourteen local dentists provided services to 71 uninsured children as part of the Norwalk area give Kids a Smile Day. Three dentists agreed to continue to serve 19 children with pro bono dental homes.

Other Business

Communicable Diseases Update

David Reed, MD, Medical Advisor submitted a written update on a communicable disease case. The Board reviewed and accepted Dr. Reed's report.

Adjourn at 906 AM