

**Monthly Meeting  
Minutes  
March 9, 2010  
8:00 AM  
Library**

**Call to order at 8:15 AM**

Present: Board of Health – Greg Burnett, Kenneth Lalime, RPH, Theresa Quell, PhD, RN and Ed Tracey, MD

Staff – Tim Callahan, Director of Health, Tom Closter, Director of Environmental Services and John Schwartz, Sealer of Weights and Measures

**Minutes of February 9, 2010 Meeting** - Motion to approve by Mr. Lalime, seconded by Mr. Burnett, passed unanimously

**Tuberculosis Case Report**

The contacts to a person with active tuberculosis who spends time at Norwalk Community College are being tested for TB infection by Norwalk Health Department staff. A standard protocol developed by the Centers for Disease Control is being utilized. During the course of a year the Norwalk Health Department staff investigate on average 3 or 4 active cases of tuberculosis. This case is a higher profile because it involves working with an academic institution. Contacts to the case were notified by Health Department staff of the need to get tested and sessions are scheduled for this week. Since a school is involved and concerns about TB can create a frenzy, a letter was sent to all faculty, students and staff at NCC by David Levinson, President. The letter provides basic information on TB and advises the reader to contact the Norwalk Health Department for additional information. Since the letter was sent last week, the nursing staff fielded approximately 100 calls.

**Teen Nutrition Project**

The Norwalk Health Department is facilitating a teen cooking program for attendees of the Norwalk Housing Authority After School program. A connection was made with Family Cook Productions and NHA After School Program staff is being trained to use the curriculum developed for middle school children. The particulars of this project are as follows:

**Participants**

Norwalk Housing Authority After School Program participants – middle school students

**Target Start Date**

April or May 2010

**Curriculum**

Junior Teen Iron Chef – product of Family Cook Productions

[www.familycookproductions.com](http://www.familycookproductions.com)

- 7-session cycle appropriate for pre-teens. Students work in 6-8 people teams with up to 3 teams. Each week a new team presents a meal.
- The focus is on developing proper cooking skills to take home and incorporate into recreating familiar meals into healthier meals. Topics covered in the curriculum include exercise, water consumption, 5-A-Day, media influences, mood, social aspects of food and eating, goal making, and the relationship between food and people.
- At least 2 people must be trained to run the program. 2-3 day training in NYC March 14, 15, and 16<sup>th</sup>. Training costs \$310.00/person.
- Total estimated first year cost for program is approximately \$2,000. Includes food costs, equipment costs, training, and curriculum license fee.

### **Weights and Measures Fees**

The FY 09/10 budget includes revenue from fees charged for the services provided by the Sealer of Weights and Measures. In Norwalk as in the other 6 cities with population in excess of 75,000, the provision of this service by the municipality is required by statute. In the other 162 towns the Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection acts as the sealer. The Consumer Protection Department assesses a \$50 per nozzle charge to all stations regardless of their location (all 169 towns)

Recently notice was given to the nearly 300 retail gasoline stations to register their devices and pay a fee based on the number of meters at each establishment. Upon closer review it became apparent that improvement in technology makes it challenging to determine the number of meters per device. The station owners have also voiced concerns over the payment of a fee to the city and to the State of Connecticut. A lengthy discussion among the Board and staff ensued. There was agreement that a more equitable charge is by nozzle. There was also agreement that the statute creates an unfunded mandate for the 7 cities with populations in excess of 75,000. Furthermore the owners of gas stations located in these 7 cities are subsidizing the service being provided by the Department of Consumer Protection in the other 162 towns.

A motion to change the device registration for gas stations from meters to nozzles was made by Ms. Quell, seconded by Mr. Lalime and passed unanimously

A motion directing staff to initiate a process to eliminate the nozzle fee charged by the State of Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection in the 7 cities with populations in excess of 75,000 was made by Mr. Lalime, seconded by Mr. Burnett and passed unanimously.

Adjourn at 9:15 AM