

**Monthly Meeting  
Minutes  
October 13, 2009  
8:00 AM  
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**Call to order at 8:08 AM**

Present: Board of Health – John McNamara, MD, Kenneth Lalime, RPH, Sheldon Miller, and Edward Tracey, MD

Staff – Tim Callahan, Director of Health, David Reed, MD, Medical Director and Tom Closter, Director of Environmental Services

**Minutes of September 8, 2009 Meeting** - Motion to approve by Dr. Tracey, seconded by Dr. McNamara, passed unanimously

**2009 Food Establishments Lighthouse Awards**

October is the month to recognize food establishments for maintaining a 3 Lighthouse rating for the past year. For 2009 145 food establishments met the criteria. This number represents 37% of the total number. In 2008 109 or 27% of the eligible food establishments were recognized. Certificates will be sent next week. Owners are encouraged to post the certificate in a prominent location in their establishment. A bus shelter advertisement for the Lighthouse program can be seen on the West Ave/Martin Luther King Boulevard location, which is in the heart of the restaurant district.

**H1N1 Influenza Update**

A survey of Norwalk area Pediatricians and Obstetricians revealed all are either planning to give or have made arrangements for their patients to receive the H1N1 vaccine. This week only the nasal spray version is available. Delivery of injectable vaccine to physicians and health departments is scheduled for next week. Priority groups can be vaccinated until the supply of vaccine increases. Pregnant women and close contacts of infants <6 months of age will be offered the vaccine first. Next are children 4 years of age and less. The health department will initially provide H1N1 vaccine to priority group members who do not have a physician.

A shipment of seasonal flu vaccine was received. Seasonal flu clinics will be held on October 15, 22, and 29. Additional clinics will be scheduled if there is vaccine. 2,000, of the 4,000 doses ordered have been received.

**Public Health Accreditation Board Beta Test**

Nineteen local, 8 state and 3 tribal health departments were chosen to participate in the beta test. Norwalk was not among the group. None of the four applications from Connecticut local health departments were chosen. Kaye Bender, the President and Chief

Executive Officer of PHAB sent a personal note to Tim Callahan to let him know that PHAB is interested in including Norwalk in future plans.

The Norwalk Health Department will undertake a self-assessment process and review at least three of the 11 domains, which are part of the accreditation program.

**Putting on Airs Project**

Jonathan Fine, MD, Director of Pulmonary Medicine at Norwalk Hospital asked Tim Callahan to assist the hospital's asthma treatment program by participating in the Putting on Airs project. A health department public health nurse will make home visits to assess compliance with the physician prescribed care plan and to assess and make recommendations on eliminating environmental risks. While the primary site for patients is the Norwalk Community Health Center, the program may be opened to patients of Norwalk Hospital attending physicians. The program is slated for implementation in January 2010. The Board expressed interest in this project and inquired about outcome measures. Tim Callahan will speak with Dr. Fine and report to the Board at the December meeting

Adjourn 9:10 AM

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