

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

Present: Board of Health – Matt Brovender, Esq , MD, Kenneth Lalime, RPH, Theresa Quell, PhD, RN, and Edward Tracey, MD  
Staff – Tim Callahan, Director of Health

**Minutes of November 10, 2009 Meeting** - Motion to approve by Dr. Tracey, seconded by Atty Brovender, passed unanimously

**Seasonal and H1N1 Vaccination Updates**

A Seasonal flu vaccination clinic was held on Monday December 7, 2009 at the Health Department. One hundred fifty three (153) people were vaccinated. Thus far Health Department staff gave 2,200 doses of seasonal vaccine. A vaccination program for day laborers is scheduled for December 15, 2009. Extra vaccine was sold to the Westport Weston Health District, the Norwalk Medical Group and Sound view Medical Associates.

H1N1 vaccination efforts continue. Two sessions per week are held at the Health Department and vaccinations are provided by appointment. To date 1,039 the Health Department staff immunized people. The no show rate for appointments is 30%. Requests for vaccine are diminishing.

The second wave of the pandemic is drawing to a close. The third wave is expected to occur in the first quarter of 2010. During the interim the CT Department of Public Health is recommending aggressive campaigns to vaccinate people. A high school based program is under consideration. Priority groups for vaccination will be eliminated by the end of December.

**FY 10-11 Budget**

The pro forma budget will be submitted on December 11, 2009. The Finance Director is advising department heads to prepare to find savings as the coming year will be extremely challenging.

**Norden Place Development**

This parcel of land is in the CT Department of Environmental Protection registration program as a contaminated site. Remediation of contaminants and on going monitoring is under the supervision of the DEP. The DEP must grant approval to use the land before it is developed. A zoning change to allow residential development is under consideration. The DEP requirements must be satisfied regardless of any zoning action.

Diane Lauricella, a concerned party requested a survey be conducted of the homes on North Bridge ST to determine the sources of potable water.

**Governor Rell's Council on Regionalization of Local Health Departments**

The Governor has proposed regionalization of local health departments. A Council appointed by the Governor is studying the feasibility of regionalization. Their work will be completed by December 2009. To date the council has agreed that all residents of Connecticut should have access to comprehensive high quality public health services. The council has also endorsed the adoption of operational standards for local health departments.

The Board recognized the work, which is underway in Norwalk, to meet the standards set by the Public Health Accreditation Board. Strategic planning and services are designed around the standards. Ultimately Norwalk residents are advantaged from the level of services provided. The Board agreed to support the work of the Governor's Council and recommended to the Council the adoption the PHAB standards for all local health departments within 5 years.

Adjourn 9:10 AM

