

**EAST SHORE DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING  
688 East Main Street, Branford CT  
Executive Board Meeting - Thursday, October 13, 2022, at 5:30 pm  
Virtual - Zoom Meeting**

Present: Susan Addiss, Michael Pascucilla,  
Virginia Fallon, Darlene Zimmermann,  
Elaine Anderson, Susan Deko, Marissa DeChillo-Bateman

Absent: Dennis Nastri

Meeting called to order by Susan Addiss at 05:30 pm.

1. Welcome
2. Public Comment
3. Correspondence – normal correspondence
4. Old Business
  - ESDHD Financial Advisor – Updated Fund Recommendations – Postponed until after the election.
  - Climate Change Photojournalism Project/Interns – Status National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) Summer Internship Grant Proposal – Status – UCONN MPH student to continue the project for another year and continue for an independent study. APHA accepted the abstract and project will be presented in Boston in November.
  - National Silva Presidents Award – Director presented last month, received some media attention. The state is putting out a press release in the next week or two.
  - Epic Clinical Data Base – Director reports that we have hit a glitch, tabled at this time.
  - Health Department file digitation project – Research has continued reviewing other health districts programs was recently done. We have selected a vendor and the project is moving on track. Over the next year, we will be scanning files after they are scrubbed. Hoping to have most of it in the first year. Some of the work will be done in-house to be sure scanning is appropriate after scanning to post, especially with the new changes in the long and certain documents are no longer public knowledge.

## 5. New Business

- Board meeting calendar discussion – discussion on changing the time and day. Proposal to change meeting time to 3:30 p.m. on Thursdays for trial the new time for one year to begin next month. All agreed to the new change.
- CT DPH Opioid Grant Award - \$80,000 award given to ESDHD for the next two years (\$40,000 each year), back dates from September. Grant entails meeting one on one with physicians in the community to discuss prescribing opioids. Educating them about the new laws around prescribing and reducing the number of prescriptions related to the opioid crises. Received past grant and program was successful, will help build relationships with physicians and practices. Hope to receive additional grants in this area.
- ESDHD/Yale publication has been accepted to the Journal of Environmental Health to be published in December 2022.
- Flu vaccine update given by Director – have 40 clinics scheduled throughout the district and beyond, and through corporate wellness for private clinics. ~2,000 vaccines are expected to be given.
- Introduction of a new Epidemiologist; Madison Wierzel. She will present Coronavirus update.
- Coronavirus Update Local & State Update Presentation by Madison Wierzel - Coronavirus Update / Vaccination Statistics – Local & State Update Presentation from the Director. He reviewed national statistics, the statistical trending/chart of Connecticut. Madison reviewed weekly reports, monthly for all three towns in the district including, positivity rates, age distribution, fatalities, vaccination and booster rates, trends. A review of vaccines, staff positives, school cases, daycares, and hospitalization status for the district. Reviewed takeaways. Discussed why individuals are not getting vaccinated due to miss information.
- Virginia made a motion to go into executive session, Darlene 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Return from executive session.

## 6. Director's Report

- ESDHD PH Activity Reports (Environmental, Emerg. Preparedness, Education & Nursing).
- PHAB Accreditation Application Status –awaiting to hear from Board, they are short staffed and we are in a holding period. In house, we will be having staff training and retreat on 10/14 to discuss workforce development and QA requirements for accreditation. Awaiting contact from PHAB.

- ESDHD Union Negotiations – Collective Bargaining Contract Expiration 6/2022 – Union negotiations are in process.
- ESDHD 2022-2023 Adopted Budget Report – Adopted, to meet with the audit committee at the end of the month for review and vote to bring to the board. Need to discuss a couple of grants including additional covid funding and Opioid grant funding. The Director is in the process of preparing a proposed budget for Board and Towns.

7. Motion to adjourn by Darlene and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Virginia. All in favor. Adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Next meeting November 10, 2022, at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Angela Carrano*

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