

EAST SHORE DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
688 East Main Street, Branford, CT 06405

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Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 10, 2025, at 5:30 pm
In-Person/Virtual Meeting

Wendy Deko
BRANFORD TOWN CLERK

Present: Susan Addiss, Michael Pascucilla, Elaine Anderson, Virginia Fallon, Susan Deko, Wendy Bellmore.

Absent: Dennis Nastri, Dr. Richard Young, Michael Turcio, Darlene Zimmermann,

Susan Addiss called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

1. Welcome/Public Comments General Discussion
2. Approval of the February 13, 2025, ESDHD Board Minutes—Virginia Fallon motioned to approve the minutes, and Elaine Anderson seconded. All were in favor. Approved.
3. Correspondences –
 - a. ESDHD was asked to write a letter supporting the City of New Haven for the Tobacco Harm Reduction Grant. The director wrote a letter of support.
 - b. PHAB accreditation – ESDHD received PHAB accreditation as of February 27, 2025.
 - c. Applied for an FDA grant for \$12,000.00 and received \$8,500.00, which will assist in paying for the database and staff training.
 - d. DPH has made major, significant budget cuts due to federal budget cuts. They will impact the local Public Health Department. ESDHD was told that the Immunization Grant for fiscal year 2025 (end date August 2025) has already been spent \$91,000~, which we will not be receiving. The executed contract, which we will not be receiving, rescinded nearly \$100,000.00 of what we already spent. Money was pulled back from Federal funds, which has impacted the State budget.
4. Old Business
 - a. Travel Clinic update by Director Michael Pascucilla – increase in travelers attending the clinic. Discussion underway with UCONN and UNH about partnership. Inspection recently, no violations were found.
 - b. Yale partnership – one student will start the Water Quality project of Farm River, which will be paid for by the fellowship. Continue to interview the second candidate.
 - c. Current/Pending Grants – Michael Pascucilla
 1. Opioid grant (OD2A grant) – Funding was reinstated; however, we are still waiting for back pay hasn't been approved by CDC. ESDHD will suspend hiring an individual from the grant, as we have decided to spread funding across existing staff.
 2. DEMS Region 2 grant –executed contract, moving forward with ordering equipment.
 3. Workforce development grant – we have \$90,000.00~ to be utilized for salary.

5. New Business

- a. ESDHD Epidemiological Report – Madison Wierzel presented a report on:
 - H4N1/Bird Flu Update
 - Respiratory Virus Update
 - Covid and Flu Vaccination updates
 - Measles update
 - Vaccination Update
 - Overdose cluster
 - CHA sneak peek
- b. Personnel Policies placed on hold.
- c. Presentations
 - a. Maria Yowell, BS candidate – Health Education Internship Presentation – shared her experience during her internship.
 - b. Alessandra Solato, MS Public Health candidate – Shared her experience in her internship.

6. ESDHD Committee Board Members Report

- Executive Committee – Michael Pascucilla, on behalf of Dennis Nastri – no report
- Personnel Committee—Sue Deko—The completed report has been sent to the Director, who has forwarded it to legal. It will be shared with the Board of Directors at the next meeting.
- Planning/Evaluation Committee - Elaine Anderson – Discussion on retreat for spring to be postponed to the fall. We will be having a celebration this summer for PHAB Accreditation.
- Audit Committee – Michael Turcio – First meeting scheduled, April 16th.
- Budget Committee – Virginia Fallon –awaiting the Directors report from DPH response, budget will be postponed to June.
- Ad Hoc Committee - By-Laws – Susan Addiss – no report
- Ad Hoc Committee – Health District Building – Darlene Zimmermann – no report

7. Director's Report

- ESDHD PH Activity Reports (Environmental, Emergency Preparedness, Education & Nursing).

8. Executive Session

- Elaine Anderson made a motion to go into executive session and Susan Deko 2nd the motion. All in favor.
- Elaine Anderson made a motion to come out of the executive session and Susan Deko 2nd the motion. All in favor.

9. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by Susan Deko and 2nd by Virginia Fallon. All in favor. Adjourned at 6:52 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Carrano

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