

East Shore District Health Department  
688 East Main Street  
Branford, CT 06405

Executive Board Meeting – November 12, 2020

Present: Dennis Natri, Susan Addiss, Elaine Anderson, Michael Pascucilla, Virginia Fallon, Brian Wnek, Margaret Ikeda, Elias Najjar, Darleen Zimmerman.

Absent: Susan Deko

Meeting called to order by Dennis at 05:33 pm.

### **Zoom Meeting**

1. Welcome
2. No Public Comments
3. No Correspondences
4. Virginia made a motion to accept the minutes for October Meeting 2020 Meeting Minutes. Darlene 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.
5. Old Business
  - Staff Vacancies – Union contract approved for 4 years, 2 years served and two years forthcoming.
  - School District / Local Health Dept. COVID-19 Coordination – contact tracing meetings occurring daily virtually, including the school system superintendents. Increase in cases in schools over the past few weeks. One school in EH close because 50% would of students would have been in quarantine. Closure was due to staffing issues. This is occurring statewide.
6. New Business
  - Covid 19
    - Coronavirus Update PPP – Local & State Update – Michael shared PPT reviewing statistical data. Concerned about new hospitalizations and increase in fatalities statewide. Broke records with cases and fatalities this week. Broke down date into towns and age groups. Significant increase in cases in November as compared to October.
    - Reviewed rolling average, rate is Branford 17.9, East Haven 18.07, and North Branford 19.34 as of yesterday. Our averages are more accurate

than the state they are a week behind in data reporting. 50% of all the cases are under 40 years old. 26% account for ages 10 - 20 years.

- Our district is now all in red alert (red alert enacted when there are greater than 15 cases per 100,000).
- In school's system red alert goes into effect with cases greater than 25 cases per 100,000. Goal is to keep children in school. Online learning is not effective for most students. There are appropriate safety measures in place to keep students and teachers in school. Some schools are closing due to staffing issues.

#### CT DPH Funding

- COVID-19 Funding / Mass Vaccination Planning Grant – slightly over 300,000 for contract tracing and vaccinations. Schools are assisting with contract tracing.
- Vaccine has not been approved at this time. Continue to be in the last phase of trials. Vaccine has demonstrated promising with studies showing 90% effectiveness. 50 million vaccines will be available initially (which means 25 million people) because the vaccine is in complete with 2 injections. This will not even cover first responders and front-line worker throughout the US.. Vaccine will be rolled out in 3 phases: front line workers, vulnerable populations, then general population. Looking at about a year before general population will be able to receive the vaccine. Projecting that the vaccine will be frozen.
- Flu Vaccination Clinics – 2,050 vaccines administered to community. Continue to do flu clinics. Expected that flu vaccines will exceed last years numbers.
- Mobile Public Health Clinic Grant / Status was submitted in partnership with the Branford Counseling Center. – Town of Branford, specifically the Fire department donated an old ambulance. In about a week will registered and insured. Submitted grant application to the Branford Community Foundation, looks promising. Some repairs were done to vehicle, only needed to pay for parts. Needs to change outside of vehicle, working with marketing company for design. Currently stocking the vehicle with appropriate supplies.

#### 7. Director's Report

- PHAB Accreditation Application Status – PHAB continues to review our application. Accreditation review will be virtually due to Covid.
- Union Contract Negotiation Committee / New Contract – 2020 – completed.
- ESDHD PH Activity Reports (Environmental, Emerg. Preparedness, Education & Nursing)
- ESDHD Budget 2020-2021- Status – finished audit, accountant will be presenting in January which will tie into 2021 budget.
- Future Meeting Schedule 2021

8. Adjournment by Virginia made a motion to adjourn and Sue Addiss 2<sup>nd</sup>. Adjourned at 6:32 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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