

MINUTES

BOARD OF HEALTH-TOWN OF FAIRFIELD

May 10, 2010

The Board of Health of the Town of Fairfield held a meeting on Monday, May 10, 2010 in the First Floor conference room of Sullivan Independence Hall, 725 Old Post Road, Fairfield.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lynda Bluestein, Ronald Blumenfeld, Susan Brand, Doug DeFauw, Beth Garrell and Ellen Marks.

ALSO PRESENT: Sands Cleary, Director of Health; Joanne Ryan, Nursing Supervisor; Diane Hughes, Secretary and Andy Brophy from the Fairfield Patch.

I. CALL TO ORDER BY THE CHAIRMAN

Lynda Bluestein, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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On page 2, item 3 under Public Health Nursing Supervisor, the second line should read, “presentation given at North Stratfield School, was wall received.” Beth Garrell moved and Dr. Blumenfeld seconded approval of the April 12, 2010 minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

II. REPORTS

A. Director of Health

1. **Overcrowding Issue:** Mr. Cleary reported that five Order Letters were issued to one residence, compelling the residents to provide access to the premises for an inspection as well as cleaning up the exterior of the property. They were able to gain access with the Fire Marshall and Zoning Enforcement Official and found indications of only five residents living in the dwelling.
2. **School Gardens:** Mr. Cleary reported that the Health Department has been approached to use produce grown in school gardens in the School Food Service Program. Other school systems in the State are allowing this and as long as there are proper protocols in place, Mr. Cleary doesn't see any issues with allowing this. The State has no standards in the Health Code on what an approved source of produce is and basically leaves it up to the individual Directors of Health. Sanitarian Amy Lehaney is working with Sarah Levy, Anna Cutaia-Leonard and

Laurie Mediate to develop a training program for students, teachers and parents who will be participating in this program. The training will involve self-inspection reports to be completed by the students for pre-garden and harvest inspections. The completed forms will be turned into the Health Department. Mr. Cleary feels this training can easily be worked into the curriculum.

3. **Residential Sanitation Issue:** Mr. Cleary reported that one home was declared uninhabitable this month due to unsanitary conditions. The Health Department has been working with various agencies and they are trying to contact a family member to have an executor appointed.
4. **Health Department Budget:** Mr. Cleary reported that the RTM approved the recommended budget without any modifications.
5. **Order Letters:** Mr. Cleary reported that at the request of the Tax Office, order letters for the revocation of food licenses were issued to fourteen food service establishments that were delinquent for over a year in their tax payments. As of today, thirteen of the fourteen establishments have been in to resolve the matter.
6. **Mosquito Larvacide Treatments:** Mr. Cleary reported that they have started their mosquito control efforts. BTI briquettes have been made available to homeowners. They have been treating town areas such as major recreation areas and catch basins and will be starting shortly on the more densely populated areas.
5. **Farmers' Market Master Meeting:** Mr. Cleary reported that the meeting with the Farmers and Market Masters went well. Dr. Blumenfeld, Mark Barnhart and Sherri Steenick also attended. The revised policy was presented and after listening to the justification for the policy, the market masters, vendors and other attendees expressed that it was a fair and reasonable policy.
6. **NALBOH:** Mr. Cleary reported they received the membership cards and welcome packet from NALBOH. Ms. Bluestein stated that one Board member could be nominated to serve on the Board for NALBOH. As three publications come free with membership, Ms. Bluestein noted for Mr. Cleary the publications they would like ordered.
8. **Health Department Staff Meeting:** Mr. Cleary reported that the first ever department wide staff meeting went well. Each section within the Health Department gave a one-minute overview on their area of responsibility. Group pictures were taken and challenge coins were presented.
9. **Japanese Delegation:** Mr. Cleary reported that he and several other department heads met with a Japanese delegation of government officials who were here to learn from American government officials.

B. Public Health Nursing Supervisor

1. **Policy Revision:** Ms. Ryan reported that as part of their reaccreditation, Giant Steps needed information on medication regulations. The current medication policy has references to the Board of Education and since private/non-public schools do not fall under scope of the Board of Education, references to the Board of Education were changed to “governing body.”
2. **TB Case:** Ms. Ryan reported that they are continuing to observe the one DOT patient in town.

III COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications received.

IV OLD BUSINESS

1. **Farmers Market Policy:** The Board reviewed the proposed Farmers’ Market Policy. Ron Blumenfeld moved and Ellen Marks seconded approval of the new policy. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Cleary asked the Board to consider passing a motion to create a licensure category called a “Multi-Event Temporary Food Service License.” This license will only apply to those food service vendors participating in 3 or more specified temporary events at known dates and locations or to those participating in a single multi-week temporary event at a fixed location for the duration of that event. Beth Garrell moved and Sue Brand seconded approval of the new licensure category. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **Well Child Clinic Medical Policy:** Ms. Ryan reported that due to revisions by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, the Well Child Clinic Medical Policy has been revised to reflect the change from PCV 7 to PCV 13. Doug DeFauw moved and Ellen Marks seconded approval of the changes to the WCC Medical Policy. The motion passed unanimously.

V NEW BUSINESS

Board of Education Review: Susan Brand reported that Dr. David G. Title has been hired as the new Superintendent of Schools effective July 1, 2010. She stated that Dr. Title has been in contact with Dr. Clark and herself and will be calling to speak with Mr. Cleary. Ms. Brand also reported that after the budget vote, a decision was made not to appeal to the RTM. The Board of Education will be discussing how to handle the new budget.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,