

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF HEALTH-TOWN OF FAIRFIELD

June 14, 2010

The Board of Health of the Town of Fairfield held a meeting on Monday, June 14, 2010 in the in the First Floor conference room of Sullivan Independence Hall, 725 Old Post Road, Fairfield.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lynda Bluestein, Ronald Blumenfeld, Doug DeFauw, Beth Garrell, Jacob Hen and Ellen Marks.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Sands Cleary, Director of Health; Joanne Ryan, Nursing Supervisor and Diane Hughes, Secretary.

#### I. CALL TO ORDER BY THE CHAIRMAN

Lynda Bluestein, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

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On page 1, under Minutes, “wall” should be changed to well to read, “presentation given at North Stratfield School, was well received.” Ellen Marks moved and Doug DeFauw seconded approval of the May 10, 2010 minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

#### II. REPORTS

##### A. Director of Health

1. **Farmers’ Market:** Mr. Cleary reported that the Farmers’ Markets started this past weekend. Most information was received ten (10) days prior to the event, with some vendors being added late. The revised inspection schedule has been implemented.
2. **School Gardens:** Mr. Cleary reported that they presented the proposed Guidelines for use of food grown in school gardens in the School Food Service Program to the Subcommittee on Wellness from the Board of Education, which was well received. The Subcommittee will review and hopes to implement our guideline next fall at those gardens currently active.
3. **Residential Sanitation Issue:** Mr. Cleary reported that a conservator was named by the Probate Court for the individual with the home that was declared uninhabitable last month. Clean up is expected to begin soon.

4. **Acceptance of Grants:** Mr. Cleary reviewed for the Board the following grants:

Acceptance of \$61,839 for the continuation of the Federal Grant for Public Health Emergency Preparedness to cover the cost of Fairfield's continued planning in preparedness for and response to bioterrorism, pandemic influenza and other public health emergencies.

Acceptance of \$7,395 from the State of Connecticut FFY 2011 Preventative Health and Health Services Block Grant to cover the cost of Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Program focusing on Weight Loss and Nutrition Education.

Acceptance of \$5,000 from the Office of the Surgeon General's Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Program to cover the cost of Fairfield's continued efforts to further develop the Fairfield-Easton Medical Reserve Corps (REMRC) and to promote the integration of the MRC unit into the local public health and emergency response system.

A motion was made by Dr. Hen to approve the application for and acceptance of the three (3) Grants. Ellen Marks seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

5. **Medical Advisor:** Mr. Cleary advised that he and Ms. Ryan have been reviewing the operations of the Health Department and discussed having a plan in place for back-up coverage when the Medical Advisor or Well Child Clinic Advisor is unavailable. Mr. Cleary and Ms. Ryan reviewed some of their thoughts and requested the Board's input on this matter. A lengthy discussion followed, after which Mr. Cleary and Ms. Ryan thanked the Board for their valuable input.

**B. Public Health Nursing Supervisor**

Ms. Ryan reported:

- She attended the Nursing Supervisor Meeting, where proposed new medical regulations were discussed.
- the process of closing the nursing offices in the schools has started.
- Summer school plans are coming together, with data being collected at the building level and shared between school nurses and summer school nursing staff.
- circulated a newsletter on the garden at McKinley School, which was planned by Nurse Betty Blackwell with funds from an ACT Grant.

**III COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Cleary distributed materials received from NALBOH.

**IV OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to discuss.

**V NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to discuss.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,