

# MINUTES

## BOARD OF HEALTH-TOWN OF FAIRFIELD

October 17, 2011

The Board of Health of the Town of Fairfield held a meeting on Monday, October 17, 2011 in the Second Floor Conference room of Old Town Hall, 611 Old Post Road, Fairfield.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jacob Hen, Doug DeFauw, Sue Brand, Thomas Braun, Ronald Blumenfeld

**ALSO PRESENT:** Sands Cleary, Director of Health, and Maura Stokes, Secretary.

### I. CALL TO ORDER BY THE CHAIRMAN

Jacob Hen, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

### II. MINUTES – BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING – September 12, 2011

Clerical Corrections: Section II, A-1c: is hereby corrected by adding the word “that” so it reads: “...it was the Health Department *that* ultimately...” and Section II, A-2: in the second full paragraph corrected the spelling of the word from “roll” to “role”.

Doug DeFauw moved and Thomas Braun seconded the approval of the September 12, 2011 Minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

### III. REPORTS

#### A. Director of Health

1. MRC Capacity Award Building Application. This is a process that takes up some time. The application was completed and submitted on time.

2. HURRICANE IRENE: Mr. Cleary attended several After-Action meetings with the First Selectman regarding Hurricane Irene response. The role of The Fairfield Health Department is now more clearly defined in its ability to effectively and successfully set up and run an Emergency Shelter allowing our own Emergency Management Team to focus on other vital issues as well as allowing the Red Cross to focus on their regional shelters. The CERT Team took on the lead role to run the shelter along with the MRC and Town Staff as supporting staff. We were able to effectively shelter the residents and their pets, thereby taking this major issue off of plate of Emergency Management allowing them to focus on other issues. More After-Action meetings will take place.

3. FLU CLINICS: The Health Department held flu clinics on October 4, 2011 and October 5, 2011. We had a low turn out of about 600 people for both days. A significant drawback was that the press releases issued were not picked up by any of the news outlets. We do have another flu clinic coming up on October 25, 2011. We have paid for ad space in local newspapers. We also had one clinic for Town employees and one for Board of Education employees. After all clinics are done, if we have enough vaccine left, we will plan another clinic.

4. COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SURVEY: Mr. Cleary has been working with assisting Columbia University by contacting the local Health Departments within the ESF8 region to generate interest in getting an online survey regarding Hurricane Irene Response completed. This will be the only survey to provide real information regarding Public Health Response to a Hurricane vs. an estimate.

5. ORDERS: A local establishment had what is termed as a “bubble party”. A bubble generating machine was brought into a facility as a means for entertainment. Upon receiving a complaint, an inspection was done. Upon inspection, it was noted that in the bar area, bottles containing alcohol showed evidence of residue of the bubble product. The liquor was subsequently embargoed. The contractor who ran the bubble machine provided an informational sheet which was forwarded to the State Toxicologist at DPH. The DPH indicated that informational sheet indicated the substance to be a proprietary blend of generic substances with no significant value. The manufacturer claims it is non-toxic and would not provide any further information. Without further information, the embargo was lifted. Further research will be done on this particular new trend in clubs.

6. MRC SHELTER VIDEO: Mr. Cleary shared a video prepared by Doug DeFauw on the set up of a temporary shelter. This was a professionally prepared video.

**B. Public Health Nursing Supervisor:**

1. No report.

**IV. COMMUNICATIONS:**

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Ronald Blumenfeld moved to appoint Dr. Andrew Cutney as Deputy Medical Advisor. Douglass DeFauw seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Doug DeFauw moved to waive the reading of the PHEP Grant Resolution. Ronald Blumenfeld seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Thomas Braun moved to accept the PHEP Grant Resolution. Ronald Blumenfeld seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52pm.

The meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,