



## *Town Of Fairfield*

Minutes of the Board of Health of the Town of Fairfield meeting held on June 10th 2013 in the First Floor Conference Room of Sullivan Independence Hall, 725 Old Post Road, Fairfield, Connecticut.

### **1. Dr. Hen did initiated an informational only meeting at 7:30pm as they did not have a quorum.**

**Members Present:** Dr. Hen, Carolyn Shea, Sue Brand and Denise Walsh (7:47pm)

**Members Absent:** Kevin Lennon, Dr. Blumenfeld, Dr. Braun

**Also Present:** Sands Cleary Director of Health.

**Also Absent:** Joanne Ryan, Nursing Supervisor

#### **Informational – Sands Cleary**

Sands shared that he attended a meeting at Osborn Hill with parents of 2 kindergarten classes along with the Principal Frank Arnone, Elementary Coordinator Anna Cutia-Leonard, Tom Cullen, Dave Fryer and Bob Larocque. The issue discussed was regarding a hot water pipe burst at the end of April in the basement tunnels. The plumbing issue was quickly fixed and efforts to dry the area quickly were implements but there were complaints of an odor in two classroom. Continued investigating found what they suspect is a broken roof drain pipe that goes through the center of the school and exits under the foundation. Out of abundance of caution and to enable the repair work to begin immediately they decided to move the classrooms. Everyone is in agreement to move quickly to fix the problem now.

**Denise Wash arrived and Dr. Hen called the meeting to order at 7:47pm.**

### **2. Minutes- Board of Health Meeting – May 13, 2013**

Dr. Hen tabled the approval of minutes until next meeting since there were not enough board members who had attended the May meeting to approve by a majority.

### **3. Reports:**

#### **a) Director of Health – Sands Cleary**

Sands gave a brief summary regarding the Osborn Hill School meeting (see above under informational).

Sands reported he attended the Commissioner's semiannual meeting. Dr. Carter, the State Chief Epidemiologist shared a presentation about **MERS –CoV, a corona** virus illness occurring predominantly in the Middle East. The virus has been causing illness for over a year now and there have been cases in Europe related to Middle East travel or co-location with ill patients in health care setting, there have been no cases in the US. To date epidemiologists have been unable to determine the host or reservoir of the virus limiting the controls that can be implements. In addition Sands shared Dr. Carter's details about H7N9 Influenza in China and how a vaccination campaign would be different from H1N1. Sands will be having a staff meeting on June 17th to discuss H7N9 issues and MERS-CoV on how the department will respond and the adjustments to mass vaccination plans..

The Health Department funded bike route has been painted and signage erected. The DHP block grant funded. 2 miles of bike route stripes and signage on Mile Plain Road from Brookside Drive to Unquowa

Road. The official ribbon cutting is on June 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am at Brookside/Mill Plain. The bike pedestrian master plan is working its way through the Town bodies in the next month or two.

Several non-medical Health Dept. staff took the first aid CPR class for the first time and are now certified.

**Preparedness:**

The MRC is seeking to implement a new database and participated in a product demo called Volunteer2 which is an online user accessible database where all of our 480 or so Medical Reserve Corp volunteers can maintain their own contact information, sign up for scheduled events and has several other desirable features. Once a final product is selected, testing the new system will start over the summer.

Sands participated in a emergency operations software product demonstration. The Town is considering an opportunity to utilize a web-based emergency operations product called VEOCi. The product is essentially a project management/work order type system to improve communication and situational awareness during major events. It will be up to Chief Felner and D.C. Reid if the Town goes ahead with this.

Sands reported Lake Mohegan swimming area was closed June 4<sup>th</sup> 2013 due to the rainfall. In addition all town swimming areas were closed this past weekend again due to the rainfall as it was approx. 4.72 inches of rain within a 24 hr. period.

**Community Health Assessment and Health Improvement Plan:**

Sands reported had a meeting a couple of weeks ago and talked about setting up sub committees focusing on certain areas. A lot of work involved in getting people assigned to different tasks. Primary Care action group will take on certain aspects. Substance abuse and Mental Health category require a lot more effort, and will take on another task force to plan that out. Still have a long way to go.

**b) Public Health Nursing Supervisor: Joanne Ryan- No report.** Sands did mention that the data base is working forward in switching to Infinite campus.

**4. Communications:** No report.

**5. Old Business:**

Sue Brand had previously mentioned the changes in the diversity of the student body and requested we consider translating some of the notices go out into different languages. Sands said they will start working on the top commonly used notices.

**6. New Business:** No report

Being no further business, Sue Brand motioned to adjourn, seconded by Carolyn Shea at 8:26pm. Motion carried.

**Respectfully submitted,** Jude Fitzgerald, Secretary