



Town Of Fairfield

Minutes of the Board of Health of the Town of Fairfield meeting held on October 21st 2013 in the First Floor Conference Room of Sullivan Independence Hall, 725 Old Post Road, Fairfield, Connecticut.

1. Call to Order at 7:30pm by Chairperson: Dr. Hen

Members Present: Dr. Hen, Carolyn Shea, Sue Brand, Dr. Thomas Braun and Dr. Ron Blumenfeld.

Members Absent: Bruce Carter, Denise Walsh.

Also Present: Sands Cleary Director of Health. Joanne Ryan, Nursing Supervisor.

2. Minutes- Board of Health Meeting – September 9th, 2013

Sue Brand motioned seconded by Dr. Braun to approve the September 9th, 2013 with corrections as noted. Motion carried.

3. Reports:

a) Director of Health – Sands Cleary

Community Health Assessment and Health Improvement Plan: The State Commissioner of the Department of Public Health and staff came down on Oct 8th to present their State Health Improvement Plan to the region. The meeting was attended by members of the communities in the areas and most local health directors.

Osborne Hill Update: Meeting with the staff at Osborne Hill School went very well. Test conducted for mold and VOC's came back with favorable finding so the rooms have been re-occupied.

Medical Reserve Corps: Sands reported that they will submit for a competitive grant through Medical Reserve Corps for \$20,000 and are working on some ideas to come up with community preparedness approach and if the board have any ideas please pass along to Sands. A \$3500 capacity building award will also be applied for.

Accreditation Planning: In preparation for accreditation Sands discussed the idea of having a consultant come in and work with the Board of Health and departmental staff to work on a departmental strategic plan to include vision and mission statements and 3-5 year objectives.

Condemnation Board:

Another Large Barn structure was demolished at 545 South Benson Road.

Clinics: Flu clinics went well with over 700 doses administered so far.

b) Public Health Nursing Supervisor: Joanne Ryan

Joanne Ryan reported that the Infinite Campus Messenger function is being implemented to alert parents of 6th and 10th grade mandated physicals. The nurses will receive shelter training as part of the Election Day in service.

Joanne is reviewing the staffing patterns at the secondary school level. The customization to Infinite Campus that will provide better efficiency for tracking sports physicals is complete.

Communications: Dr. Hen received notification of an upcoming conference by the Connecticut Association Board of Health.

5. Old Business: No report.

6. New Business:

A. Review of proposed changes to Section 14 of the Fairfield Public Health Code.

Sands provided the board with the proposed changes to Section 14. Discussion ensued as the proposed changes are for review only this evening. Sands will take the boards suggested changes and go over them with the Town Attorney for clarification. A public notice will also go out with the proposed changes. Sands did explain the proposed changes to Section 14 are to simplify the implementation and enforcement of this code Section.

Sue Brand and Dr. Blumenfeld mentioned that this will be their last meeting and Dr. Hen and all the members thanked them for their service to the board. Sue and Ron thanked everyone on the board, which now creates 2 available positions. Kevin Lennon's position was replaced by Bruce Carter from Human Services and Sue's position will be replaced by the Board of Education.

Dr. Hen brought up for discussion that Dr. Bob Tota, whose C.V. was provided at a previous meeting, is interested in serving on the board. Dr. Thomas Braun motioned, seconded by Carolyn Shea to recommend Dr. Tota to the First Selectman to the vacancy on the board. Motion unanimously carried.

Being no further business Dr. Ron Blumenfeld motioned to adjourn, seconded by Carolyn Shea at 8:30pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jude Fitzgerald
Secretary