



Town Of Fairfield

Minutes of the Board of Health of the Town of Fairfield meeting held on November 18th 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, Denise Walsh, Dr. Thomas Braun

Members Absent: Bruce Carter.

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

2. Minutes- Board of Health Meeting – October 21st 2013

Carolyn Shea motioned seconded by Dr. Braun to approve the October 21st, 2013 with corrections as noted. Motion carried.

3. Reports:

a) Director of Health – Sands Cleary

Medical Reserve Corps: Two grant applications were submitted, the annual Capacity Building Award for 3,500 and a competitive application for \$20,000. As previously discussed, the proposal for the competitive application would be to create the Community Resiliency Toolkit Project which would hire a coordinator and 2 community health workers to work with residents with any functional needs special need to develop emergency plans tailored to their individual needs.

Preparedness: The Regional ESF8 Public Health/Medical was awarded funds to develop and conduct a Quarantine and Isolation training: Sands went over in great detail the procedures and the people that would be involved.

Election Day the American Red Cross trained 38 health department staff members on Shelter Operations. Next phase is Shelter Manager Course. The concept is to ensure the town has trained staff to work in a shelter volunteer resources were limited or not available.

Arsenic and Uranium Study: The Fairfield Health Department is participating in a study with the CT Department of Public Health to better understand the prevalence of arsenic and uranium in private wells in CT. Up to 20 homes on private wells in Fairfield will be selected from interested homeowners and tested at no cost to the homeowner. Selection will be based on those signing up first and ensuring sampling that covers the widest possible area in Fairfield.

Condemnation/Blight: The Health Dept. coordinated a volunteer group to do clean up at the Open Space area at the corner of Burrows and Black Rock. This project was part of a student fundraiser to raise money to build 900 latrines in Haiti. In addition they resolved a blight issue for a family in need.

Strategic Planning: Sands got a quote from the Connecticut Association of Directors of Health to facilitate strategic planning for the department. The board will receive a package of materials for review which should start the strategic planning process.

Fairfield Woods Library update. Sands reported that the latest air test came back within the Clean Building range. The Library will re-open to the public starting Saturday, November 2013 and will return to normal business hours at that time: 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.

b) Public Health Nursing Supervisor: Joanne Ryan

Joanne met With Karen Parks regarding the revisions to the Protocol Emergency Medication policy which allows administration of emergency meds by school personal. This policy will not go before the B.O.E. subcommittee until January 2014.

Karen indicated that she would further discuss the policy with BOE Attorney to try and clarify the possible implications this policy has for the district.

Joanne would like to put a proposal together requesting 2Health aides especially at the High School and increase Nurse Staff with a Part time position at middle school level. Discussion ensued. Joanne will present proposal at next month's meeting.

4. Communications:

A letter of support was provided to the First Selectman in regard to Dr. Tota.

5. Old Business

a) Proposed Revisions to Section 14 of the Fairfield Public Health Code.

Sands provided to the board the summary of changes that were previously submitted by the board and went over them in great detail with the board. It is now with the Town Attorney for review and hopefully will have final version to present to the board. Vote and discussion will take place at next month's meeting.

6. New Business:

Another individual, Dr. Henry Yoon, expressed an interest is serving on the Board whose C.V. was provided. Given that the First Selectman chooses the candidate, and that there is one vacancy, Dr. Hen recommended sending a similar letter of support as had been done for Dr. Tota to be consistent and fair to both candidates. After discussion, Dr. Braun motioned, seconded by Denise Walsh to send a letter of support for Dr. Yoon to the First Selectman. Motion unanimously carried.

Sands did report we now have a new Twitter page.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jude Fitzgerald, Secretary