

**TORRINGTON AREA HEALTH DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
APRIL 11, 2019**

Member Present: Nancy Rahuba, Bethlehem, Louis G. Timolat, Canaan, Thomas Breakell, Goshen, Robert Collins, Chairman, Harwinton, Thomas McClintock, Litchfield, Gloria Gourley, Norfolk, Dr, Antonio Scappaticci, Plymouth, Anthony Orsini, Plymouth, Peter Oliver, Salisbury, Daniela Oullette, Thomaston, Dr. Jessica Magda, Torrington, Tim, Waldron, Torrington, Keith Wilson, Winsted.

Members Absent: Gerard Perusse, Borough of Litchfield, Elliot Greenberg, Kent, Edward St. John, Middlebury, JoAnn Battistoni, Morris, William Minacci, North Canaan, Joseph R. Petricone, Jr., Torrington, Jessica Wright, Torrington, Janelle M. Wilk, Watertown, Ronald Russ, Watertown, Renato Focareto, Watertown.

Staff Present: Robert Rubbo, Director of Health, Thomas Stansfield, Deputy Director of Health and Diane Fox Administrative Secretary for TAHD.

Chairman Collins called the Public Hearing in the FY 20 budget to order at 7:00 PM.

- Presentation turned over to Director of Health Rubbo. Explained that both the Finance and Executive committees have gone over this proposed budget line item by line item during their Finance Committee meeting.
 - Director Rubbo went over proposed budget for FY 20. One major point to this budget that TAHD will become the fiduciary/MDA lead for Region 5 Emergency Preparedness it is a \$495,000 grant for 5 years. Ninety percent of the money is a pass through that goes to local health department in our Region. This grant will allow us to take a 10% administration fee so that money will be reflected in the budget as under Grant administration as an additional \$47,000.
 - Discussion continued and once all question and concerns were addressed a motion was brought forth by **L. Timolat to appropriate the funds for the operation of the Torrington Area Health District for the FY 2019 in accordance with the spending plan as presented. Motion was seconded by T. McClintock.**
Vote called by Chairman Collins and motion passed unanimously.

At this point Chairman Collins closed the Public Hearing portion of this meeting.
Regular meeting of the TAHD Board of Directors was called to order at 7:20 PM.

1. Minutes

- **L. Timolat made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 2019 meeting of the TAHD Board of Directors as written. Seconded by T. Waldron. Vote called and motion passed unanimously.**

2. Board of Health & Staff

- a. Changes in Board Members
 - None
 - Several Vacancies- towns have been notified.
- b. Changes in Staff
 - Two new hires
 - John Saffiotti and Frank Piazza
- c. Board Chairman Comments
 - Open house attendance prior to this meeting.
 - June meeting to be held in the offices upstairs

3. Items for information /consideration by Board Members

- None at this time

4. Committee Reports

- a. Finance Committee – Waldron – Chairman

- FY 19 reviewed and discussed. FY will end with a net.
- Review of Schedule of Allocations
 - Discussion and review of the schedule of Allocations with motion and vote to follow.
Motion made by L. Timolat to accept the Schedule of Allocations as presented and seconded by T. McClintock. Vote called and motion passed unanimously.
- b. Building Committee- Petrione- Chair – in his absence Director Rubbo will report.
 - 364 Main St.- demolition – contractor has been secured – Mountain Top Trucking of Torrington Building demolition will begin once all permits are secured. Time line will be either before Memorial Day or immediately after.
- c. Personnel Committee – Gourley – Chair
 - Meeting has been tentatively scheduled with members for June 13, 2019.

5. Directors of Health Report- R. Rubbo

- Shared with the group information provided by the State Department of Public Health on a Fungal Infection known as Candida Auris which is an emerging fungal infections that presents a serious public health threat globally. Very resistant to multi antifungal drugs that are used to treat Candida Infections.
- Measles is on the rise within the United States. Three cases reported in CT. Director Rubbo stresses the importance of vaccinating children.

6. Program Reports

- a. Immunization – Anastasiya Domnich-Kovalevsky
 - Written Report
- b. Emergency Preparedness – Leslie Polito
 - Written Report
- c. SPF-Rx – Anastasiya Domnich-Kovalevsky
 - Public Service announcement Opioid Crisis
 - Matter of Balance
 - Chronic Disease Management
 - Tai Chi
- d. Environmental Health- Deputy Director Tom Stansfield
 - Septic system number are up due to change in the weather
 - Staff will be doing food certifications and FDA training
 - Housing Complaints on the rise this winter with some relocations – ironing out process with City.
 - Lead
 - A 20 year lead case is finally on the closing end with a new homeowner
 - New legislation that State of CT lead program was not even aware of.
The proposal will lower the Blood Lead Level (BLL) from 20 µg/dL to 5 µg/dL
Supposedly this push to lower these levels came from Legal Aid. This proposal is being Fought by the Public Health Committee as it will have such an impact on the local Health Department. The number of lead cases would increase tremendously and there would have such an economic impact on local health departments. Board Members expressed concerns and thought a letter should be drafted from the Board of Directors to local legislators to make them aware of what impact this will have.
Motion made by L. Timolat and seconded by P.Oliver that a letter be drafted by Director Rubbo. Utilizing the attendance list from this April 11, 2010, meeting for signature collections for above mentioned letter to legislators. Vote taken and motion passed unanimously.
- c. Medical Reserve Corp- Kitty Hickcox
 - Written Report

8. Other Business

- None at this time

9. Adjournment

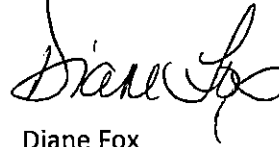
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm by a motion from P. Oliver and seconded by N. Rahuba.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Rubbo
Director of Health

Transcribed by,



Diane Fox
Administrative Secretary