Torrington Area Health District
Board of Directors Meeting
June 18, 2021

Members Present: N. Rahuba, Bethlehem, Robert Collins, Harwinton, Susan Vontell, Morris, Gioria Gourley, Norfolk, Dr. Anthonio Scappaticci, Anthony Orsini, Peter Oliver, Daniela Ouellette, Thomaston. Jessica Magda, Torrington, Tim Waldron, Torrington, Jessica Wright, Torrington, Greg LaCava, Warren, Keith Wilson, Winsted

Staff: Robert Rubbo, Director of Health, Thomas Stansfield, Director of Environmental Health, Robert Smith, Sanitarian, Diane Fox, Administrative Secretary

1. Minutes
   • Correction to adjournment time to 9:00 PM
     Motion made by N. Rabuba and P. Oliver respectively to accept the minutes of the April 8, 2021 meeting with correction. Hearing no objections or abstentions the motion carried.

2. Board of Health & Staff
   a. Changes in Board Members – None
   b. Changes in Staff- None

3. TAHD related business from Board Members – (To be placed on the agenda)

4. Updates from Board Chairman
   • Discussion on if the TAHD Board should resume in person meetings or use a hybrid model setting or continue in with a Zoom platform. As discussion ensued a motion was made for the following:
     Motion made by S. Vontell and A. Orsini respectively to table this discussion on the meeting model for the TAHD Board to be used going forward until the September meeting. Hearing no objections of abstentions the motion carried.

5. Committee Reports
   a. Personnel Committee - Keith Wilson
      • None currently
   b. Finance Committee – Lou Timolat
      • FY 21 YTD
         • Licenses fees are up which is an indication of housing market
         • $102, 588 received in COVID vaccine administration monies
         • COVID ELC funds will be rolled over to ELC 2
         • $200, 000 + positive revenue for fiscal year
         • COVID Relief Fund (CRF) additional grants
      o Review of Schedule of Allocations for FY22
         • Transfer of $50,000 from unassigned General Fund
      o FY 22
         • Increase in Per Capita funding from the State
   c. Building Committee
      • Everything running smoothly currently

6. Directors Report- R. Rubbo
   • State of CT doing well on the vaccination front. The 75+ populations is about 86% vaccinated
   • State of CT is #2 or 3 in the country. Working towards herd immunity
   • Shared weekly report from State of CT
   • Vaccine hesitancy among certain populations still a concern
   • Vaccine for younger population may have approval by fall of 2021
   • As of 6/17/21 the positivity rate for COVID is .3%
   • State website has the most updated information on COVID
• All 3 vaccines that are offered are effective for the Delta variant

7. Program Reports
• Environmental Health – T. Stansfield
  o Food service inspections back on track
  o Rise in housing complaints – eviction moratorium has ended
  o Kang’s Beauty Salon – revocation of license due to numerous public health violations - awaiting court decision
  o Planning a celebration for our volunteers who helped with our COVID vaccination clinics
• Immunization Program – Written Report
• Emergency Preparedness – Written Report
• Lead Poisoning – Written Report
• SPF-Rx, Academic Detailing, ODMAPP – Written Report

8. Other Business -- None currently

9. Adjournment
   Motion made by N. Rahuba and G. Gourley respectively to adjourn. Hearing no objections or abstentions the June 17, 2021 meeting of the TAHD Board of Directors was concluded at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Robert Rubbo
Director of Health

Transcribed by:

Diane Fox
Administrative Secretary