



Office of the Director

CENTRALIZATION COMMITTEE

January 5, 2016 Meeting Minutes

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

Meeting called to order by Charlie Brown, Committee Chair and Director of Health, at 1:19 PM in Shinn Conference Room of the Wethersfield Town Library, Wethersfield, CT.

Present: Charles Brown, Patricia Checko (arrived at 1:50 PM), Ray Jarema, Judith Sartucci, and Marti Stiglich.

Absent: Jerilyn Nagel Quorum present.

Staff: none

Date notice posted: December 31, 2015

B. PUBLIC FORUM – no one from the public was present.

C. REVIEW AND REORDER AGENDA

MOTION by Sartucci, seconded by Stiglich, to adopt the agenda as posted. **Motion carried unanimously.**

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Stiglich, seconded by Jarema, to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2015, Committee meeting as submitted. **Motion carried unanimously.**

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Board Presentation

Brown reviewed the Board's action at its December 15th meeting. The Committee is now in an advisory function to the Office of the Director. Action was taken by Board at its December meeting to direct Brown to move to the next stage of planning.

2. Meeting with Member Towns Leadership

Brown updated the Committee on the annual CCHD presentations done with each Town Council. Final one is next week in Newington.

At each presentation he briefly discussed plans to look at centralization of staff from the agency's 5 worksites and plans to meet with the towns' leadership (managers and possibly the mayors) to discuss the implications of centralization and their concerns.

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No questions were raised by the Berlin or Wethersfield Town Councils or town managers in response to the annual presentations. However, the town manager of Rocky Hill raised a lot of concerns and questions at the December 22, 2015 presentation to the Town Council.

(Checko arrived and joined the meeting at 1:50 PM.)

Since the Midstate Collaborative (monthly breakfast meetings of the 4 towns' mayors and managers on regional issues and cooperation) is no longer active, the Committee concurred that the best approach is to invite the mayors and managers of each member town to a meeting to discuss centralization of the health district and to hear their concerns. Brown will plan such a meeting later in January after the last of the annual presentations to the Town Councils is completed. He asked that Committee members plan to sit in.

F. ADJOURNMENT –

The meeting adjourned abruptly at 2:05 PM due to fire alarm and emergency evacuation of building.

Brown to follow-up on discussion and contact Committee members as needed in next stage of planning.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Sartucci
Recorder pro tem

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY COMMITTEE: May 4, 2016