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BOARD OF HEALTH

March 16, 2017 Meeting MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER. Chairman Judy Sartucci called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. in the Fireside Room at the Wethersfield Community Center, 30 Greenfield Street, Wethersfield, CT.

Present: Judith Sartucci, Chairman
Charles K Brown Jr., Secretary-Treasurer/Director of Health
Patricia Checko, Vice-Chairman
John Aforismo
Ann Marie Diloreto
Deborah Henault
Ray Jarema
Jerilyn Nagel
John Richter
Michele Sadlosky
Marti Stiglich
Carolyn Wysocki (via conference call)

Excused: Lia Safalow **Quorum present**

Staff: Jane Knotek- Recorder

Meeting notice posted: March 10, 2017

Sartucci introduced and welcomed new board member, John Richter from Newington.

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

C. ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA –

MOTION by Jarema, seconded by Stiglich to adopt the meeting agenda as amended. Under new business add “L1. CPHA legislative breakfast and L2 CPHA awards”. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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D. APPROVAL OF RECORD OF VOTES AND MINUTES (FEBRUARY 16, 2017 BOARD MEETING)

MOTION by Sadlosky, seconded by Henault to approve the record of votes and minutes of the February 16, 2017 Board meeting as posted. Approved: Checko, Diloreto, Henault, Jarema, Nagel, Sadlosky, Sartucci, Stiglich and Wysocki. Opposed: no one. Abstained: Aforismo and Richter. **Motion carried. Motion carried unanimously.**

E. OFFICER AND STAFF REPORTS:

1. Chairman’s Report – Sartucci distributed letters to board members, Town Managers and Mayors informing them of term reappointments.

2. Director of Health’s Report –

National Public Health Week – Preparations for public health week are underway. Activities include:

- Kickoff meetings for four town walking competition in Berlin, Wethersfield and Rocky Hill (Newington following week.)
- Opioid local stakeholder meeting on morning of April 6, 2017. Save the date have been sent and invitations will be sent soon. This is an action oriented meeting not a public forum.
- Volunteer and staff recognition dinner will be on the evening of April 6, 2017.
- Press releases and information will also be released on public health topics during the week.

Ebola Regional Full Scale Exercise – Starting March 20, 2017 there will be a full scale Ebola exercise to test local and regional plans. CCHD role is minimal but using as a learning opportunity. Staff has been briefed.

Everbridge – Everbridge (mass communication system) was used to send out a press release in conjunction with the website to get information to audiences regarding public hearing.

3. Treasures Report – No report.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Executive Committee – Sartucci raised the issue of congressional plans to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act. Besides the impact on health

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insurance coverage there is a prevention and Public Health Fund attached to the ACA that funds major public health activities in the country including a substantial amount of work done by the CDC. Committee agreed to send letters to Senator Richard Blumenthal, Representative John Larson and Senator Chris Murphy voicing concern about the impact on public health.

Sartucci discussed testimony regarding HB 7170. The Board of Health strongly opposes this bill, which seeks to consolidate all health departments and health districts into several large regional public health agencies. Brown testified.

Sartucci discussed testimony regarding HB 7027. The Board of Health opposes the proposed reduction in state aid by 20% for local and district departments of health in this proposed budget.

Sartucci discussed testimony regarding HB 5384. The Board of Health supports the proposal to increase the legal age for purchase and use of tobacco products to 21. Sartucci thanked Checko for her input.

Sartucci discussed testimony regarding HB 5669. Checko stated several explanations why the quarantine law should stay at the local level.

MOTION by Diloretto, seconded by Sadlosky to endorse the actions of the Executive Committee taken at their February and March meetings and the testimony submitted on behalf of CCHD to the State Legislature to date. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- 2. Finance Committee** – Checko. Meeting was rescheduled to March 21, 2017.
- 3. Governance Committee** – Wysocki. Meeting was rescheduled to March 22, 2017.
- 4. Human Resources Committee** – Stiglich. Meeting was cancelled. Next meeting April 12, 2017

MOTION by Checko, seconded by Stiglich to accept the monthly report of the Director of Health. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – Checko did a short recap for new board member John Richter
- **Approval of FY 2018 user fee schedule** –

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MOTION by Checko, seconded by Sadlosky to approve the proposed FY 2018 user fee schedule as recommended by the Finance Committee and as heard in public hearing earlier this evening. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- **Approval of FY 2018 agency budget –**

MOTION by Checko, seconded by Sadlosky to approve the proposed FY 2018 agency budget as recommended by the Finance Committee and as heard in public hearing earlier this evening. **Motion carried unanimously.**

H. NEW BUSINESS –

- **CPHA Awards** – Wysocki announced there will be a CPHA legislative breakfast on March 24, 2017 8:00 AM – 10:00AM at the LOB in Hartford. On April 7, 2017 a CPHA awards breakfast will be held at Goodwin College from 8:30 AM – 11:00 AM.

I. NEXT MEETING – April 20, 2017 - 6:30 PM in the Pitkin Community Center in Wethersfield,

J. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Sadlosky, seconded by Henault to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Charles K. Brown, Jr., MPH
Secretary-Treasurer/Director of Health

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY BOARD: April 20, 2017