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BOARD OF HEALTH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

February 21, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

Meeting called to order by Chairman Judith Sartucci at 10:08 PM in Mezzanine Conference Room, Wethersfield Library, Wethersfield, CT.

Present: Charles Brown (Director of Health), Patricia Checko, Judith Sartucci (Chairman) and Michele Sadlosky.

Excused: no one **Quorum present.**

Guest: Carolyn Wysocki

Date notice posted: February 20, 2018

II. PUBLIC FORUM – Carolyn Wysocki participated via conference call as an interested CCHD Board member and contact person for the CT Association of Boards of Health (CABOH) on advocacy issues.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/ROV

A. MOTION by Checko, seconded by Brown to approve the record of votes for the February 17, 2017 Committee meeting as submitted. In favor: Brown, Checko and Sartucci. Opposed: no one. Abstained: Sadlosky. **Motion carried.**

B. MOTION by Sadlosky, seconded by Checko to approve the minutes of the January 31, 2018 Committee meeting as submitted. Brown, Checko, Sadlosky and Sartucci. **Motion carried unanimously.**

IV. Review of Advocacy Issues and Proposed Legislation

A. State Legislation

- The State Legislative session this year is the short session (Feb. to May) and is supposed to focus on fiscal issues/adjustments to biennial budget, bills are only raised in the oversight committees and there are fewer bills. Deadline for raising bills: 02-28-18.
- Committee members provided updates on information from CADH and other contact groups regarding potential issues of concern.
- Committee identified the need to monitor carefully specific bills that have been introduced

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- Committee identified members to monitor and draft testimony for individual bills for the Committee review and submission at upcoming public hearings
 1. Will watch for DPH proposal to consolidate all local health departments and health districts into large regions and to increase funding required from towns to support public health. May not introduce full bill this year but may approach in other ways such as in HB 5150 (e.g., DOH qualifications).
 2. SB 16 - Governor's Budget implementation for Public Health **(Brown)**.
 3. SB 164 - Tobacco 21 **(Checko to draft testimony for 2/23/18)**
 4. SB 103 - Fracking waste **(Sartucci to draft testimony for 2/23/18)**
 5. SB104 - Automatic pesticide spraying **(Wysocki to review and draft testimony for 2/23/18)**
 6. HB 5150 - Changes to the statute governing local health director qualifications to remove the requirement for a MPH degree **(Sartucci and Brown to review and draft testimony - no hearing date yet)**
 7. HB 5163 - multiple issues **(no hearing date yet)**
 - Food service classifications related to FDA changes **(Brown)**
 - Asthma pilot program **(Brown and Sadlosky)**
 - Advanced Medical Directives **(Checko)**
 - Funding for programs for TB, Breast cancer, STDs **(Checko)**
 8. HB 5111 & 5112 - Recreational marijuana - health risks need to be addressed **(Brown and Checko - no hearing date yet)**
 9. HB 5151 - Safe drinking water bill - aging infrastructure **(Brown and Wysocki)**
 10. SB 104 - automatic pesticide misting systems **(Wysocki for 2/23/18)**
 11. (no number yet) - AAC immunization rates **(Brown and Checko - no hearing date yet)**
 12. Uniform property maintenance code - no action expected this session
 13. Numerous bills on funding opioid addiction treatment **(Brown and Checko to monitor)**
- Committee members asked to circulate draft testimony as soon as possible so it can be submitted.

II. Federal Advocacy

- Still no good sense at this time of where Congress is headed for the rest of this federal congressional session.
- Committee will monitor potential federal gun control legislation that might arise from aftermath of the recent Florida School shooting.

III. Monitoring of local ordinances and public health issues

- The need to monitor and support local advocacy efforts, such as new ordinances addressing health in Member Towns, public safety, emerging health problems such as the opioid epidemic was discussed.
- Brown reported that he has begun reviewing town council and committee agendas and minutes each week to ensure local issues are identified and to determine when CCHD should respond or be involved. He has also signed up for town email alerts where available.
- Sartucci drafted, and Committee reviewed, testimony on the proposed ordinance to ban fracking waste disposal in Wethersfield heard in public hearing on Monday. Similar ordinance already passed by the Town of Rocky Hill and it is anticipated that the other 2-member towns will follow suit. Committee can use testimony for other towns and for testimony on the State bill.
- No further Committee suggestions on local monitoring process at this time.

IV. NEXT MEETING

1. Committee to meet via conference call on Friday 3/2/18 at 3:30 PM
2. Agenda items
 - List of state legislators and legislative committees they serve on – **Brown**
 - Monitor and forward proposed legislation, hearing dates, etc. – **Brown and Committee members**
 - Bill review and draft testimony – **Brown and Committee members.**
 - Revised guidance for Executive Committee – review of draft - **Sartucci**

V. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Sadlosky, seconded by Checko to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Charles K. Brown, Jr.
Recorder pro tem

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY COMMITTEE: March 2, 2018