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## **BOARD OF HEALTH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

### **March 2, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes**

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Judith Sartucci at 3:37 PM via conference call with meeting based at CCHD Headquarters at 505 Silas Deane Hwy, Wethersfield, CT.

**Present:** Charles Brown, Patricia Checko (via conference call), and Judith Sartucci (via conference call).

**Excused:** Michele Sadlosky **Quorum present.**

**Guest:** Carolyn Wysocki (via conference call)

**Date notice posted:** February 28, 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**

**A MOTION** by Checko, seconded by Sartucci to approve the minutes for the February 21, 2018 Committee meeting as submitted. In favor: Checko and Sartucci. **Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **IV. REVIEW OF ADVOCACY ISSUES AND PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

##### **A. State Legislation**

1. 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 was February 28, 2018.
2. Committee members provided updates on information from CADH, state and national organizations, and other contact groups regarding potential issues of concern.
3. Committee identified the need to monitor carefully specific bills that have been introduced and identified members to monitor and draft testimony for individual

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bills for the Committee review and submission at upcoming public hearings

- a. SB 16 - Governor's Budget implementation for Public Health **(Brown)**.
  - No hearing date
  - **Brown and Checko to review and circulate testimony**
- b. SB 164 - Tobacco 21
  - **Checko to draft testimony for 2/23/18**
  - No Hearing date yet
- c. SB 103 - Fracking waste in CT
  - **Sartucci drafted testimony for 2/23/18 hearing**
  - Testimony submitted
- d. SB104 - Automatic pesticide spraying
  - **(Wysocki to review and draft testimony for 2/23/18)**
  - No testimony drafted/submitted
  - Wysocki reported that bill was amended to allow for 20ft within property line and will monitor
- e. HB 5150 – numerous changes to the statutes governing local health departments and districts including health director qualifications to remove the requirement for a MPH degree
  - **Sartucci and Brown to review and draft testimony for PH Hearing 3/5/18**
- f. HB 5163 – multiple changes affecting general public health statutes
  - **PH Hearing 3/5/18**
  - Food service classifications related to FDA changes **(Brown)**
  - Asthma pilot program **(Brown and Sadlosky)**
- g. HB 5111 & 5112 - Recreational marijuana – health risks need to be addressed
  - **Brown and Checko to review**
  - no hearing date yet)
- h. HB 5151 - Safe drinking water bill – aging infrastructure **(Brown and Wysocki)**
  - No hearing date
  - Suggested discussing with Board of Health member, Ray Jarema who is a water engineer.

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- i. Numerous bills on funding opioid addiction treatment
- j. **Brown and Checko to monitor**
  - No hearing dates set
- k. HB 5289- Clean Indoor Air Act expansion
  - Committee supports
  - **Checko to provide draft testimony**
- l. SB 328 - Exemption from statute of Preparation and Service of Food by Veterans Organizations
  - Hearing 3/6/18
  - Committee opposes for safety reasons
  - **Brown to write testimony and follow up with General Law about where this came from.**
- m. HB 5161-Seat belt use in all positions
  - **Sartucci to draft supporting testimony for 3/5/18**

### **V. 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 high school shooting.

### **VI. Monitoring of local ordinances and public health issues**

- Brown reported that he continues 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.
- No further Committee suggestions on local monitoring process at this time.
- Committee discussed a proposed zoning change in Wethersfield to allow for a medical marijuana dispensary in the Town Center zone. Committee agreed that there was no public health reason to provide testimony at this time. Committee's general sense of the Board at this time is that it supports use of medical marijuana but would oppose general use of marijuana for recreation. Will discuss further with full Board of Health.

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**VII. NEXT MEETING**

1. Date and time TBD
2. Agenda items
  - 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**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**A MOTION** was made by Checko, seconded by Sartucci to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Charles K. Brown, Jr.  
Recorder pro tem

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY COMMITTEE: **March 28, 2018**