

**Wallingford Board of Health
Town Hall, Rm. 205
Minutes of October 25, 2010**

1. Call to Order: 8:35 a.m. by Eloise Hazelwood, DOH

Present: Mayor Dickinson, David Juliano, Kathy Neelon, Ellen Phillips, Dr. Smith (Medical Advisor), Eloise Hazelwood

Excused: Dr. Mullin, Dolly Parisi, Rose Zolnik

2. Review of Minutes from June 15, 2010 approved as distributed.

3. Director's Report: Distributed and Discussed (separate attachment)

(1) Health Statistics:

- a. Discussion on the role of CT DPH Health Net (Epi) and interviews of enteric illness. The information is shared with LHD; individuals are restricted based on type of work (patient care, food handlers, daycare).
- b. Review of first quarterly report for contracted services. Too soon to confirm, but it appears that progress is being made on identifying/assisting qualified residents for supplemental governmental insurance (HUSKY/SAGA). Ultimate goal is for residents to have a medical or dental home for continuity of care, both sick and well care.
 - Master Manna is now a host site for Community Health Center. The Meriden CHC is the regional health center for Wallingford residents and they provide full services/function as the medical/dental home. CHC is funded primarily by federal funds. Wallingford residents now have the option of attending in Wallingford. Appointments are required.
- c. School Health: Kathy Neelon, School Nurse Coordinator distributed statistics on School Health Services. It was noted that Moran MS has over 600 visits to the nurse's office, both for coordination of care (provider's medical orders) and direct care.
 - The development of the Food Allergy Committee and the vigilant review of policy w/ staff have resulted in decrease number of food allergy events. Discussion on the complexity of medical issues within the student population.
 - Dave Juliano asked about the possibility of donating expired epi pens/medications. Kathy Neelon and Dr. Smith stated they are prohibited by law. It was recommended that Dave contract the pharmaceutical representatives about the potential to extend the shelf-life so they may be donated.

(2) Environmental:

- a. Board members were informed of a recent Order to Comply that was appealed in anticipation that they may be contacted directly by the complainant.
- b. Discussion as to enforcement of the PHC and non-profit organizations distributing food. This does not impact temporary food events or fixed locations such as Master Manna. CT DPH requested assistance from the AG's office, interpretation still pending.

(4) Preparedness:

- a. Discussion concerning DPH requirements and PHERP reviews. Although we do not receive grant funding for preparedness activities or staffing, we are required to participate including conduct drills/exercises. Gary Mason is employed by Milford (Region 2 lead Health Dept) but assigned to assist Wallingford in meeting DPH requirements.
- b. CRI drill for April/May 2011. DOH will coordinate and identify the community partners, most likely LTCF as part of the need to address vulnerable populations.

Old Business:

- a. Recommendations from the Council of Local Health discussed. DOH distributed the summary of current functions (CGS 19a-76-2 Basic local health program) and the proposed 10 Essential Services (Core PH Functions). This will most likely be presented to the new governor and legislatures.

- Much discussion as to PHAB and the measurement tool, or the Standards. Document is over 160 pages and has 11 domains, each with criteria and required documentation, similar to hospitals and accreditation. If the PHAB Standards are also recommended and adopted into CGS or Regulations, it will result in a tremendous amount time allocated to generating the support documents.

This item will remain on the Director's Report and the Board will be updated as it unfolds.

Other Business:

- a. Dr. Smith commented on selection of the DOH as a test driver for the new hydrogen car.

Next Meeting: January 2011.

Meeting adjourned: 9:45 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Eloise Hazelwood, RS, MPH
Director of Health

Wallingford Board of Health
Director's Report for October 25, 2010

Core Competencies:

1. **Health Statistics:**

a. CT DPH Electronic Disease Surveillance System (CTEDSS) not yet complete; TB and Foodborne still pending, Lead and Influenza data will be available for this season. DOH and Chris More, PH Educator, meet with CT DPH Regional Epi to review our communicable and required follow-up activity. CT DPH Health Net monitors selected enteric illness and will coordinate with Chris More for data.

b. Influenza Surveillance reported weekly, H1N1 and seasonal combined vaccine. 160 million doses available in the US so shortage not expected. Many local flu clinic locations/ in progress.

c. Lead Poisoning Prevention Grant (\$9,095.00) based on actual case load (9 children > 10 ebl FY 10; 4 children FY 2011). Chris More will conduct educational grand rounds with local providers; goal to develop bilingual directory, both activities per CT DPH guidance.

c. Contract Services: Monthly reports required, goal is to ensure those residents qualified for supplemental government insurance are identified and that they complete the necessary forms so that they are served by a medical/dental home v. well care only. See attached quarterly Summary of Services.

d. Kathy Neelon, School Health

2. **Environmental:**

a. Legal Order to Comply for nuisance complaint appealed; decision pending. Also received an FOI request for multiple inspection reports, administratively time consuming due to the need to redact any identifying information.

b. Temporary food inspection guidelines/inspection form revised by recent BS/Public Health undergraduate. Additional work pending. Great opportunity for both parties.

c. Lyme Disease survey developed and pending review at CT DPH, Environmental Epi (Dr. Nelson).

d. Food not Bombs v. City of Middletown, Health Dept., tort law suit ruled in favor of Food not Bombs. CT DPH has not commented on impact to LHD for enforcement of nonprofits that do not normally prepare/serve food. This does not apply to temporary food events.

e. DOH in process of reviewing/updating Chapter 122, Food Service Ordinance

3. **Health Promotion/Education:**

a. Chris More, RN hired August 1st, reestablished the employee lunch and learn program in Town Hall. Also working with Social Services WECARE program and the YMCA Fit to Go program. All are geared to improving overall health and wellness. Pioneering Healthier Communities (PHC) collaborative of the YMCA and multiple Town depts. to increase physical activity and nutrition (goal is policy changes); 1 mile family walk to kick off Celebrate Wallingford, 80 people participated.

b. Mapping completed of location of existing "Fast Foods"; zone change will not be supported as current zoning already restricts location. Next step: use an intern to survey types of food available in corner stores (variety FF&V, low fat milk etc.), similar to survey in Hartford, goal to increase selection of nutritional

c. Monthly column now created in Peoples Press, "Let's Talk About..."

d. Grant approved for the CT DPH, Preventive Health Block Grant, Skin Cancer Prevention Education. Program will follow CDC guidance and will be conducted in May 2011, Skin Cancer Awareness Month.

4. Preparedness:

a. PH Emergency Preparedness Liaison (Gary Mason) assigned to Wallingford from Region 2 (Milford is fiduciary agency). Priority to update local PH plans and Town All Hazard Plan (work under direction of Chief Struble and Ernie Frattini); conduct a TAR; establish active volunteer program. Gary is a retired military member with experience in response activity. All activities required by CT DPH.

b. Next full scale exercise scheduled for April/May 2011, similar to last closed POD (municipal employees). Focus now is a community partner, based on CRI and anthrax scenario.

5. Old Business:

a. Ordinance governing Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems, Chapter 177, reviewed/approved by CT DPH for technical competency, approved by Council.

b. Commissioner's Council for Local Public Health: Recommendation is to replace the 8 mandated functions (CGS 19a-76-2 Basic local health programs) with the 10 Essential Services. This will be before the legislature for adoption.

DOH is on the CADH Ad Hoc Committee to review the PHAB Standards (11 domains). No consensus as to adopting the PHAB Standards as the measurement tool for the Essential Services. PHAB is the national standard and the basis for future accreditation.

6. Other:

Next Meeting: Proposed January 2011

Respectfully Submitted,

Eloise Hazelwood
Director of Health