

**Wallingford Board of Health
Town Hall, Rm. 205
Minutes of February 16, 2011**

1. Call to Order: 8:36 a.m. by Eloise Hazelwood, DOH

Present: Kathy Neelon, Dr. Mullin, Dolly Parisi, Eloise Hazelwood

Excused: Mayor Dickinson, David Juliano, Ellen Phillips, Dr. Smith (Medical Advisor), Rose Zolnik

2. Review of Minutes from October 25, 2010 approved as distributed.

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

(1) Health Statistics:

- a. Current influenza activity reviewed and final report for 2010 H1N1 activity.
- b. School Health: Kathy Neelon updated members concerning school policy for TB screening of students; no ILI activity of concern. The school district now conducts annual review of student insurance, if needed, HUSKY information provided to parents.
- c. Summary of contract services reviewed.

(2) Environmental:

- a. Outcome of complaint filed with CT DPH, Local Health Administration still pending.
- b. Reviewed recent staff training. DOH will further prioritize inspections/field work due to upcoming extended FMLA of employee.

(3) Health Promotion: All BOH members invited to attend Town Employee Health Clinic.

New Business:

- a. Legislative: Recommendations from the CCM to establish a Council to act as a liaison between CT DPH and Local health; particularly concerning federal grants and requirements of local health.
- b. DOH to attend CADH meeting today; it is anticipated that the Governors' proposed budget will be discussed.

Next Meeting: May4, 2011

Meeting adjourned: 9:30 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Eloise Hazelwood, RS, MPH
Director of Health

Wallingford Board of Health
Director's Report for February 16, 2011

Core Competencies:

1. **Health Statistics:**

- a. CT DPH summary of 2009 H1N1 by Mass Dispensing Areas (MDA 23): 2,400 total doses with 830 directly administered and the other doses distributed to providers with high risk population, 80% of doses were received by the target high risk population compared to state average of 69.3%. We are currently experiencing seasonal increase of influenza activity (Influenza A and H1N1).
- b. See chart with 2009 and 2010 comparative data (total confirmed illness).
- c. School Health: CTDPH offering training for school nurses for Certified Asthma Educator; part of the HUD Healthy Homes Initiative and the requirement for Asthma Action Plans (AAP) for students with severe asthma. There were 963 students (2009/2010) w/ asthma diagnosis, not all require AAP. Middle and HS students self-carry inhalers. Recent changes in regulation allow for younger children to self carry w/ provider and parental consent.
- d. Contract Services: See attached Summary of Services

2. **Environmental:**

- a. CT DPH Appeals Officer rendered final decision re: Order to Comply for nuisance complaint; ruled Health Department acted as per our authority. The subsequent complaint filed with DPH Local Health Administration still pending. Written policies developed to address inspection time frames/procedures/ assignments.
- b. DOH and George Yasensky attended DPH Technical Standards review, Subsurface Sewage. Most significant change deals w/ B100a and calculating MLSS. Training offered by DPH to all RS, PE's and installers. Wendy Kudzma scheduled to attend Phase I training/certification.
- c. See attached for year end activities.

3. **Health Promotion/Education:**

- a. Chris More: Four successful Town Employee Lunch n Learns (Holiday Stress, Diabetes Management, Understanding BP, Heart Healthy Nutrition) were held. Working with personnel and Anthem to develop a Town Employee Wellness Committee (healthy workforce more productive, less expensive). HeartSafe community designation renewal required.
- b. Employee Health Fair set for March 10, 2011. Chris working with personnel and Anthem.
- b. SCSU intern for spring semester, Leah Mezik, focus is review of restaurants to create a Healthy Dining listing and a review of food available in corner stores (variety FF&V, low fat milk etc.). Goal also to include a link on YMCA PHC webpage.
- c. Peoples Press continues to support our monthly "Let's Talk About..." article.
- d. CTDPH Lead Poisoning Prevention section working w/ Chris to conduct provider education as required.

4. **Preparedness:**

- a. Tabletop exercise rescheduled for 3/8/11, Wallingford Library, Region 2 partners. Focus is closed POD for community partners, antibiotic distribution at "closed" sites. Full scale exercise (FSX) set for 4/19/11. Partners are Choate Rosemary, Masonicare; and LTCF (Village Green, Skyview, and Regency House). Regional goal is 10% of population.

5. Old Business:

- a. Food Service Ordinance under revision.
- b. Commissioner's Council for Local Public Health: Additional meetings not yet scheduled.

6. New Business:

- a. Several proposed legislative changes that may impact local health, too early in the session to speculate.
- b Personnel: Karen Erba, Senior Clerk, assigned to both Health and Building (19 hours each section); replaced part time secretary. Standard challenges with initial training needs. Staff member scheduled for FMLA.
- c. Budget: No increases proposed to Health Dept budget. DOH reviewing contracted services and potential changes to next public bid (1yr remaining).

Next Meeting: Proposed May 4, 2011

Respectfully Submitted,

Eloise Hazelwood
Director of Health