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Wallingford Board of Health
Town Hall, Rm. 205
Minutes of September 17, 2008

1. Call to Order: 8:37 a.m. by Eloise Hazelwood, DOH

Present: Eloise Hazelwood, David Juliano, Kathy Neelon, Dolly Parisi, Ellen Phillips, Dr. Smith

Absent: Mayor Dickinson, Dr. Mullin, Dr. McGaughey

2. Review of Minutes from February 13, 2008 approved as distributed.

3. Director's Report: Distributed

4. Discussion of Director's Report (DR) dated September 17, 2008:

- a. School Health, Kathy Neelon: Health Service Statistics for School Year 2007-2008 were distributed and reviewed.
 - Discussion concerning the diagnosis of Asthma (self-reported v. medical provider) and medical management issues especially concerning class field trips.
 - Increase of students with Type I diabetes
 - Increase in the number of younger children reported with food allergies, however it is not always clear if it is allergic response or a true anaphylactic response which again creates additional concerns in the management/response to an incident.
 - Dr. Valentin (School Medical Advisor), Kathy Neelon and a core group of school nurses will conduct the annual procedures/protocol review.
 - Dave Juliano asked about the donation of unused medications at year end; donations to non profits is prohibited per the State (DR item 1)
- b. Wallingford health data reviewed. Brief discussion concerning the decrease in childhood immunizations and potential impact to the community. (DR item 1)
- c. Amendment to Litter Ordinance approved and now includes cigarette butts, enforced by Health and WPD. Discussion followed concerning enforcement. (DR Item 2)
 - Dr. Smith asked if the BOH meeting were public meetings; yes, DOH is required to post announcement with Town Clerk. It was not clear why the local newspaper it did not include it in the weekly meeting announcements but it was scrolling on the govt' TV channel.
- d. Brief discussion concerning the HW 2000+, Day of Health, task force. Goal is to provide health services beyond screenings. Ginny Stewart, Wlfd VNA, is the Chairperson. (DR item 3)
- e. Ellen Phillips discussed the problem with emergency alert systems (Life Line system for home bound) linked to telephone service. Dr. Smith stated there is a battery back-up function, Ellen will look into the back-up system. (DR item 4)

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f. Lengthy discussion concern CT DPH and proposed reconfiguration of the regional/local Points of Distribution (PODs). Changes are based on federal requirements to distribute antibiotics to entire population within 24 hours. Region 2 is exploring alternative distribution methods, including head of household, use of postal routes, and potential drive-thru centers. It was agreed the BOH members would be listed in the June 09 drill as essential staffing and therefore included in the antibiotic distribution drill. (DR item 4).

- Kathy Neelon commented on the BOE's role in developing a policy on Heat Response (tabletop exercise was conducted in June with Region 2 players and a representative from Wlfd BOE).

5. Other: Frequency of BOH meeting was discussed. It was agreed that we will conduct semi-annual meetings. BOH will continue to communicate with Board members if issues develop.

Next Meeting: March 2009.

7. Meeting Adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eloise E. Hazelwood
Director of Health