

**Wallingford Board of Health
Town Hall, Rm. 205
Minutes of September 7, 2016**

1. Call to Order: 8:34 a.m. by Eloise Hazelwood, DOH

Present: Isaac Cardona, Eloise Hazelwood, Dave Juliano, Kathy Neelon, Jeffrey Necio, Daryll Porto

Excused: Mayor Dickinson, Len Guercia, Melinda Schoen, Dr. Smith

Guest: Anne Bernick, RN, Health Dept. staff

2. Minutes from May 11, 2016 were approved as distributed

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

a. Health Statistics/Communicable Illness:

- Discussion on Zika, travel acquired cases and the need for increased education on avoidance of areas known to have infected mosquitoes. Bi-lingual information was distributed by the health dept. to SCOW, BOE and licensed daycare centers. Also discussed larvicide versus adulticide applications.

b. School Health: Kathy Neelon

- School year 2015 – 2016 health office visits reviewed; also historical number of visits based on schools; areas of further discussion and interest:
- Concussions: number reported not restricted to in-school acquired
- Asthma, both Kathy and Eloise involved with the regional Asthma Coalition and Putting on Airs; issue with potential misdiagnosis by providers of allergy or upper respiratory infection and not true severe asthma
- Potential for nurses to be equipped with naloxone (middle and HS)
- Seasonal flu clinic for staff, faculty and their family members, does not include students. Health dept. hosting a public flu clinic for ages ≥ 8 on Oct 22nd

c. Environmental:

- Recent code enforcement actions have generated an influx of calls/interest.
- Discussed lead poisoning prevention and the role of healthy housing (extends beyond childhood lead poisoning).
- Bitrex award of 100 pounds (UK currency)
- Eloise to submit comment on the proposed Cottage Food regulations

d. Health Promotion/Education:

- Elise Piper (Health Educator) working with Masonic to conduct both employee and community wellness
- Anne Bernick, (PH Nurse) is coordinating an Employee and Friends/Family Health Fair, Oct 20th. Includes a flu clinic.
- Public flu clinic, Oct 22nd
- Fall Prevention (3 year grant) in-progress. Brochure distributed.
- Healthy Wlfd 2020 continues, the focus chairs are meeting to reevaluate goals for the next year; next Steering Committee meeting Sept 9th. Chronic Disease one area (Obesity, Asthma, COPD) one priority area, see obesity rates attached to Directors Report

e. Preparedness:

- Reviewed Operational Readiness Review (ORR) report. Strong community partnership was one element of high marks; going forward we will participate in quarterly updates; POD plan will be revised for formatting and the expansion to include Lyman Hall HS and Senior Center as Public POD sites.
- Eloise working with our EMD and Dr. Menzo for FSX in July 2018; we will use the work group (appx 300 youths/adults) to stress the system; we have not tested the Sheltering plan at this response level; MDA FSX required by 2020 so we will test both at once.
- MRC: several trainings upcoming; the issue of engaging all volunteers continues to be problematic across the Region 2.

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5. **Old Business:** Budget approved.

6. **New Business:**

- Staffing: Ray Manna resigned; currently working with personnel to fill the position.
- Commissioner Pino will inform all DOH's on Sept 15th as to submitted language to change the CGS governing local health. Discussion as to state funding of LHD v. Districts; the proposed legislation was apparently part of the Governor's task force, along with CCM, to review all state agencies for areas to stream line and reduce spending. See attached LHD v. DEMHS regional map. BOH members are not invited to the CADH meeting on Sept 15th.
- Briefly discussed Notice of Summons

Next Meeting: Dec 7, 2016

Meeting adjourned: 10:04 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Eloise Hazelwood, RS, MPH
Director of Health