



**Norwalk Board of Health
January 22, 2019
8:00 AM
Library**

**Monthly Meeting
Minutes**

Call to order at 8:03 AM Present:

Board of Health –Theresa Quell, PhD, RN, Norman Weinberger, MD, Vincent Amoruccio, MS, MA

Staff –Theresa Argondezzi, Health Educator, Deanna D’Amore, Director of Health, Megan DiMeglio, Project Coordinator

Approval of the November 28, 2018 meeting minutes – Dr. Weinberger moved and Dr. Quell seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The minutes passed unanimously.

Director’s Report

- Military & Veterans Liaison Committee- Ms. D’Amore explained the committee and their purpose. Ms. D’Amore will be a member of the Committee and will update the Board in future meetings.
- Community Wellbeing Survey- Ms. D’Amore gave an update on the Wellbeing survey for the Norwalk community.
- Personnel Updates – Ms. D’Amore gave an update on new staff and job postings.

Board of Health Year in Review

Ms. D’Amore presented the Board of Health Year in Review.

Actions taken in 2018

- Approved new vaccine Shingrix, which prevents herpes zoster
- Approved the changes to the environmental permit and license fees
- Reviewed and approved the 2017-2018 Annual Report
- Submitted a letter of support to the Norwalk Housing Authority on their proposed revisions to the No Smoking Policy to include vaping
- Submitted a letter of support to the CT Office of Health Strategy and DPH on the Health Enhancement Communities (HEC) project

Polices set in 2018

- Reviewed and accepted the Laboratory Policies Manual

Guidance Given in 2018

- 2018 Lighthouse Awards Ceremony
- Plastic Bag Ban Enforcement
- Future of the NHD Laboratory
- Microblading
- Noise Ordinance
- Fee Setting Process

Topics Discussed in 2018

- Flu Clinics
- Childhood Immunization Rates
- Anti-fracking Ordinance
- 2018 Community Wellbeing Survey
- FDA Food Code
- After Action Report for the Norwalk Oyster
- Noise Variance for the SoNo Collection Mall project
- Accountable Health Communities
- Personnel Updates
- State Legislative & Regulatory Updates
- Reaccreditation
- Environmental Health Software Program
- Opioids
- EpiCenter Syndromic Surveillance System
- Food Access: Farmers Markets
- City Reorganization
- FY 19 Operating & Capital Budgets
- Interns and Volunteers
- WIC
- IAP program changes
- Hepatitis A
- Grant Funding
- Oyster Festival
- Garbage and Odor
- Public Health Preparedness
- Strategic Plan Update Process

2017 – 2019 Strategic Plan

Ms. D'Amore presented the updated work plan for the 2017 – 2019 Strategic Plan.

Operating & Capital Budgets

Ms. D'Amore gave an update on the 2019-2020 operating & capital budget requests.

Regionalization Roundtable Discussion

Ms. D'Amore let the Board know that this roundtable meeting was cancelled and may be rescheduled.

Health Department Brand Guide

Ms. Argondezzi reviewed the health department's draft brand guide.

Health Enhancement Communities

Ms. Argondezzi reviewed the progress of the Health Enhancement Communities project.

Plan of Conservation & Development

Ms. D'Amore presented the draft Plan of Conservation and Development to the board. Ms. D'Amore explained the parts of the plan that included sections about health and the health department.

Adjourn at 9:01 AM