



Norwalk Board of Health
July 23, 2019
8:00 AM
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Monthly Meeting
Minutes

Call to order at 8:01 AM Present:

Board of Health –Theresa Quell, PhD, RN, Norman Weinberger, MD, Janet Karpiak, MD, Kenneth Lalime, RPH, (phone)

Staff –Deanna D’Amore, Director of Health, Megan DiMeglio, Project Coordinator, Tom Closter, Environmental Director, Glenn Iannaccone, Emergency Response Coordinator

Public – Dominick DiGangi (First District Water Department), Michael Elliott (FDWD), Anthony Franceschini (FDWD), Dana Dessereaux (FDWD), Eleanor Militana(FDWD), Joseph Schnierlein (Mayor’s Water Quality Committee), Diane Lauricella (Mayor’s Water Quality Committee)

Approval of the June 25, 2019 Meeting Minutes – Dr. Weinberger moved and Dr. Karpiak seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The minutes passed unanimously.

Director’s Report

- Ms. D’Amore announced the intent to continue the WIC subcontract with Optimus Health Care. The City of Norwalk will subcontract with Optimus for another year to offer WIC in Norwalk.
- Ms. D’Amore and Ms. Argondezzi attended the Evidence Based Public Health Decision Making course that was hosted by the Connecticut Department of Public Health and the Yale School of Public Health/New England Public Health Training Center. They received a grant from the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors to have master trainers offer the course to state health staff, academics, and a few local health staff. Ms. D’Amore explained it was a large time commitment but was worth the time. Ms. D’Amore and Ms. Argondezzi will be asked to be trainers in course in the future for other local public health practitioners in the state. She also would like to train Norwalk Health Department staff on the economic evaluation module.

Policies and Procedures

Ms. D'Amore presented the following revisions to policies and procedures to the Board for review and approval.

- Active Tuberculosis (TB) Case Management
- After Action Report Policy
- Beach Sampling (Water Quality)
- Complaints Policy
- External Communications
- File System Policy
- Financials

Dr. Weinberger moved and Dr. Karpiak seconded a motion to approve all the policies. The policies passed unanimously.

Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) and Health

Ms. D'Amore presented on PFAS and Health. Ms. D'Amore gave an overview of what PFAS is and uses of PFAS. Ms. D'Amore showed a map of contamination in the US from the Environmental Working Group. Ms. D'Amore went into detail to explain PFAS and drinking water standards. She explained the EPA guidelines and the CT Department of Public Health guidance. She also explained what the State of CT is doing to address PFAS. Ms. D'Amore reviewed the health effects known about PFAS. First Taxing Water Department staff provided an overview of their testing for the group of chemicals and how they have addressed detecting low levels within their water supply.

Adjourn at 8:41 AM