

**Monthly Meeting  
Minutes  
January 12, 2010  
8:00 AM  
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**Call to order at 8:08 AM**

Present: Board of Health – Matt Brovender, Esq., Greg Burnett, Kenneth Lalime, RPH, John McNamara, MD, Theresa Quell, PhD, RN, and Edward Tracey, MD  
Staff – Tim Callahan, Director of Health and David Reed, MD, Medical Director

**Minutes of December 8, 2009 Meeting** - Motion to approve by Mr. Lalime, seconded by Ms Quell, passed unanimously

**Seasonal and H1N1 Vaccination Updates**

To date 2,439 health department staff administered doses of seasonal influenza vaccine. 183 doses were provided to City employees, 188 doses to businesses and 73 doses to the day laborers. There are less than 30 doses of vaccine on hand and they are being used in the Travel Immunization Program and with the h1n1 vaccine.

The health department administered 2,236 doses of H1N1 vaccine and redistributed 2,320 doses of H1N1 vaccine to community providers. Restrictions on the use of vaccine were lifted in mid December 2009. Two open clinics were conducted, the first on December 22, 2009 where 178 doses of vaccine were administered and the second on January 5, 2010 where 277 people received vaccine.

Vaccination efforts will continue. The CT Department of Public Health (CT DPH) is encouraging providers to provide vaccine throughout the winter as part of the effort to protect people from an expected third wave in this pandemic. The third wave is expected in late winter or early Spring 2010.

A clinic is scheduled for January 14, 2009 at St Phillip's Hall from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. There is no charge to recipients. CT DPH is compensating the Norwalk Health Department for the costs of conducting clinics

Mr. Callahan consulted with Dr. William Pappillo, Acting Superintendent of Schools, as to the feasibility of conducting vaccination programs in the high schools. Dr Papillo's working with School administrators, will attempt to determine the interest among parents and students in a vaccination program.

Other venues for vaccination were discussed. A program is planned for Norwalk Community College faculty and staff during the early part of the spring term. Mr. Burnett suggested contacting Reverend Bruce Morris to determine the feasibility of

providing H1N1 vaccine at the Martin Luther King Day program at West Rocks Middle School.

### **FY 10-11 Budget**

Mr. Callahan met with Tom Hamilton, the Finance Director and his staff to review the Health department submittal. The outlook for FY 10-11 is bleak. The City administration is seeking 0% wage adjustments and no step increase for FY 10-11 from all city unions. If this effort is successful staff remain unchanged. If not reductions will occur.

### **Norden Place Development**

In follow up to a discussion on this proposed development at the December 8, 2009 meeting Mr. Callahan and Tom Closter, Director of Environmental Health spoke with Doug Zimmerman, the person in charge of the remediation of this property for the CT Department of Environmental Protection. According to Mr. Zimmerman the remediation of environmental contamination on this land is under the supervision of the CT DEP. The proposed zone change from industrial to residential will result in the application of a higher clean up standard. The developer may apply for land use restrictions for the more polluted parts of the property. Development of the other parts of the property will be allowed. Public notice is required for changes to the remediation plan and a public hearing may be held if requested.

In regards to the questions posed about the wells serving homes on North Bridge St., follow up by Mr. Closter with the water company resulted in finding all of the hoses on this street are served by public water. As soon as the weather permits, a visual survey of the area will be made by Norwalk Health Department inspectors to determine if any wells that were in existence have been abandoned.

### **Health Promotion Obesity Prevention Projects**

Mr. Callahan reported that several projects have been delayed because staff was reassigned to assist in the H1N1 vaccination effort. The H1N1 response is less intense at this time and work on several health promotion projects is resuming.

The process of gathering Body Mass Index (BMI) data for the 2009 school year will begin in February. The Norwalk Public Schools (NPS) use a software program, which contains the height and weight on every child. Personnel at the NPS IT department are checking to determine if the data can be exported to the system used by the Norwalk Health Department. Otherwise a school nurse will manually input the data. The Rudd Center at Yale University has indicated their interest in analyzing the data set that now spans 5 years.

The Obesity Workgroup has several new members. Ruthann Walsh, Director of Corporate Citizenship for Pepperidge Farms will represent that local corporation. There is a representative from the Fodor Farms non-profit group. An invitation was offered to

Marlene Schwartz, Deputy Director of the Rudd Center. The group is scheduled to meet on January 27, 2010.

Curtis Law, Director of the Norwalk Housing Authority, is interested in starting a cooking program at one of their after school programs. Health Department staff will work with Mr. Law and his staff to review the kitchen equipment, and to devise a healthy eating program. The ensuing discussion among Board members generated ideas for including the Norwalk Public Schools culinary arts program and the Norwalk Community College culinary arts program.

Adjourn at 9:20 AM

