

**Monthly Meeting
Minutes
May 12, 2009
8:00 AM
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Call to order at 8:08 AM

Present: Board of Health – Kenneth Lalime, RPH, Sheldon Miller, and Theresa Quell, PhD, RN, & Edward Tracey, MD

Staff – Tim Callahan, Director of Health, David Reed MD, Medical Director, Patricia Carey, APRN Darleen Hoffler, BSN, Rhonda Collins, MPH, Tom Closter, Director of Environmental Services, and Allen Thibodeau, RS

Minutes of April 14, 2009 Meeting - Motion to approve by Dr. Tracey, seconded by Dr. Quell, passed unanimously

H1N1 Influenza Update

There are 28 confirmed and 1 probable case in Connecticut. The age's range from 4 to 56; 16 are female and 13 are male. Cases are from the following counties: Fairfield 18, Hartford 5, New Haven 3, New London 2 and Middlesex 1. A vaccine is being considered however the time taken to manufacture, which is minimally 5 months, and the amount that could be made make it unlikely to be available for the upcoming flu season.

Norwalk Public Schools

Mr. Callahan made the Board aware of a food born illness outbreak, which occurred during the week of April 28, 2009. These cases are considered confidential by state statute. The principal at Naramake School notified parents that made the information available to a larger audience. Therefore a briefing was made to the Board of Health.

Several health department staff investigated and found the probable cause of illness. Health Department personnel will be meeting with representatives of the Norwalk Public School and Whitsons, the food service contractor to review the case and make recommendations on food handling practices.

Mr. Callahan commended the Health Department staff for their prompt and intense follow up on this outbreak.

Lyme Disease 2009: Tick Me Off conference

Rhonda Collins, Health Educator provided an update on the conference, which was held on April 22, 2009 at Norwalk Hospital Perkin Auditorium. There were 93 attendees, 78 preregistered and 15 walk-in. A total of 119 preregistered. By profession the attendees were as follows; 9 from health departments, 37 RNs, 5 Pas, 14 MDs, 4 health educators, 16 other and 8 no code. The speakers, Kirby Stafford from the Connecticut Agricultural

Experiment Station, Mark Ditmar, MD pediatrician and Jennifer Reid, Health Educator all received 90% or better ratings for the content and presentation of their talks and 80% felt the conference met or exceeded the stated objectives.

Mr. Callahan thanked DR Quell, Dr Tracey, Dr McNamara, and Dr Reed for their participation on the planning committee and Rhonda Collins for her expert skills in keeping the event and organizers on track throughout the process.

Other Business

Budget

Mr. Callahan reported the \$98,000 requested for restoration to the 09/10 budget was approved

Adjourn 8:55 AM

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