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**Minutes**  
**Board of Health Meeting**  
**Members attended via a Zoom online meeting due to COVID19**  
**May 4, 2021**

**Present:** Brandon Robertson, Kathy Blonski, Debra Brydon, Jeff Shea, Dan Jerram, Mary Jane Parlow, Beatrice Isabelle, Joe Doering, John Ward, Dennis Brown, Tom McKeon, Warren Humphrey, Melissa Appleby, Sue Beardsley, Jadwiga Gocłowski, Maura Shea, Diane HERNSDORF, Jean Donihee-Perron, Jennifer Kertanis

**Regular Meeting**

- I. Public Comments:** Brandon Robertson opened the regular meeting at 12:04 p.m. He asked if there were any public comments, there were none.
- II. Minutes of April 6, 2021:** Brandon Roberson asked if there were any changes or questions on the April 6th Board Meeting Minutes. There were none. He asked for a motion to accept the minutes as written. Mary Jane Parlow 1<sup>st</sup>, Diane HERNSDORF 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.  
**Minutes of April 14<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting:** Brandon asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the April 14<sup>th</sup> Special meeting which was held for the purpose of reviewing the contract and implementation agreement with the Farmington Valley VNA. Warren Humphries made a motion to approve the minutes of April 14<sup>th</sup>, Diane HERNSDORF seconded the motion. All in favor.
- III. Business:**
  - **COVID Town Surcharge-Update:**
    - We received 28 weeks of funding from our towns to support our COVID response activities that have not been supported by federal funding. To date we have expended 59% of the funds. We have overspent on the overtime but underspent on the other salary line items. We will make adjustments in the line items as necessary. Overtime will be getting less and less with Saturday clinics ending. Printing cost were higher than expected. This funding has been extremely helpful. We have about 8 weeks of this funding left. Jennifer will report out on where we stand with this funding. It was suggested that at the end of the funding period we send a letter to all towns outlining what has been accomplished with the money.
  - **Year End Projections:**
    - Jennifer reviewed Year-End projections. We anticipate receiving at least 100% of our budgeted revenue. While food permits won't be fully collected until the end of June, we have generated \$14,000 of additional revenue on the environmental side and anticipate more during the months of May and June.

We anticipate our expenditures coming in less than budgeted. Most of these savings were associated with unpaid medical leave for one staff person, fewer staff taking advantage of medical benefits and delays in some hiring.

- **COVID Update:**
  - Data shows that the cases are trending down.
  - Still seeing approximately 10,000 people being tested per week.
  - 50% of the new positive cases are in the 19 and younger age group. We are seeing the benefits of vaccine in the older population.
- **Vaccine:**
  - We had to cancel our clinic for the 16 and older age group for lack of interest. We are seeing a lot of interest in 12+ age group.
  - Demand for vaccine is significantly dropping. A lot of cancellations and no shows.
  - Filling most of our clinics with 2<sup>nd</sup> dose appointments.
  - Working on vaccinating home bound residence.
- **Grants:**
  - Equity grant \$95,000 mostly pass through to reach out to the restaurants/ salons that have a lot of minority people to get them vaccinated.
  - ELC money was initially \$176,000 for 18 months. May 2021 through Nov 2022 will be \$264,000 with a submitted workplan budget by June 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - There will likely be more ELC money coming.
  - We have submitted all the paperwork to FEMA for reimbursement for the VNA staff.
- **Legislative Update:**
  - Apportion budget per capita will go from \$1.85 to \$2.60.
  - New bill prohibits the sale of flavored vape nicotine products.
  - Sodium chloride and salt treatment systems are now prohibited.
  - New bill increases size of on-site septic systems to 10,000 gallons
  - Pilot program to uniform building maintenance code.

#### IV. OTHER:

- **Adjourn:** Brandon Robertson made a motion to adjourn, Jadwiga Gocłowski 1st, Diane Hensdorf 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, Meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.