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Minutes
Board of Health Meeting
Members attended via a Zoom online meeting due to COVID19
September 1, 2020

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

Absent: Sue Beardsley

Regular Meeting

- I. Public Comments:** Brandon Robertson opened the regular meeting at 12:05 p.m. He asked if there were any public comments, there were none.
- II. Minutes of June 4, 2020:** Brandon Roberson asked if there were any changes or questions on the June 4th Board Meeting Minutes. There were no comments, he asked for a motion to accept the minutes as written. Diane HERNSDORF 1st, Maura Shea 2nd, motion passed.
- III. Business:**
 - **Annual Board Officer Elections:**

Brandon Robertson was nominated by Debra Brydon and 2nd by Beatrice Isabelle to Serve as board chair. Kathy Blonski was nominated by Melissa Appleby and 2nd by Jadwiga Gocłowski to serve as Vice Chair. All in favor.

The following volunteered to serve on our standing committee

Personnel: Brandon Robertson, Mary Jane Parlow, Jadwiga Gocłowski

Finance: Brandon Robertson, Melissa Appleby, Daniel Jerram, Kathy Blonski
 - **Staffing:** Jennifer reported Pat is out on medical leave. Kristin will be working extra hours to help with the workload. Turn around may be longer. Bianca will be resigning on September 4. Bianca exit interview was completed with Jason. Her new position is closer to home.

All staff are back in the field and in the office.
- **Year End Budget Projection:**
 - FEE REVENUE year end projections for food is at 97%. NON food fee revenue is approximately \$16,108 over budgeted goal. Computer maintenance was over budget by \$10,932 for purchasing of laptops and remote access to work from home.
 - Potential revenue:
 - Men's Health grant supposed to end by Sept 30th however, we have had to cancel certain activities. We are working with our funder on no cost extension. Jennifer states that the funding will be carried over. Plus, we will receive another \$100,000.

- NACCHO Grant for \$100,000 infectious disease, long term care, congregate living
- We will be receiving \$176,000 for 2 years and \$80,000 year 3 for Covid response. This is funding passed through CT DPH

- **COVID 19 Update**

Jennifer wants to thank her staff for all their work. Between Jennifer, Kirsten and Justine there has been 24/7 phone coverage including evenings and weekends. Overtime has been paid out instead of using Covid funding. The staff have been giving weekly updates, continuing contact tracing, developing school matric and protocols. Jennifer reports that she is having weekly meetings with school superintendents and school nurses. Jennifer and staff met today with the Senior Centers regarding reopening and their concerns. All staff are supporting the Re Open CT guidelines and fielding many calls.

Our Covid positivity rate is very low. Our testing is staying consistent, there is an uptick of cases in the 19-23 age group. Weekly reports are generated by Epidemiologist, Kirstin Carew

- **Report from Director: Update-2020 novel Coronavirus:**

- Flu Clinics are being conducted in conjunction with the Farmington Valley VNA.
 - Drive thru Clinics are scheduled
 - Avon-9/29/20 and Simsbury -10/7/20
 - This will allow us to test our social distancing vaccination practices.
- VACCINATION PLAN for Covid 19
 - Starting to plan for vaccination when it comes available
 - Vaccination may have to be given in 2 doses requiring extensive tracking
 - Storage may be an issue with frozen vaccines.

IV. **OTHER:** Brandon Robertson asked if there was any other business? There was none.

V. **Adjourn:** Brandon Robertson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jadwiga Gocłowski 2nd. Meeting was adjourned at 1:18 p.m.