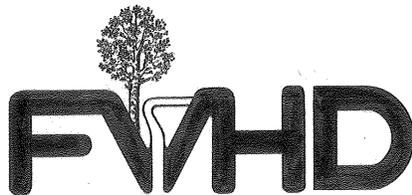


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Meeting Minutes

Board of Health Meeting

May 3, 2022

95 River Road

Canton, CT

12 Noon

Present: Jennifer Kertanis, Stephanie Johnson, Jadwiga Gocłowski, Mary Jane Parlow, Brandon Robertson, Anna Larson, Erica Robertson, Timothy Murphy, Warren Humphrey, Melissa Appleby, Kathy Blonski, Debbie Brydon, Sue Beardsley, Maura Shea, Joe, Chris Johnstone, Dan Jerram, Maria Capriola

Brandon called the regular meeting of the Board to order at 12:02 pm. Brandon welcomed Timothy Murphy as our new representative from Canton. Tim is an emergency room physician and we thanked him for his willingness to serve on the FVHD Board.

Minutes of April 5, 2022: Brandon asked for a motion to accept the minutes of April 5, 2022. Jadwiga Gocłowski motioned to approve the minutes as written, Maria Capriola seconded. Minutes adopted. Warren, Sue, Kathy abstained since they weren't at the last meeting. All in favor.

Business:

1. Lease agreement - 15-month short term lease for 2,000 sq ft to support ongoing COVID response. Lease executed this past week. April 1, 2022 - July 2023.
2. Will be ready to host in-person board meeting in June
3. ELC2 funding for epidemiology and lab capacity grant. ELC2 allows us to rent the space. Submitted proposal in October 2021. Still waiting on final executed contract from State DPH. Were supposed to begin drawing down on funds March 1.
4. ARPA Funds - Board of Directors approved the subcommittee's recommendations. Letter sent to towns requesting support in January.
 1. Canton, East Granby, Simsbury - approved
 2. Avon, Granby, New Hartford (voting in June) - pending
 3. Barkhamsted, Colebrook, Hartland - reviewing
 4. Farmington - requests separate presentation for town from Brandon and Jennifer because they are only using for large capital expenditures

COVID Updates:

1. No longer issuing weekly email updates but are providing weekly data on our website and emails as needed
2. Uptick in cases, still in green according to CDC community transmission but likely to move into the red if cases continue to rise.
3. Are seeing increase in activity in schools - working with them to provide guidance on mitigation. Most schools are reticent to reinstate masking. This is critical to slow or stop spread in these outbreaks.
4. Will be offering boosters out of fixed site. Watching for approval of Moderna next age group.
5. Got approval letter yesterday for Medicare billing for vaccines.
 1. Will be developing plans for flu and pneumonia vaccine with employers
 2. Next step private insurers

Accreditation Update:

1. Jennifer Kertanis introduces Anna Larson to present our work in progress.
 2. Presentation
 1. Accreditation Timeline
 2. PHAB Version 2022 - more closely aligned with 10 essential services
 3. Review of 10 essential services
 4. Benefits of accreditation
 5. Steps to accreditation
 6. Community Health Assessment
 1. Warren asked what from previous CHA is going to be reused.
 2. We are updating all the secondary data that was previously collected because it was 2 years old
 - a. Community Health Improvement Plan
 - b. Strategic Plan
 - c. Other plans included in accreditation process
 - d. Current Progress
 - e. Estimated Timeline
 - f. Melissa Appleby asks to consider another strategic plan to update for accreditation costs
 1. Jennifer Kertanis says will report out on strategic plan - have met a lot, if not all of goals and still ended up below per capita projection
 2. Per capita increases will be part of budget
 3. Melissa Appleby asks how often reaccredit - every 5 years
 4. Brandon Robertson wants to know more about the CHA and the advisory committee requirements
 1. Previous group included social service directors, senior service directors, VNA and other providers, epidemiologist from UConn MPH, League of Women Voters (mental health arena), collection of individuals representing different sectors.
 - i. Maura Shea asks who else is accredited
 1. 3 health departments in CT, State health department and many others are in progress (collaborating with WHBHD and Central currently)
3. Brandon Robertson requests a score card that may be presented monthly with Domains, progress in a very quick and easily viewable format
 1. Jennifer Kertanis says we will look to find examples from other accredited health departments
 2. Share presentation with Town Reps so can report back to member towns as reminder that we are picking up where we left off and will be a major part of our work post-COVID
 3. Warren Humphrey recalls quarterly updates

New Bills:

1. Blood lead levels being reduced to 3.5 ug/dl and will be required to do more in-site home inspections
 1. Gets more challenging to identify source at lower levels
 2. Parent education - work for PHN

3. Should not have large impact on FVHD. Cities will have bigger impact
2. Legislation to ban flavored vape products and limit % nicotine
 1. This is a big public health issue
3. Pandemic pays for essential workers
 1. \$2,000 bonus for essential workers
4. Mental health in schools, establishment of task forces
5. Warren Humphrey asks why we aren't focusing on marijuana- data shows that vaping is a much bigger issue in adolescents but early initiation of marijuana is also a concern.

OTHER:

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn Warren Humphrey and seconded by Debbie Brydon. All in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:04 pm