



# Farmington Valley Health District

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## Meeting Minutes

### Board of Health Meeting

April 4, 2023

95 River Road

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12 Noon

Present: Jennifer Kertanis, Stephanie Johnson, Brandon Robertson, Debbie Brydon, Sam Carter, Anna Larson, Mary Jane Parlow, Jadwiga Gocłowski, Warren Humphrey, Maria Capriola (Zoom), Tom Fitzgerald, Chris Johnstone (Zoom), Angela Ciottone (Zoom) Tim Murphy

- I. Public comment: no public comment.
- II. Minutes of March 7, 2023: Brandon asked for a motion to accept the minutes of March 7, 2023. Warren Humphrey moved to approve the minutes, Mary Jane Parlow seconded. All in favor. Minutes approved. Angela and Tom abstained.

Round table introductions of new Member Tom Fitzgerald. Acting Deputy Director of Town of Simsbury.

- III. **Business:**
  - a. FY 22-23 Budget: Jennifer presented budget revision for current fiscal year. The revised budget reflects a reduction in grant funding of \$23,000 which includes ELC2 grant funds that will be moved to FY 23-24, new NACCHO grant, and reduction in ELC1 grant funds. Expenditure reductions align with grant requirements. Biggest changes on expenditure side include increase in infectious disease consultant aligned with NACCHO grant, reduction in contact tracing which is no longer required and will be reallocated as part of ELC2 funding to support rent of additional space in next fiscal year.

Angela Ciottone asked if the ID consultant position is new. Jennifer Kertanis explained it is a contractor position to support our NACCH grant activities. Angela asks if we are monitoring c. aureus, a fungal disease that has been in the news. Jennifer Kertanis explains that we are following the standard infection control practices which work for a variety of infectious agents. Jennifer Kertanis said she would ask our PHN if she were aware of the issue. Angela Ciottone wants to know where public access information can be on where this fungus is present. Tim Murphy, MD reported that the fungal infection is primarily a concern for a very small percentage of the population that are immunocompromised and the agent is associated with tubes and medical devices. Jennifer Kertanis explained the state regulates medical facilities.

Warren Humphrey asks about the new NACCHO grant. Jennifer Kertanis explained that we have had a similar grant to address infection control and prevention in our long term care, assisted living and congregate living facilities. This is an extension of that work. Warren Humphrey asks about why revenue didn't go up. Jennifer Kertanis explains that revenue didn't go up because we shifted other grant revenue, particularly ELC 2 funding following our approved budget revision through DPH.

Brandon Robertson asked about changes to FY24 budget. Jennifer Kertanis explained we will present another budget revision for FY24 because of two new grants (workforce development and vaccine grant) that we are still waiting to see details on from DPH. Warren Humphrey moved to approve the revise 22-23 budget as presented with total expenditure of \$2,101,839. Jadwiga Gocłowski seconds. All in favor.

- b. Quarterly Financials Report : Jennifer presented the Board with year to date, based on the just approved revised budget. We are tracking well with revenue and have expended 61% year to date.
- c. Grant Update: Jennifer Kertanis reviewed new WFD and Vaccine grant. Jennifer will present the budget revision for the 23-24 fiscal year when we receive more detailed information from the state.
- d. ARPA Funds Update: Jennifer Kertanis will send quarterly updates. Vehicle purchase was made, about half of the funds on IT have been invested. Our outreach position wasn't a good fit, Justine will fill this position and we will fill her position in the broader community health area. White paper on evidence-base practice regarding opioid prevention and treatment is nearing final draft and will be sent out shortly to all towns as a resource.

IV. **Accreditation Update:** Anna Larson presented a power point presentation with the quarterly updates. Brandon Robertson asked when we thought we would be ready to submit. Anna Larson says 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2024 we would file.

V. **Report from Director:** Jennifer Kertanis said there really wasn't anything more to add. Jadwiga Gocłowski asked about our visit from the Commissioner. Jennifer Kertanis said she has not heard anything yet. Jennifer Kertanis reported that she and Brandon had discussed some talking points for that visit.

VI. **Adjourn:** Warren Humphrey motioned to adjourn; Jadwiga Gocłowski seconded. The meeting adjourned at 12:38.