



# Farmington Valley Health District

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## Meeting Minutes

### Board of Health Meeting

October 3, 2023

95 River Road

Canton, CT

12 Noon

Present: Jennifer Kertanis, Brandon Robertson, Mary Jane Parlow, Warren Humphrey, Lynn Robitaille, Erin Barthel, Suzanne Sinacori, Stephanie Johnson, Sam Carter, Debbie Brydon, Melissa Appleby, Sandy Yost, Kat Krajewski (Zoom), Tom Fitzgerald (Zoom), Anna Larson (Zoom), Dan Jerram (joined via Zoom at 12:28p)

The meeting was called to order by Brandon Robertson, Chair at 12:03pm.

- I. Public comment: no public comment.
- II. Minutes of September 5, 2023: Brandon asked for a motion to accept the minutes of September 5, 2023. Sandy Yost moved to approve the minutes; Suzanne Sinacori seconded. All in favor. Minutes approved.
- III. **Business:**
  - a. Budget Revision: Two new grants - Block grant and workforce development grant. Staffing changes leading to reduction in transfer from reserve and extension of lease of additional space through end of fiscal year. Motion to approve the budget revision as presented. Warren Humphrey motioned and Deb Brydon seconded. Approved.
  - b. Quarterly Financials: Jennifer Kertanis will present a modified version at the next meeting as this projection is based on the previous budget. Food projections are based on the food campaign which starts at the end of the fiscal year. Realigned office costs with environmental equipment. View Permit is annual. Vaccine is annual purchase. Everything else is tracking well.
  - c. Accreditation Update (presented by Anna Larson): Explained that we've done a lot more work than presented in graph since we can't check off the CHIP yet. Updates given for domains 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 10. Brandon Robertson asked about domain 9. Anna explained that this domain follows the CHIP and the strategic plan so we can't work through this domain yet. Jennifer Kertanis asked about the board in the copy room - it has been updated.
- IV. **Director Updates:**
  - a. CHIP Meeting: The first meeting was held September 18th at the Avon Senior Center. Next meeting is October 16th here at FVHD. Being strategic about guiding the discussion and keeping the discussion high-level, prevention-based, and population-focused. Using tools to focus discussion. Trying to keep additional topics in mind such as climate change because

although we don't have local level data, this is a public health issue that affects the entire population.

- b. Mental Health Outreach: Will provide an update with ARPA update. Update on CredibleMind roll out. CredibleMind analytics will be shared with the ARPA update.  
MHFA training - encouraged for municipalities (2 x 4-hour sessions).  
QPR training (90-minute training)

V. **Other:**

- a. Opioid Settlement Funds: Meeting monthly with Social Service Directors. Focus on deflection and diversion program based on needs reported by social services. CLEAR program. Will be meeting next week to find out what it would cost to expand the CLEAR program throughout the Farmington Valley. Working with McCall because they have the infrastructure to support the program. Would likely only need 1 or 1.5 additional staff. Reduces interaction with law enforcement, reduction in overdoses, and increases in people seeking treatment. FVHD is not asking for funds. FVHD is working with Social Services to put together a proposal for a regional deflection program that encourages review of what came out of the Governor's Task Force.
- b. Flu Clinic: Public clinic on October 11<sup>th</sup> at Farmington Valley Health District. We will be having a clinic at New Horizons on October 12<sup>th</sup>.

VI. **Adjourn:**

Warren Humphrey motioned to adjourn; Deb Brydon seconded. The meeting adjourned at 12:48pm.