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Meeting Minutes

Board of Health Meeting

November 7, 2023

95 River Road

Canton, CT

12 Noon

Present: Jennifer Kertanis, Brandon Robertson, Warren Humphrey, Lynn Robitaille, Erin Barthel (Zoom), Suzanne Sinacori (Zoom), Stephanie Johnson, Sam Carter, Melissa Appleby, Chris Johnston, Tim Murphy, Jadwiga Gocłowski, Angela Ciottone (Zoom), Tom Fitzgerald, Dan Jerram (Zoom), Joan Kuhnly (Zoom)

The meeting was called to order by Brandon Robertson, Chair at 12:05pm.

- I. Public comment: no public comment.
- II. Minutes of October 3, 2023: Brandon asked for a motion to accept the minutes of October 3, 2023. Warren Humphrey moved to approve the minutes; Melissa Appleby seconded. All in favor. Minutes approved.
- III. **Business:**
 - a. Update on audit: George has been in and should be prepared to present the audit at the December meeting.
 - b. FY 24-25 budget updated to reflect the budget revision passed by the board last month.
 - c. Update on Grants:
 - Workforce Development Grant—federal funding 22-27. This is one of the grants we wrote to the Commissioner about due to delays—finally signed yesterday, nearly a full year since the announcement of the funding in Dec 22.
 - Block Grant-competitive. FVHD submitted a successful proposal. They did cut funding from \$100,000/year to \$75,000. We are modifying the budget and workplan and anticipate a February start date. We must spend full \$75,000 in 8 months or return money as there is no carry forward—we will not send money back.
- IV. **Program Updates:**
 - a. CHIP: third meeting on Monday evening. Working on logic models and beginning to drill down into specific strategies.
 - b. Mental Health Outreach: making great strides - police departments, schools, Granby Board of Selectman, libraries have been contacted.
 - c. Opioid Work Group: met last week with the majority of the Police Chiefs. Purpose was to review deflection program - great interest. FVHD working with social service directors to finalize proposal and then social service and law enforcement can put forth to their respective towns.

- d. Flu Clinic: FVHD has hosted clinics—one more tomorrow and then we are done. Billing is still a challenge; we continue to advocate for change in this area.

V. **Adjourn:**

Jadwiga Gocłowski motioned to adjourn; Chris Johnson seconded. The meeting adjourned at 12:45pm.