East Shore District Health Department
688 East Main Street
Branford, CT 06405

Executive Board Meeting May 9, 2019

- Present: Dennis Nastri, Elaine Anderson, Angela Carrano, Margaret Ikeda, Michael Pascucilla, Virginia Fallon, Darlene Zimmerman, Elias Najjar

- Absent: Shawna Papa-Holzer (submitted resignation)

- Meeting called to order at 5:29 PM by Dennis Nastri

- Correspondence: Michael Solakian, CPA will cost $7,800.00 to do audit

- Minutes accepted as is.

Public Budget Hearing- Budget committee met last week. Per capita cost is $8.59 pp times 71,176 people brings in a total of $611,402.00 of local funding. The ESDHD Budget was presented by Michael Pascucilla and voted on by the ESDHD Board. Motion to approve FY 2019-20 Budget Passed.

Grants Status
1. Opioid grant is up 17.5%
2. The pump-out boat grant administration fee has been reduced from $9,000.00 to $3,000.00
3. Lead grant had been zero over the past few years. We expect more lead cases with the new State Proposed Lead Law.
4. The CDC Fellowship is being processed. We have applied for this for the past 4 years. We are hoping to be successful this year.

Our total budget for ESDHD, to include the reserve fund is approximately $2.1M.

Health Care Plan- We will save $60K~ in health care costs due to savings with the new BC/BS Health Savings Accounts for Non-Union Employees only. We are not going with the State of Connecticut Health Care Plan; however, we will stay with the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Health Care - Town of Branford Plan. A family Plan will save us about one third the costs from $45K to $30K. Union Staff will continue with the old Plan with a cost share of 15% as per their union contract. We are currently in Union Negotiations and health care is being discussed.

Old Business

- SCSU Research Study will be conducted in partnership with Professor Sean Grace involving the pump-out vessels. Research will include measuring noise levels that may impact/affect sea life such as fish and crustaceans.

- Yale Clark Beach Project: This is being continued throughout the summer. A lack of rain has extended the time of the study. Sewers may be extended in the Short Beach area. This project involves the cooperation of the ESDHD, the Town of Branford and the Short Beach community.
Payroll Enhancement System with electronic time sheets is now on-line and seems to be working.

We are using a 19-hour PT Sanitarian employee who is working on food service inspections while an employee is out on medical leave. It needs to be noted that $40K has been allocated for full-time Sanitarian position in the FY 2019-20 ESDHD Budget.

Student Presentations

Joy Tildon - SCSU BS in Public Health. She started this past January and was very complimentary regarding her work with the ESDHD. She has done food inspection, soil testing, pool testing, and water sampling. She condensed a 49-page report to make it more presentable in Washington, DC. Joy gave a power point presentation and discussed several public health and environmental field inspections that she was able to job shadow with ESDHD staff.

CJ and Kaley, MPH students from Yale University - the students spoke about improving the water quality in Short Beach. Short Beach has greater contamination than other areas of Branford. Tides and rainfall affect this contamination. 2 inches of rain within 24 hours will close the beaches. Each beach has different currents and tides. Aims are to obtain water samplings, GIS map of sewage, data analysis of shellfish, and collaboration and accountability with the community, the ESDHD, and the USDA. 51 properties have no sewage records and may be obtained by a questionnaire from the 51 homeowners. The residents of Short Beach and their civic association have been welcoming with ESDHD. Water will be monitored for bacteria, DNA, caffeine and other chemical/physical perimeters. Short Beach is of interest due to its relationship with the Farm River and shellfish beds.

There was a recognition ceremony for Lois Lehr who retired from the ESDHD.

Director’s Report

- Union Contract negotiations and the budget for 2021-2022 are ongoing.
- Public Health Accreditation timeline is set. We must pay an initial $14K to the accrediting board, then $5.6K yearly.
- Governor Lamont has named Rene Coleman Mitchell the new State of Connecticut Director of Health
- Rita, RN has requested reimbursement for two classes she took in holistic nursing. This totaled $4,950.00. The Board agreed to reimburse 80% of her request. Total reimbursement was approve for $3,960.00

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee met and reviewed the quarterly financial report. No adjustments or comments were necessary.

-Meeting adjourned – 7:03 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Manna