

Eastern Highlands Health District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes
Coventry Town Hall Annex
Thursday, January 16, 2020

Members present: J. Elsesser (Coventry), E. Paterson via phone (Mansfield), M. Rosen (Tolland), T. Nuccio (Tolland), D. Walsh (Coventry), M. Walter (Columbia)

Staff present: R. Miller, C. Trahan, K. Dardick, M. Brosseau

Others: E. Anderson (Andover), E. Wiczenski (Willington)

Scheduled Item: EHHD Public Hearing – Proposed FY 20/21 Operating Budget, Proposed FY 20/21 CNR Budget, Proposed FY20/21 Fee Schedule

J. Elsesser called the public hearing to order at 4:37pm. R. Miller read the notice into the record. (See attached) R. Miller noted that there were no written comments received. Hearing no public comment, J. Elsesser closed the public hearing at 4:40pm.

As there was no quorum, R. Miller gave his Directors report

Directors Report

View Permit Cloud Launch

R. Miller reported that an issue with the data migration from ViewPermit to View Point Cloud has delayed the launch.

Cosmetology permitting and inspection program

R. Miller reported that the January 6th, Public forum was well attended. 14 establishments were represented. The timeline was reviewed. There was discussion about when the state code went into effect. R. Miller stated that the state statute went into effect about 14 years about. The standards for inspection are new. T. Nuccio inquired as to whether anything should be done to notify local establishments. R. Miller noted that mailings and emails have been sent out. And communication will continue. D. Walsh asked if another forum will be held. R. Miller stated that if necessary another will be held. E. Anderson questioned whether this applied to mobile vendors. R. Miller noted that the standards apply to brick and mortar establishments.

Sodium/Chloride private well contamination-public education/state workgroup

R. Miller reported that the group at the state discussed at the last meeting is not a task force, but a workgroup. R. Miller is now part of the workgroup. R. Miller extended the invitation for anyone to attend with him.

R. Miller informed the board that online information is being updated.

J. Elsesser requested that information articles be send out via social media and local newsletters.

FDA Food Code transition – Inspector Certification Extension

R. Miller informed the board that this will likely be extended another year.

Call to Order

E. Paterson joined the meeting via phone at 5:14pm and J. Elsesser called the meeting to order.

T. Nuccio made a MOTION seconded by D. Walsh to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2019 meeting as presented. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Proposed Fiscal Year 20/21 Operating Budget, Proposed FY 20/21 CNR Budget, Proposed FY 20/21 Fee schedule, and FY 20/21 employee medical insurance cost share.

R. Miller outlined the following proposed amendments to the proposed budget:

- 4.8% reduction in medical insurance premiums to \$135,540.
- Member town rate increase of 4.9% changing the town contribution per capita rate to \$5.685.
- Reduction in appropriation of fund balance to \$50,920.
- Total operational spending of \$883,540.

E. Paterson made a MOTION, seconded by D. Walsh to amend the proposed FY 20/21 budget as presented. MOTION PASSED unanimously. J. Elsesser noted for the record that this concurs with the finance committee recommendations.

J. Elsesser made a motion, seconded by D. Walsh to adopt the proposed FY 20/21 budget as amended. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

D. Walsh made a motion, seconded by T. Nuccio to adopt the proposed FY 20/21 CNR budget as presented. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

R. Miller informed the board that based on feedback from owners on an inequity of fees for independent contractor vs an establishment an amendment has been made to the fee schedule, adding a new fee of \$25 for independent cosmetology contractors.

D. Walsh made a MOTION seconded by E. Paterson to amend the proposed FY 20/21 fee schedule to add the fee of \$25 for independent contractors. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

D. Walsh made a MOTION seconded by T. Nuccio to adopt the proposed FY 20/21 fee schedule as amended. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

E. Paterson made a MOTION, seconded by M. Walter to set the employee medical insurance premium cost share for the PPO at 18.5%. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Finance Committee – Quarterly financial report for the period ending 12/31/19

R. Miller provided an overview of the quarterly financial report for the period ending 12/31/2019. D. Walsh made a MOTION, seconded by T. Nuccio to accept the quarterly financial report as presented. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Communications

R. Miller noted the resignation letter from former member R. DeVito. D. Walsh noted that the Personnel Committee had already instructed the Director to establish an exit interview program.

Adjournment

E. Paterson made a MOTION, seconded by D. Walsh to adjourn the regular meeting at 5:47pm. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Town Reports

Report from Dr. Dardick

Dr. Dardick reported on the mumps outbreak at UConn. R. Miller noted that there are 6 cases that are epidemiologically linked. Of particular importance is the incubation period of 21 days.

Dr. Dardick expressed that influenza in the area is sporadic.

Meningococcal case is significant because if there are 2 separate cases at the Storrs campus in a 6 month period, then mass vaccination will be necessary.

DPH re: Vaping associated lung injury

R. Miller reported that CDC has published an association of THC and vitamin e-acetate in vaping products with lung injury.

Andover

E. Anderson reported that there is an Andover resident who has started a septic pumping business at his residence. This has been referred to the Health District and the Zoning department.

Willington


E. Wiczenski informed the board that there is still no resolution in the situation where a homeowner is looking to connect to a public water system.

Tolland

M. Rosen reported that the town of Tolland is in conversations with DEEP regarding the NaCl issue. There is potential that DEEP will hold a meeting in Tolland on the issue.

Next Board Meeting – February 20, 2020, 4:30 PM at Coventry Town Hall Annex

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Miller
Secretary

