

Eastern Highlands Health District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes
Coventry Town Hall Annex
Thursday, January 19, 2017

Members present: J. Elsesser (Coventry), R. Field (Tolland), E. Paterson (Mansfield), P. Schur (Willington), J. Stille (Bolton), B. Syme (Scotland), D. Walsh (Coventry), M. Walter (Columbia), S. Werbner (Tolland)

Staff present: R. Miller, M. Brosseau

E. Paterson called the meeting to order at 4:31 pm.

J. Elsesser made a MOTION seconded by S. Werbner to adopt the minutes of the December 15, 2016 regular meeting as presents. MOTION PASSED unanimously, with R. Field abstaining.

Scheduled Business – Public Hearing – Proposed Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Budgets and Fee Schedule

J. Elsesser made a MOTION, seconded by J. Stille to open the public hearing at 4:31 pm. MOTION PASSED. R. Miller read the announcement into the record. (See attached hearing notice.) Seeing no public present, J. Elsesser made a MOTION, seconded by J. Stille to close the public hearing at 4:32 pm. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Proposed Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Budgets and Fee Schedule

J. Stille made a MOTION seconded by R. Field to adopt the fiscal year 2017/2018 operating budget, CNR budget and fee schedule as presented.

S. Werbner inquired whether it was necessary to adopt the budget by the end of January. Following discussion, J. Stille WITHDREW her MOTION. By general consensus it was agreed to hold adoption of the budget until the February meeting, and to send out letters to town regarding the proposed per capita contribution fees.

E. Paterson left the meeting at 4:40 pm and J. Elsesser ran the remainder of the meeting.

Subcommittee Reports

Finance Committee – FY 2015/2016 Audit Report

J. Stille reported that the finance committee met and reviewed the FY 2015/2016 Audit Report remarking that it was a clean report. The Finance committee accepted the audit as presented.

Directors Report

DPH Proposal to Consolidate Local Health Departments – update

R. Miller reported that the letter to Commission Pino had been sent. The letter was signed by 5 representatives and 3 senators. R. Miller noted the assistance provided by Tim

Ackert's Office and acknowledged the support from town CEOs and board members. As of the meeting this meeting, no response has been received. R. Miller outlined recent revisions to the Commissioner's proposal.

Town Reports

Bolton J. Stille expressed thanks to R. Miller for attending the television show on the Community Voice Channel. J. Stille announced that a grant has been awarded to Bolton & Coventry jointly for a study to be done on the feasibility of a trail along route 6.

Tolland S. Werbner informed the board that the concrete foundation issue is ongoing. Numerous legislative proposals are being made. J. Elsesser noted that the Crumbling Basement group plans to be at the legislative hearings.

Coventry J. Elsesser reported that the town of Coventry is still looking into expanding into the Bolton Sewer system.

Substance Abuse in our Communities Workgroup – update

R. Miller informed the board that the planning for the Opiod event is going well. Presently the focus is on working with the panelists. Fliers and materials have been distributed. R. Miller is hopeful that there will be a good turnout for the event.

Strategic Plan Update R. Miller reported that there is forward movement on the ViewPermit issue. Internal training has been done with staff using the iPads.

Meningococcal meningitis case R. Miller informed the board that he is working with the state DPH and UConn on a single case. If a second case is confirmed, all students and faculty within the high risk age group is recommended to receive vaccination.

FDA Food Code R. Miller noted that there is proposed legislature to adopt the FDA food code.

Adjournment

J. Stille made a MOTION seconded by R. Field to adjourn the meeting at 5:28 pm.

Next Board Meeting – February 16, 2017, 4:30 PM at Coventry Town Hall Annex

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Miller
Secretary