

Eastern Highlands Health District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Thursday, June 16, 2011
1712 Main Street, Coventry CT
Coventry Town Hall Annex

Members Present: J. Elsesser, J. Luiz, M. Hart, P. Schur, S. Werbner, T. Tully, D. Walsh, M. Kurland (4:41)

Staff Present: R. Miller, C. Trahan, M. Brosseau

Members Absent: E. Paterson, R. Fletcher, J. Stille, C. Mailhos (Alternate), F. Daniels, M. Zambo (Alternate), Andover appointee (Vacant), Scotland appointee (Vacant)

J. Elsesser called the meeting to order at 4:32 pm.

M. Hart made a MOTION , seconded **by S. Werbner** to approve the minutes of April 28, 2011 meeting as presented. The MOTION was PASSED unanimously with P. Schur and T. Tully abstaining.

Public Comments – None

Old Business

1. Childhood Obesity (item 5, 4/28/11 meeting)

There was discussion about the “Let’s Move Cities & Towns Initiative”. EHHD has registered as a participant. This aligns well with ACHIEVE initiatives and provides resources.

J. Elsesser reported that Coventry has a program called STEPS, this program looks at ages birth to 8, targeting school lunch programs and Safe Routes to schools to address childhood obesity issues.

S. Werbner reported that Tolland is part of state program that gives an additional rebate if you adhere to certain standards such as removing soda machines etc.

M Hart reported that Mansfield will have a conversation with school officials.

CHART will keep this as an action item and may at times need to seek support from the Board.

R. Miller invited All BOD members to a leadership breakfast with Mr. Fenton scheduled on September 1, 2011.

New Business

2. Preventive Health Services Block Grant Application – ratification

MOTION made by M. Hart seconded by M. Kurland to ratify the FY 2011/2012 Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant, Continuation Funding Application as signed by the Director of Health on April 29, 2011. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

There was discussion regarding the availability of staff resources to handle additional Employee Wellness Program workload. R. Miller reported that additional staff has been hired that will equal one FTE dedicated to the Employee Wellness Program.

3. Tolland Employee Wellness Services Agreement – authorization

MOTION made by D. Walsh, seconded by P. Schur to authorize the Director to execute the agreement titled, "Town of Tolland/Eastern Highlands Health District Employee Wellness Service Agreement" as present to the Board of Directors on June 16, 2011. There was discussion regarding slight errors in the budget. MOTION PASSED unanimously with S. Werbner abstaining.

4. Chatham Health District Employee Wellness Services Agreement – authorization

MOTION made by M. Hart, seconded by J. Luiz to authorize the Director of Health to negotiate terms, and execute an agreement with the Chatham Health District to provide employee wellness services consistent with the terms presented on June 16, 2011. MOTION PASSED unanimously. There was discussion about the pricing structure. S. Werbner suggested that special attention be paid to helping other towns deliver the appropriate message prior to rolling out employee wellness services.

Town Reports

Mansfield – June 29th there will be a ground breaking ceremony for first 2 sub phases of Storrs Center project.

Continuing to working toward the development of the 4 corners area and bringing additional water and sewer to the area. Favorable news was received that UConn Tech park has received federal funding. This will include money that to be used to bring additional water to the area. Mansfield is jointly commissioning with UConn on an Environmental Impact Evaluation.

Petco will be moving into the staples plaza on route 195; United Services is building a facility on Frontage Road.

Coventry – Coventry Farmers Market has been voted "Best Farmers Market in Connecticut" by Boston magazine. Itinerant vendor will be opening on Route 44. Applied for Playful City USA grant. If awarded they will be first playful City in Connecticut.

Chairs Report

5. NALBOH Survey

Survey completed by R. Miller and E. Paterson. Completed survey presented to the Board for questions; there were no questions.

Subcommittee Reports

6. Healthcare pooling opportunities.

R. Miller and C. Trahan attend a presentation at Eastconn on health insurance collaborative. This presentation done by K. De Pietro highlighted the "Day in the life" of a Board of Directors for Healthcare Collaboration. A copy of the powerpoint presentation will be made available to the subcommittee members.

Draft of by-laws were distributed at the meeting and will be forwarded to ad hoc committee members.

No discussion of template agreements occurred at this meeting.

Future meetings will be for those people that are committed to moving forward with this collaboration.

J. Elsesser stated that the State employees health insurance plan now open to town employees and their retirees.

Directors Report

7. Community Transformation Grants

R. Miller stated that this is significant funding that could redefine public local health. The focus of the grant is primary prevention. The letter of intent was submitted by CADH and DPH. Potential for 4 awards within Connecticut. Application is due by July 15, 2011.

8. Quarterly activity reports period ending 3/31/11

No questions or discussion.

Communications

10. DPH re: Local Health roles and responsibilities regarding TB control.

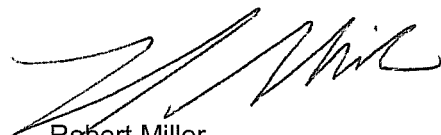
A question was raised about how this was going to change the role of the director. R. Miller reported that this communication is a clarification of the roles and responsibilities that have always been in place. It is responsibility of the Director and it has always been a challenge to meet these responsibilities.

13. Courant: re: New Public Health Commissioner

Local health is optimistic about this new commissioner. She is a proponent of primary prevention and has established a good relationship with CADH thus far.

A MOTION was made by S. Werbner, seconded by M. Kurland to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m. The MOTION was PASSED unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Miller
Secretary