

Eastern Highlands Health District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 15, 2011
1712 Main Street, Coventry, CT
Coventry Town Hall Annex

Members Present: J. Elsesser, R. Fletcher, M. Hart, J. Luiz, M. Kurland, P. Schur, J. Stille, T. Tully, D. Walsh, S. Werbner

Staff Present: K. Dardick (5:45), C. Trahan, R. Miller, M. Brosseau

Members Absent: F. Daniels, C. Mailhos (Alternate), E. Paterson, M. Zambo (Alternate), Andover Appointee (vacant), Scotland Appointee (vacant).

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

Election of Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Assistant Treasurer)

S. Werbner made a MOTION to nominate and elect the same slate that is currently serving (Chair E. Paterson, Vice Chair J. Elsesser, Assistant Treasurer J. Stille), seconded by P. Schur. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

J. Stille made a MOTION, seconded by P. Schur to approve the minutes of October 20, 2011 meeting as amended. The spelling of E. Paterson corrected on line 1 and 6. The MOTION PASSED unanimously with R. Fletcher and T. Tully abstaining.

Public Comments None

Old Business None

New Business

1. Proposed fiscal Year 2013 Budget – set public hearing date

R. Miller presented the salient factors incorporated into the budget proposal. Total proposed FY13 operating budget of \$714, 375. This is a decrease of \$2,825 from the previous fiscal year. Proposed 1.9% increase in town contribution rate. Proposed 5% rate increase in most fee for service categories.

J. Stille made a MOTION seconded by M. Hart to set a public hearing date of Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 4:30 PM, Coventry Town Hall, Annex, to hear the public's comments regarding the Proposed Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Eastern Highlands Health District budgets and associated fee schedule. The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

There was discussion regarding strategic budget planning, and board involvement in the budget process. M. Hart suggested a budget workshop be conducted for the board. S. Werbner suggested such workshop be held during a regular meeting.

A discussion regarding standing committee appointments ensued. J. Elsesser requested that this be placed on a future meeting agenda for further discussion and possible action.

S. Werbner noted inequities associated with 2010 census estimate and its effect on member town contribution increases. S. Werbner suggested that given the size of available general fund balance that those funds could be used to reduce town per capita contribution rate.

S. Werbner made a MOTION TO AMEND the proposed FY2013 budget, seconded by R. Fletcher to not increase the town contribution rate (remains at \$4.51 per capita) and use general fund balance to offset the reduction in revenue and balance the operating budget. MOTION TO AMEND proposed FY2013 operating budget passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

2. Healthcare pooling opportunities update

C. Trahan presented the highlights of the meeting held 12/15/11 at EastConn. C. Trahan distributed and discussed the chart prepared recapping the information towns provide on their plans and the simulated savings for various towns.

Town Reports

Mansfield: M. Hart reported that the Wellness program for Mansfield is still going well.

The Storrs Center construction will result in additional restaurant work for the Health District.

Mansfield continues to work with UConn on water supply issues such as bringing public water and sewers to the four corners area.

M. Kurland reported that there was a water main break at the intersection of N. Eagleville Road and route 195.

Tolland: S. Werbner reported that Tolland is still working with R. Miller and DEEP on Tolland Facilities plan.

Bolton: J. Stille suggested that there be an evaluation about how best to communicate with member towns during power outages. Perhaps have EHHD staff participate in EOC operational meetings.

Coventry: J. Elsesser reported that the Coventry Farmer's Market is seeking a new location. Coventry and Mansfield will be meeting to review the sewer proposal next week.

The Public Works garage has opened.

Firehouse framing is expected to be complete by the end of December.

There are 2 anticipated restaurant closures: Rosie's Deli and Daisy's Creamery

Chairs Report

3. Public School Nutrition

D. Walsh stated that discussion on this item will be postponed until the next meetine when B. Paterson returns. D. Walsh requested that everyone please review the script and list of questions and possibly phone appropriate people prior to next meeting.

Directors Report

4. Quarterly Activity Report – period ending 9/30/11

No questions or discussion from members.

Communications/Other Materials

No questions or discussion from members.

.Next Board Meeting – January 19, 2012

MOTION made by D. Walsh, Seconded by J. Luiz to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 pm. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Miller
Secretary