

Eastern Highlands Health District  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Thursday, January 20, 2011

Coventry Town Hall Annex

Members Present: D. Walsh, E. Paterson, J. Elsesser, J. Luiz, J. Stille, M. Kurland, P. Schur, S. Werbner

Staff Present: R. Miller, M. Remy, C. Trahan, A. Bloom

Members Absent: F. Daniels, R. Fletcher, Andover Appointee (vacant), Scotland Appointee (vacant), M. Hart, T. Tully, C. Mailhos (alternate), M. Zambo (alternate), Dr. Dardick

**E. Paterson opened the public hearing at 4:40 p.m. on the proposed FY 2012 Budget and Fee Schedule.**

R. Miller read into the record the public hearing notice (attached to minutes) on the Proposed FY 11/12 Budget & Fee Schedule. The public hearing notice was posted in Chronicle and Journal Inquirer January 4, 2011. No written communications were received from the public as of the time of the public hearing.

No public in attendance.

**E. Paterson closed the public hearing at 4:41 p.m.**

**E. Paterson called the meeting to order at 4:41 p.m.**

D. Walsh made a MOTION, seconded by P. Schur to approve the minutes of December 16, 2010 as presented. The MOTION was PASSED unanimously with J. Stille and J. Luiz abstaining.

**Old Business**

**1. Proposed FY 2012 Budget and Fee Schedule:**

R. Miller recommended an additional motion for increase in employee health insurance premium cost share of 1% and adoption of capitol budget of \$2,000, both of which are incorporated in budget.

J. Elsesser made a MOTION, seconded by J. Stille to adopt the Proposed FY12 Budget and Fee Schedule as presented. The MOTION was PASSED unanimously.

D. Walsh made a MOTION, seconded by L. Luiz to increase employee health insurance premium cost share by 1%, effective July 1, 2011. The MOTION was PASSED unanimously.

J. Elsesser made a MOTION, seconded by D. Walsh to adopt the proposed FY12 Capitol budget of \$2,000 as presented. The MOTION was PASSED unanimously.

**New Business**

**2. Audited Financial Statements for year ending June 30, 2010:**

R. Miller reported the Finance Committee met before the meeting with a representative from auditors. The auditor provided highest opinion standard. The Finance Committee recommended acceptance of the EHHD Financial Statement and Audit Report.

D. Walsh made a MOTION, seconded by M. Kurland to accept the independent auditor's report and EHHD Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2010 as presented. The MOTION was PASSED unanimously.

### **3. Ratify Public Health Emergency Preparedness Contract #2011-1073**

D. Walsh made a MOTION, seconded by J. Stille to ratify the Public Health Preparedness Grant, Contract #2011-1073, as signed and submitted by the Director of Health to the CT DPH. The MOTION was PASSED unanimously.

R. Miller reported that there will be an amendment to this contract of \$83,000 due to additional funds available from the Department of Public Health's H1N1 response fund.

### **4. District Wide Employee Wellness**

R. Miller presented a conceptual scope of services and budget for a district wide employee Wellness Program.

Standard scope of services are based on certain factors to ensure success such as comprehensive program design, management support, broad communications, on site staff, multiple offerings, health screenings, health awareness campaigns, targeted education, vendor integration.

R. Miller identified challenges with implementing district wide program such as obtaining buy in from all public employers.

R. Miller suggested program expansion could be achieved by continuing to offer program to public employers on a fee for service basis.

S. Werbner suggested soliciting Anthem for a grant to expand program.

A Bloom (BeWell Coordinator) reported on success with the Mansfield Employee Wellness Program and answered board questions regarding program.

P. Schur asked if all district BOE's were aware of the program.

At the suggestion of the board members the following actions are planned: 1. Solicit a grant from Anthem  
2. Survey district BOE's for interest in Employee Wellness Program.

### **Town Reports**

Coventry – New deli opened in Town

Bolton – Report on sewer project (phase I (98% complete) and phase II (60% complete) )

Tolland – Discussion ensued regarding proposed Hookah Lounge that was denied approval by Planning and Zoning.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

#### **5. Healthcare pooling opportunities update**

Members of subcommittee met with EASTCONN representative in early January. EASTCONN agreed to administer a meeting with area Town CEO's and School Superintendents. Meeting objective would be to invite entities to participate in a regional exploratory committee. Exploratory committee would conduct study of health care pooling options. Meeting tentatively scheduled for February.

J. Elsesser expressed concern with EASTCONN's motives and suggested subcommittee establish objectives before attending February meeting.

## **Directors Report**

### **6. ACHIEVE/CHART – program coordinator update**

A Bloom reported on program background, current activities and objectives for the future.

D. Walsh requested A Bloom to come back next meeting to talk about obesity prevention and school lunch program quality. Ms. Walsh suggested greater involvement by Board on the issue. J. Elsesser commented on some barriers to improving school lunch program such as cost of food and management gaps.

### **7. Quarterly Financial Reports**

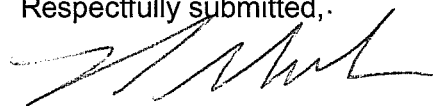
R. Miller reported that the Finance Committee met before meeting; reviewed and accepted report.

## **Communications**

R. Miller reported that BeWell, BOE and Town of Mansfield are being recognized at the Business Council of Fairfield County for efforts in promoting a healthy workplace.

A MOTION was made by M. Kurland, seconded by P. Schur to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. The MOTION was PASSED unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Miller  
Secretary



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### **Eastern Highlands Health District Public Hearing Proposed Budget FY 11/12 & Fee Schedule**

The Eastern Highlands Health District will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, January 20, 2011, at 4:30 p.m. in the Coventry Town Hall, Annex, 1712 Main Street, Coventry Connecticut, to hear citizen's comments on the Proposed FY 2011-2012 District Budget and associated proposed service fee schedule. At this hearing interested persons may appear and be heard and written communications received. Copies of the proposed District Budget and proposed fee schedule are available in the Andover, Ashford, Bolton, Chaplin, Columbia, Coventry, Mansfield, Scotland, Tolland and Willington Town Clerk offices. Written comments will be received up to the close of the hearing and can be directed to the Health District Board of Directors at 4 South Eagleville Road, Mansfield, CT 06268

Dated at Mansfield, Connecticut, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011.

Robert L. Miller  
Director of Health