

DRAFT February 7, 2024

Wallingford Board of Health
45 South Main Street, Town Hall, Rm 315
Minutes of February 7, 2024

Call to Order: 8:35 a.m. by Vanessa Bautista, Director of Health.

Present: Mayor Cervoni, Dr. Delbert Smith, Jeffrey Necio, Len Guercia, Kathy Neelon, Adriana Rodriguez, Isaac Cardona

Guest: Anne Bernick, Public Health Nurse

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the previous December 6, 2023 meeting was made by Lenny Guercia and seconded by Jeffrey Necio. Mayor Cervoni abstained.

Agenda:

School Health: Kathy Neelon

- Noted that there has been no increase in COVID-19 or respiratory diseases within the schools.
- The Board of Education is actively involved in the Drowning Prevention Committee.
- It was mentioned that all schools are equipped with Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) and regularly conduct mock drills for preparedness.

Directors Report (See attached):

1. Infectious Diseases: Anne Bernick

- a. Anne Bernick stated that WHD will cease administering COVID-19 vaccines as we are no longer eligible for free vaccine supplies.
- b. Anne provided a summary of the vaccine clinics conducted in 2023..

2. Environmental: See the Director's report.

3. Public Health Emergency Preparedness Response:

- a. Ongoing engagement in monthly MRC, CRI, and ESF 8 meetings.
- b. Reviewed the Community Emergency Trainings outlined in the 2023 Annual Report.
- c. Team members took part in the MRC Training day at SCSU.
- d. Teamed up with Lenny Guercia to develop a Warming and Cooling Center Plan (MOU currently under review by the law department).
- e. Received a donation of an AED from the Heart Foundation for installation along the Linear Trail, available for public use during emergencies.

4. Community Outreach/ Health Education: See the Director's report.

5. Community Partnership: See the Director's report.

- a. Launching a QPR initiative in collaboration with YSS (QPR training will be available at multiple Town organizations).
- b. Conducting Opioid Remediation programs in partnership with the Coalition for a Better Wallingford.
- c. Lenny Guercia highlighted the WHD's collaboration with the CERT team and Red Cross to initiate sheltering operations during a fire incident.

6. Public Health Policies:

- a. Updating Food Ordinance, Chapter 122 to align with the FDA Model Food Code.
- b. Lead Standards (Public Act 22-49) were adjusted with the action level lowered to >10ug/dl from >15ug/dl effective 1/1/24.

7. Competent Workforce and Development: See Director's Report

8. Administrative: See Director's Report

- a. The PH Workforce Development grant will support retaining the full-time PH Educator/Emergency Preparedness Coordinator position for an additional year and will fund ongoing education certifications.
- b. ARPA funding allocated for lead (Pb) will be utilized to launch the Lead Poisoning Prevention program.

Meeting adjourned: 9:22am

Next Meeting: May 8, 2024

Respectfully Submitted,

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**Wallingford Board of Health
Director's Report for February 1, 2023**

1. Infectious Diseases (Anne Bernick)

- COVID-19 Response/Update (PowerPoint Slides & 2022 Annual Report)
- Vaccine Clinics

2. Environmental:

- 2022 Annual Report pgs. 17-18

3. Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP):

- MRC and ESF 8 meetings
- Trainings conducted, CPR/AED courses (2022 Annual Report pg.12)

4. Community Outreach:

- 2022 Annual Report pg.12
- CFPM course

5. Community Partnerships:

- Partnership with SCOW
- SCOW Health Fair
- Early Childhood Education and Information Fair (Wallingford Public Library)
- Speech and hearing screening for children in partnership with Wallingford Parks and Recs.

6. Public Health Policies:

- Salon Establishments Ordinance Chapter 592 per Public Act 19-117
- Lead Standards (Public Act 22-49)

7. Maintain a competent public health workforce:

- 2 Staff members to complete CPR/AED Instructor course.
- 1 Staff member to complete QPR Instructor Course.
- 2 Staff members attending the NACCHO Preparedness Summit

8. Administrative:

- ELC 1 no-cost extension to expire on December 31, 2023
- ELC 2 (Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Cooperative Agreement Funding)
- SFY 2022 Local Health Annual Report (DPH)

Next Meeting: May 3, 2023

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