

**Wallingford Board of Health  
45 South Main Street, Town Hall, Rm 315  
Minutes of September 4, 2024**

**Call to Order:** 8:36 a.m. by Eloise Hazelwood, Acting Director of Health.

**Present:** Mayor Cervoni, Chair Isaac Cardona, Len Guercia, Kathy Neelon, Tracey Weeks, Dr. Smith, Medical Advisor

**Guest:** Anne Bernick, Public Health Nurse  
Aimee Turner Asst School Superintendent, Special Education and School Nurse oversight

**Minutes:** DRAFT Minutes, May 8, 2024 approved as distributed.

**Agenda:** See Director's Report (attached)

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**1. Infectious Diseases: Anne Bernick**

- a. Review of COVID infections, increase in the number of cases for the summer months-discussion possibly due to increased indoor activity (heat related)
- b. Discussed an increase of Pertussis cases in CT; adults should update/booster to prevent illness
- c. Seasonal Flu Clinics scheduled with East Shore Health District:
  - 10/15/24 Senior Center 10:30-12:30
  - 10/24 Town Hall noon – 1:30
  - 10/26/24 Public Library 10:00 -noon (provided by Beacon Health)
  - Additional clinics may be scheduled

**2. School Health: Aimee Turner (see attached charts)**

- a. Review of case count of illness that are required to be reported
- b. Review of total number of office visits; discussion on the staff visits related to behavioral issues within the classroom
- c. Discussion on the chronic absenteeism and potential causes (> 10 absences considered “chronic”); intervention implemented includes LEAP grant (Learner Engagement Attendance Program) includes hiring of licensed psychologist (Trauma Specialist)
- d. Guidance from CDC to prevent Respiratory Illness was shared with parents/schools
- e. Discussion on waitlist for school physicals for children without medical providers-delays prevent the child from attending school

**Directors Report (See attached):**

**3. Environmental: Reviewed all items listed on the Director's report**

- a. Discussion on the complexity of Hoarding from a code enforcement aspect
- b. Discussion on the required actions to conduct a Comprehensive Lead Inspection and use of an professional contracted staff to conduct the XRF testing (see Directors Report for “action levels”)

**4. Public Health Emergency Preparedness Response: : Reviewed all items listed on the Director's report**

**5. Community Outreach/ Health Education: Reviewed all items listed on the Director's report**

**6. Community Partnership: See the Director's report.**

- a. Updated the Board on progress of the revised Wallingford Health Improvement Plan and reviewed the current focus area; Healthy Wallingford has been an action item since the year 2000- plan and action steps to address community health needs is revised every 5 years, current plan 2025-2030
- b. Discussion on the T DPH and DMAS "LiveLoud.org" initiative to reduce stigma of Opioid addictions; - program developed six years ago-but apparently not widely shared with Local Health or other more local partners
- c. Discussed the ARPA grant fund to CHC for a mobile clinic (van) and what services it they will provide. CHC representative and the van will be available for viewing and questions as to use/location/process etc. in the near future. Director will notify BoH members of the date/time.

**7. Public Health Policies: Reviewed as part of School Health report**

**8. Competent Workforce and Development: See the Director's Report**

- a. Discussed the need for Council approval of job description, hopefully in October to ensure sufficient time for posting/interviews
- b. Reviewed DPH CTtrain; BoH members are able to create an account to complete the MANY training opportunities; discussed new modules for review of the administrative aspects of code enforcement (violations of CT Public health Code are criminal misdemeanors)

**9. Administrative: See the Director's Report**

- a. Discussed the proposed office renovations and timeframe
- b. Vanessa Bautista, DoH, scheduled to return from FMLA in October

**Meeting adjourned: 8:54am**

**Next Meeting:** December 4, 2024

Respectfully Submitted,

*Eloise Hazelwood*

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