

DRAFT February 1, 2023

**Wallingford Board of Health  
45 South Main Street, Town Hall, Rm 315  
Minutes of February 1, 2023**

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

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

**Excused:** Daryll Porto, Melinda Schoen

**Guest:** Anne Bernick, Public Health Nurse and Nina Robertson, Health Educator

**Minutes:** DRAFT Minutes, December 7, 2022, were approved as distributed.

**Agenda:**

**School Health: Kathy Neelon**

- Discussion of the current level of COVID-19, RSV, and Influenza cases in public schools and mitigation measures used when COVID-19 cases are determined to be epidemiologically linked (COVID-19 clusters).
- It was indicated that school nurses continue to monitor COVID-19 cases daily to report to DPH.

**Staffing:**

- Introduced Nina Robertson as the new health educator.

**Directors Report (See attached):**

**1. Infectious Diseases: Anne Bernick**

- a. COVID-19, and Influenza health data were reviewed. The report was completed by a contract with an epidemiologist through ECL1 funding (See attached report).
- b. Reviewed 2022 influenza and COVID-19 vaccine clinics, including homebound vaccinations (See attached 2022 Annual Report).

**2. Environmental: See the Director's report**

**3. Public Health Emergency Preparedness Response (PHEPR):**

- a. The WHD continues to attend monthly MRC and ESF 8 meetings.
- b. MRC: Due to the change in the MRC member application requiring a social security number, a motion was made by Mayor Dickinson not to adopt this requirement and move forward by creating a local volunteer group. The motion was seconded by Isaac Cardona. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. Community Outreach/ Health Education: (See attached 2022 Annual Report)**

- b. Due to the recertification process to teach the English and Spanish Certified Food Protection Manager course. These courses will be offered to all food operators in the upcoming months.

**5. Community partnership:**

- a. The health department continues to work with SCOW for multiple preventive health events, including COVID clinics, testing, and translation services.
- b. WHD participated in SCOW's health fair on January 31 and distributed PPE and health education information to all attendees.
- c. WHD will participate in the Early Childhood Education and Information Fair at the Wallingford Public Library on February 4, 2023.
- d. WHD will collaborate with Parks and Recs to implement a free speech and hearing screening for children in May.

**6. Public Health Policies:**

- a. WHD has been actively licensing businesses that offer aesthetic services to comply with the adjusted local ordinance Chapter 592.
- b. Public Act 22-49 lowered the lead threshold standards on January 1, 2023.

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

**2. Administrative:**

- a. WHD was granted a no-cost extension to spend the remaining funds from ELC 1 with an expiration date of December 31, 2023.
- b. Awaiting final approval for the ELC2 grant.
- c. SFY 2022 local health annual report was submitted to DPH on January 24, 2023.

**Meeting adjourned:** 9:28 am.

**Next Meeting:** May 3, 2023

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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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