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Members Present: Richard Bellows, Deborah Cavalier, Debra Charles, Eileen Pannese, and Joel Kunkel, MD, Medical Director

Also Present: Rhonda Capuano, Director of Health

Members Absent: Nancy Busch

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Bellows called the Trumbull Health Board to order at 6:15PM

Pledge of Allegiance

No public comments.

The board reviewed the minutes for the April 13, 2016 meeting. Moved by Ms. Charles to accept the minutes of the April 13, 2016 meeting; seconded by Ms. Cavalier. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Capuano distributed the Director's report and highlighted specific items.

Operations:

- The Primary Care Action Group, is made up of the two area hospitals and local health departments along with other organizations, conducts community health needs assessments every three years to access the health status and needs of the community. This year, for the first time, the data was compiled using the same standards state-wide. So it is easier to compare towns across the state. The Greater Bridgeport Community Health Needs Assessment findings were compiled via focus groups such as Stern Village, community phone surveys and key informant surveys and the results are presented in the 2016 Community Health Improvement Plan which has been shared with numerous town departments such as the First Selectman's Office, Police, Parks and Recreation. The information will be formally presented on May 16th at the Discovery School in Bridgeport.
- The TRUMBULL SHARES community presentation on substance abuse had approximately 100 people in attendance. Panel presenters included: addiction specialist, Police, surviving parent, and many others. Trumbull Police Cadets were also in attendance assisting with the event.

Environmental Health:

- As the weather got warmer the Septic related activities increased.
- The department was involved with 2 outbreak investigations.
- Preparing for the upcoming farmer's market by reviewing applications and processing licenses.

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Community Health:

- Nurses and sanitarian attended the "Putting on Airs" training. The program will be offered by the Health Department and is primarily for children who suffer from asthma and to educate them how to recognize triggers and how to avoid them. A referral from a physician starts the process.
- The Health Department has acquired Varivax (Chickenpox) and Zostravax (Shingles) vaccines.
- Cholesterol testing is available to the community.
- The state database for enteric and lead cases has revealed that influenza is still prevalent this late in the season, especially in younger people.

Health Education:

- Blood pressure workshop finished with all 17 participants completing the 6 week program and receiving their own blood pressure monitoring devices.
- Public Health Week was celebrated with an interactive display at Fairchild Wheeler library.
- April 6th, was National Walking day with 20 people including the First Selectman, town employees, and citizens turned out for the mile walk about the Town Hall area.

Moved by Ms. Charles, seconded by Ms. Cavalier and voted unanimously to enter into executive session at 6:56PM.

Moved by Ms. Pannese, seconded by Ms. Cavalier and voted unanimously to close executive session at 7:15PM.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- The Zika virus. To date there are no Zika contracted cases originating in Connecticut. However, a Zika cousin has been identified in coastal communities, in recent years, but not in Trumbull. The mosquito is a day time biter, unlike the West Nile mosquito which was a dusk and dawn biter. There is one trap in Trumbull set up to monitor mosquito activity. The local health departments will be receiving dunks of larvicide to distribute to the public, in the near future. The main focus will be on educating residents on what they can do to protect themselves.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, moved by Ms. Charles, seconded by Ms. Cavalier and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:26PM.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, 06/08/2016 at 6:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna DiPalma