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Members Present: Nancy Busch – Chairperson, Debbi Charles, Allison Vallance, Amy LeBarney & Glenn Rich,
MD

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: Lucienne Bango – Director of Health, Joel Kunkel, MD – Medical Director, William Chin – Director of Information Technology, Trumbull Community TV, Taylor Pennino – Administrative Assistant

Call to Order: Ms. Busch called the Trumbull Health Board to order at 6:17 p.m.

Public Comment: None.

Ms. Vallance made a motion to accept the January 11th meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Charles. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Bango provided a recap of department activity since the last meeting.

- Upcoming mental health webinar on March 2nd from 6:00-7:30 p.m. regarding teens and adolescents
- Put in our flu vaccine preorder for this fall
- Flu vaccine cost \$42,000 this year compared to \$31,000 in 2022
- Our new intern is working on radon and is helping run our radon test kit event at the Trumbull Library tomorrow, February 9th from 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- We handled a relocation issue due to no heat or electricity
- The occupant was relocated to a hotel
- Ms. Bango is attending a meeting tomorrow regarding putting together a relocation policy with the First Selectman's Office and the Finance Department
- The renter of the relocation case made a complaint because they did not have heat
- For hoarding complaints we work with Fire, EMS or Police to handle the situation because they are usually the departments that discover the hoard
- The town is responsible to relocate the tenant if the conditions are deemed unlivable
- Other cities have relocation officer in charge of finding them adequate housing that's comparable to where they're currently living
- In the current case the tenant was relocated to a hotel
- The Town put a lien on the property deemed unlivable until the issues are resolved
- Another option would be that the Town gives the tenant a one-time payment of \$4,000 and they find their own housing with funds instead of the Town having to relocate them
- Housing policy that the Town is trying to develop would not need to be passed through the Town Council

- We received over \$65,000 in vaccine revenue this year so far
- Our biggest year in revenue from vaccines was \$140,000 which was the year of the COVID-19 roll out
- The COVID-19 vaccine is looking to be a once a year vaccine instead of two initial doses and a booster
- On May 11 Biden and his Administration are going to end emergency orders making the COVID-19 vaccine private instead of government funded
- Currently, Medicare and Medicaid covers these vaccines but will have to be paid for out of pocket or through private insurance after the emergency orders end
- We don't know when we need to pay for vaccine but it is estimated to be about \$150 per dose
- Right now we only get an administration fee for each COVID-19 vaccination
- Our budget would need to get increased to account for the cost of the COVID-19 vaccine if we continue to administer
- Unless we get grant funding there is only a small possibility that we can buy the private COVID-19 vaccine
- We administered 8 COVID-19 vaccines and conducted 28 food inspections in January
- New FDA code got passed this January

Old Business:

- Ms. Vallance works with someone who is interested in being a member of the Health Board

New Business:

- If individuals stop getting the COVID-19 vaccine due to the cost, there could be more positive COVID-19 cases in the future

There being no further business brought before the Board, a motion made by Dr. Rich and seconded by Ms. Charles to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled on March 15, 2023 at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Taylor Pennino
Trumbull Health Administrative Assistant