



Trumbull Health Department
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MINUTES
September 13th, 2023
Trumbull Health Department

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

Members Absent: None.

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

Call to Order: Ms. Busch called the Trumbull Health Board to order at 6:16 p.m.

Public Comment: None.

Ms. Tolk made a motion to accept the June 14th meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Charles. Motion carried unanimously.

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

June

- June closed fiscal year in June with \$124,000 in revenue
- Attended meetings regarding wildfire and air quality issues
- DPH released new protocols and guidelines regarding wildfires and air quality issues
- We held a Summer Day Camp on June 23 with 14 elementary age campers
- Topics of Public Health including CPR and food safety were taught to the children
- There were 49 tick submissions in June
- Administered 10 covid vaccinations
- About 2000 vaccines were administered last year
- Sam and Sue received an award from TPAUD

July

- We posted full time sanitarian position and currently have 3 candidates
- Ms. Busch confirmed that our sanitarian can train other sanitarians
- Vaccine costs increased slightly from the previous fiscal year by five to ten dollars
- All staff attended a mandatory customer service training
- Attended a meeting with TPAUD to discuss opioid funding
- Opioid funding consists of \$26 billion multistate settlement involving several pharmaceutical companies over their roles in creating and fueling the epidemic
- CT received \$300 million of that funding to be used toward evidence-based strategies that will work to eradicate the opioid epidemic
- Connecticut is expected to receive its funding in several installments over the next 18 years, with the first payment received in July
- Trumbull has received \$73,372.28 so far, this funding will be used to support TPAUD and their preventative programs
- Ms. Busch inquired about TPAUD
- Began flu season planning

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- Sam and Sue attended Dive-In event representing the Trumbull Health Department at Tashua Pool on July 15 where 200+ residents attended
- Sam and Sue taught a preschool class at TECEC about handwashing
- Administered 1 covid vaccination
- We had 1 bat positive for rabies
- Ms. Charles asked how often the Farmers Market gets inspected

August

- SeaQuest was holding fish pedicures that were not permitted and were issued a violation order by the Health Department before closing down
- On August 23rd the Trumbull Health Department's vaccination PSA started and will run for 8 weeks at the Trumbull movie theaters
- This advertisement was paid through ELC2 funding and is a 30 second advertisement during previews
- Government funded covid vaccines ended so the fee is out of pocket, and we don't have room in the budget to purchase private covid vaccine this fiscal year
- There is a program called Bridges which offers support in vaccine that departments can apply for, but can only be administered to uninsured patients
- As of this point we are not sure whether health insurances will reimburse for the vaccine if we did administer it
- Dr. Rich stated that there has been an increase in covid cases
- We want to implement a separate vaccine fund that uses all of the revenue we make from our vaccine program into a rolling account, so we will be able to purchase more vaccine in the future which other health departments practice
- The RSV shot also poses the issue of being a new, expensive product which is an antibody not a vaccine for babies less than 8 months, 8-19 months for high-risk children, kids under 1 for immunocompromised, 2 and under, pregnant women and other adults 60 years or older
- Our waiting area was redone with funding from one of our grants in addition to new benches outside for people to wait on
- They started construction in the basement for our climate-controlled area, and a sidewalk was put in on the side of the building for easier access to the back parking lot
- An Immunization Grant funded by the CDC and DPH will begin this month and will run until June 2025
- The total amount of the grant is \$85,870 and cannot be used toward the purchase of vaccine but will be used for paying staff, equipment needed, and to pay nurses at flu clinics instead of only having volunteer positions
- \$30,000 of that grant needs to be used on media outreach and we are planning for our part-time employee work on media campaigns with that funding
- There is a Workforce Development Grant for \$73,000 that is scheduled to begin in November of 2023 and run to November of 2027
- The spending is very flexible for that grant and can be used for things like incentives for staff, training, education, mental health and gym memberships
- We will receive a Lead ARPA from DPH for \$45,000 which began this past July of 2023 and will run through December of 2026
- This grant will support local health staff with lead poisoning inspections since the regulations have changed and the standards have lowered so the number of blood lead and home lead cases will rise
- Ms. Charles inquired about issues with hoarding
- Sam put together a Bloodborne Pathogen Training for the Health Department staff
- We held a Cupcake Wars on August 25th where about 20 children, ranging from Kindergarten through 8th Grade attended and learned about food safety and proper handwashing
- News12 came and did a story on this event
- Sam and Sue started a Matter of Balance class, free of charge for seniors, that will run through October and they are planning to run the same program from November through December
- St. Vincents Medical Center has reached out and wants to partner with us to offer speakers and free resources for our Matter of Balance program



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- Sam and Sue held a QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) training on August 14th for suicide prevention
- 10 covid vaccinations were administered
- A Public Act was passed in June of 2023 requiring the State to establish mold guidance by January of 2024 since there is no current guidance in the state of Connecticut
- Nail technicians and estheticians are grandfathered in until January 1, 2025, to perform services without a state license, after that date the only thing that can be done without a license is eyebrow threading and all current establishments have received notice of this change
- The training is 600 hours of training for estheticians and 100 hours for nail technicians
- Ms. Vallance inquired about how often the renewal of these licenses will be, which will be renewed annually
- All volunteers that we get for our flu clinics Sam checks the validity of their licenses every year
- We gave out about 1,050 flu vaccines last year and are aiming to administer 1,300 flu vaccines this year
- We scheduled all flu clinics for this year including more walk-ins, more evening clinics, and we will not be holding a drive-thru clinic this year
- We received free covid test kits from the State which expire in February of 2024
- There will be a meeting held this week with the Department of Education regarding covid protocols for schools
- On September 19th the Commissioner of Health will be visiting our department to talk to the director and staff
- Between the new full time sanitarian position being filled and our part time sanitarian, they manage the workload very well
- Ms. Busch discussed the benefits of full time versus part time sanitarian position based on the available candidates that have applied so far
- Ms. Charles inquired about a housing prosecutor and their role in public health

Old Business:

- Ms. Busch needs coverage for October
- Ms. Charles volunteered to run meeting in Ms. Busch's absence

New Business:

- Ms. Charles inquired about keeping 6:15 meeting time
- We will hold every other meeting via Zoom
- Ms. Vallance mentioned Pink Pledge for Trumbull Public Schools
- October 20th is Pink Pledge Day for the whole Trumbull school district
- 100% of proceeds support the Norma Pfreim Breast Center patients
- About \$13,000 has been raised over the past two years

There being no further business brought before the Board, a motion made by Ms. Vallance and seconded by Dr. Rich to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled on October 11, 2023, at 6:15 p.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Taylor Pennino
Trumbull Health Administrative Assistant