



Trumbull Health Department
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MINUTES November 8th, 2023 Via Video Conference

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 6:31 p.m.

Public Comment: None.

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

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

- Ms. Bango attended an awards ceremony held by the National Weather Service where the Town of Trumbull received the Storm Ready Recognition Award
- The Workforce Development grant is in the process of being reviewed for approval at the State level
- The Immunization grant has been approved and has been used to pay nurses for their work at flu clinics
- There is a \$36,000 allowance for a media campaign through the Immunization grant
- Region 1 has discussed pooling all of their money from that grant for media campaigning to reach a wider audience
- Ms. Bango attended the Conservation and Development Plan meeting for the Town of Trumbull regarding public safety planning
- At that meeting, Ms. Bango suggested the creation of a dedicated clinic site that other departments would be able to use for trainings and miscellaneous meetings
- An issue with staff retention and recruiting was brought up for all departments
- Sam and Sue held a Matter of Balance course at the YMCA in the month of October which held 5 participants
- They are holding an additional Matter of Balance course at the Senior Center in the month of November that has 11 participants registered
- December 19th health fair to cover public health
- Hillcrest Middle School is holding a Health Fair on December 19th that the Health Department will have a table to teach the students about various public health topics
- We administered 436 flu vaccines this year in the month of October, compared to the 814 flu vaccines administered in the month of October in 2022
- This year a lot of Health Departments have seen a decrease in interest of the flu vaccine compared to 2022
- We will not be administering the new COVID-19 vaccine for a variety of reasons

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- Ms. Bango stated for example that the Stratford Health Department ordered 50 does of COVID-19 vaccine and they still have not received their shipment
- Even big box pharmacies are either running out of the vaccine or do not have the stock to begin with due to supply chain issues
- This year might be the first that the Health Department does not administer all of the flu vaccine doses we ordered
- Last year a lot of seniors were not able to find high dose flu vaccine later in the season, since we still have stock left we think we can attract more patients to get their flu shot at the Health Department
- We held 11 flu clinics and 9 walk-in clinics in the month of October
- There have been articles published regarding getting the COVID-19, RSV and Flu shots together that may contribute to an increased risk of stroke
- Doctors might be advising standard instead of high dose for seniors
- We received 14 ticks in the month of October
- There were 3 hepatitis c cases in October
- We administered 296 private flu vaccines and 140 VFC flu vaccines
- This time last year we have given out 500 covid vaccines
- Night time clinics are most successful for flu this year
- Ms. Bango wants to buy another sign to advertise our clinics because it has been so successful in reaching the public
- Basement is all done, all PPE is now climate controlled
- We can use the basement to vaccinate if we ever have to mass immunize again
- Our new sanitarian starts November 14th
- Ms. Busch asked about all the departments across the town having trouble hiring qualifying staff at the Conservation and Development Plan meeting

Ms. Bango reviewed the meeting schedule for 2024, and requested the Board to review the schedule and new meeting time of 6:30 p.m.

Old Business:

- Ms. Vallance stated that \$6,409 was raised from Trumbull's Pink Pledge to benefit the Norma Pfriem Breast Center

New Business:

- None.

There being no further business brought before the Board, a motion made by Dr. Rich and seconded by Ms. Tolk to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled on December 13, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Taylor Pennino
Trumbull Health Administrative Assistant