

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

May 31, 2012

Philip Pane, Lower Hearing Room, Administration Building

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. John Straus called the meeting to order at 8:40 AM.

PRESENT: Dr. John Straus, Dr. Barbara Beck, Cynthia Brooks and Steven Ward

Minute Review: The Board of Health voted to accept the amended minutes of the February 15, 2012. Dr. Barbara Beck made a motion to accept the minutes of February 15, 2012, Cynthia Brooks seconded the motion and all were in favor.

FY13 Budget Update: Mr. Ward discussed the FY13 Budget presentation before the Town Council on May 29, 2012. Mr. Ward stated that he mainly spoke to the FY12 goals and objectives that were provided by the Town Council. The Health Department presentation was centered on regionalization efforts and the acquisition of several community health grants.

CSSC Update: Mr. Ward briefed the Board on the status of the Community Social Services Coordinator (CSSC) position. Mr. Ward stated that the CSSC working group had raised a significant amount of money to help fund the position and that the town would be requested to fund about 60% of the position for two years. Dr. Beck inquired about the amount of time this individual would have with clients regarding the direct provision of service. Mr. Ward and Dr. Straus stated that the CSSC would mainly serve in the capacity of intake, assessment and referral.

Mr. Ward stated that there is a possibility that this position, if funded by the town, may be placed in the Health Department. Mr. Ward further stated that this placement was the consensus of the working group and not a result of his advocacy to have the position placed with the Health Department. The Board requested that Mr. Ward to provide an update regarding the status of this position at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

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IPHN Update: Mr. Ward briefed the Board on the status regarding the Integrated Public Health Network (IPHN). The IPHN Executive Committee will solicit the involvement of area nursing and public health colleges and universities to assist with development and placement of trained interns and the creation of a nationally recognized public health region. Dr. Straus stated that it is important to advocate for the four city public health region and to advocate for a health and human service model that reflects national standards including Health Department and Board Accreditation. Ms. Brooks and Dr. Beck concurred with Dr. Straus and also commented on the vast array of issues and programs that the Health Department and the Board handle throughout the year.

Grant Updates: Mr. Ward spoke to several grant initiatives the Health Department has undertaken. Mr. Ward referenced the exemplary work of Public Health Nurse, Patricia Moran in securing these grant and her ongoing work with these grants - including the goals and objectives of the Compassionate Connections 3 grant.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM.

Next Meeting Date: June 13, 2012

Adjourn: 9:45 AM

Minutes: Submitted by Steven J. Ward, Director of Public Health