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**Board of Health Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2023**

Present: Dr. James Hadler, Heather Reynolds, Dr. Frank Mongillo, Dr. Darnell Young,

Absent: Gregg Gonsalves, Dr. Alice Forrester

Staff: Maritza Bond, Director of Health, Damaris Velez, Office Manager

Call to Order:

Commission Chair Hadler called the meeting to order at 5:34pm.

Approval of Minutes:

Dr. Mongillo moved to approve the minutes from May 10, 2023, Commissioner Reynolds seconded.

Minutes were approved with no edits or objections.

Public Comments or Statements:

No members of the public present

Updates:

Director Bond presented the following status updates:

General and Situational Updates:

- Governor Lamont announced today that Connecticut's COVID-19 public health emergency declaration is ending tomorrow (May 11).



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- The Department will still be providing therapeutic medicine provided by the state until stock runs out. Once current stock runs out, the vaccines will be privatized.
- The Department continues to actively apply for grants. Currently 83% of The Department's budget is grant funded.
 - Two multiyear grant applications being worked on include a HUD Lead Abatement Grant and a CDC Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) grant.
 - The HUD Lead Abatement Grant application is currently being finalized and will be submitted in June.
 - The OD2A grant has been submitted. This \$10 million grant has a goal of linkage to care and will only be awarded to 22 states. If awarded The Department will work with several partners to provide services to about 24 cities and towns in CT.

Administration Updates:

- Staffing updates
 - An offer has been extended to a Nursing Director candidate.
 - 1 Public Health Nurse has been hired.
 - Community Services Administration (CSA) has an Administrative Assistant position that they are working to transfer to The Health Department.
 - An account clerk has been hired to help Damaris with finances.
- Director Bond presented the General Fund budget request before the Board of Alders finance committee in April.
 - The Department has requested 2 additional sanitarians and an Operations Manager to assist in Environmental Health.
 - The budget is currently being reviewed and deliberated by the Board of Alders.
- Director Bond met with the Yale student advocacy group for a 2nd time. Director Bond listened and acknowledged concerns regarding charter revisions and changes. Director Bond informed them the city's charter revision committee is planning on putting out to vote that all boards across the city may be changed to ordinance instead of charters.
- The Departments Lead Task force was created to monitor and do quality assurance of the Health Department's response to high lead levels in children. The Department has created a public-facing dashboard to keep the community and task force informed. The task force will soon be tasked with reviewing and approving Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Board of Health commissioners will also be reviewing and approving the SOP's.

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Commissioner Mongillo moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:30pm. Commissioner Young seconded it. The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Attest:

Damaris Velez

Damaris Velez
Office Manager

04/06/2023

Date

05/10/2023

Approved:

James Hadler

James Hadler, Chair
Board of Health Commissioners

Date

