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**Board of Health Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2024**

Present: Dr. Darnell Young, Dr. Tamiko Jackson-McArthur, Dr. Ada Fenick, Dr. David Cantonwine, Dr. Alice Forrester

Absent: Dr. Gregg Gonsalves

Staff: Maritza Bond, Director of Health, Damaris Velez, Registrar of Vital Statistics

Call to Order:

Commission Chair Young called the meeting to order at 5:54pm.

Approval of Minutes:

Commission Chair Young moved to approve the minutes from May 8, 2024, with a correction to change anonymously to unanimously. Commissioner Fenick seconded it.

Public Comments or Statements:

No members of the public were present.

Updates:

Director Bond presented the following status updates:

General and Situational Updates:

- Director Bond would like to recognize Dr. Mongillo for recommending a local company to process Health and Wellness center billing. This will be a more economical way than filling the currently open position of Medical Biller.



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- A discussion ensued on the future of the Health and Wellness center expanding services and becoming a medical home.

Administration Updates:

- Director Bond reviewed recently filled positions within The Department. Interviews are actively happening to fill vacancies. The Department has offered the position of Office Manager and is waiting for the testing process to be completed for Sanitarian positions. A Lead Inspector has been hired.
- The Department is exploring how to work with local University's to recruit nurses.
- Anticipated contract execution for July 1, for Preventive Health and Immunization Grants.
- The Department will be posting a Request for Proposal for overdose prevention using American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funding.
- General Fund Budget is currently at \$5,926,128.00.
- Grants/Special Fund Budget is currently at \$35,369,010.00.
- Director Bond has proposed that the 2025 Fiscal Budget include 3 more Sanitarians.

Department Program Updates:

- Director Bond reviewed Health and Wellness center metrics.
- The Department currently has 8 active cases of Tuberculosis, 2 are expected to be completed by the end of June.
- Director Bond provided updates on Lead cases and abatements within New Haven.
- The Lead Task Force is being reinstated; Director Bond has encouraged board commissioners to apply for a seat on the task force. Dr. Cantonwine will be the Board representative on the task force.

New Business:

- A discussion ensued on the lack of discussion and communication on interpersonal violence and domestic violence and how to get help.

Dr. Young moved to approve Director Bond's updates. Seconded by Dr. Forrester

Dr. Young moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:58pm.



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Attest:

Damaris Velez

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Registrar of Vital Statistics

06/18/2024

Date

Approved:

Darnell Young

Dr. Darnell Young, Chair
Board of Health Commissioners

07/10/2024

Date

