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Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 18, 2024 at 5:30 pm
In-Person/Virtual Meeting

Present: Susan Addiss, Michael Pascucilla, Elaine Anderson, Dr. Young, Dennis Natri, Virginia Fallon, Darlene Zimmermann, Susan Deko, Michael Turcio, Wendy Bellmore.

The meeting was called to order by Dennis Natri at 5:34 p.m.

1. Welcome, and introduction of a new board member in East Haven, Wendy Bellmore.
Also, in attendance. Sarah, MD/Ph.D. student at UCONN
2. Public Comment – none
3. Darlene Zimmermann made a motion to accept November minutes. Elaine Anderson 2nd motion. All in favor. Minutes accepted.
4. Correspondence – normal correspondence
5. Guest Presentations
 - Student internship presentation
 - A. Susie Hemingway – completed student internship – discussed
 1. long-term water monitoring program, reviewed processes and locations.
 2. digitizing and analysis project, which included compiling the past 15 years of data.
 3. experience in observation of environmental specialists' inspections.
 - Michael Solakian (ESDHD audit report) – Current extension to the end of January for the June 30, 2023 audit. There were no significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. Reflected on the pension liabilities decrease, net income, and assets, comparable to last year. Expenses were held from last year.

Darlene Zimmermann made a motion to enter executive session, and Elaine Anderson 2nd. Board entered executive session at 6:27 p.m. Returned from executive session. Mike Turcio agreed to be chair of the audit committee.

6. Old Business

- ESDHD Retirement/Vacancies – I hired a new maternal child worker. Tentative new position for Harm Reduction Specialist position funded for five years with CDC grant. This individual will be working across New Haven County, with essential services, police, fire, hospitals, different programs and groups to implement interventions determined by CDC. Contract drafted and currently working through deliverables.
- Travel Clinic Program – Update – Dr. Young reported that the travel clinic continues to be successful, and Theresa, our PH Nurse, and staff are doing a great job.
- Short Beach Road/Farm River Quality Water Project – (Farm River and Short Beach). Abstracts accepted at Northeast FDA Shell conference, Providence, RI. ESDHD will submit the research to APHA for publication and will also present Microbial Source Tracking project to several public health/environmental health national venues.

7. New Business

- A Yale Partnership/Summer Internship request was sent to participate again this year, awaiting a student to choose ESDHD.
- Epidemiology report – Madison Wierzel recorded the PPP report, and the Director played and reviewed data, including hospitalizations and vaccination statistics.
- Pending grants – Some of the state grants were recently physically received. In addition, we received an FDA grant for \$10,000 for improvements into the food safety program. An MRC grant for \$14,000 was also received and will include SCSU student participation.

8. Director's Report

- Budget update – Meetings have started with the towns. The budget committee is scheduling a meeting in the near future.
- PHAB Accreditation Application Status – Prioritized and clarified responses for resubmission to PHAB. Will resubmit several documents over the next 30 days.
- ESDHD PH Activity Reports (Environmental, Emerg. Preparedness, Education & Nursing). Reports are sent via email to the board. Working with a consultant to update/revise the website, including becoming a virtual health department (will be grant-funded).

9. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by Virginia Fallon and seconded by Susan Addiss. All in favor. Adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Carrano

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