

Eastern Highlands Health District  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Thursday, February 20, 2025

**Members present:** E. Anderson (Andover), R. Aylesworth (Mansfield-Virtual), M. Capriola (Mansfield-Virtual), J. Drumm (Coventry), J. Elsesser (Coventry), H. Evans (Mansfield-Virtual), J. Rupert (Bolton), M. Walter (Columbia-Virtual)

**Staff present:** Director of Health R. Miller, Office Manager M. Brosseau, Medical Advisor Dr. Dardick

**Also present:** P. Tanaka Town of Willington First Selectman

J. Elsesser called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

### **Minutes**

J. Rupert made a MOTION, seconded by E. Anderson to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2025 meeting as presented. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

### **Financial Report period ending 12/31/2024**

R Miller presented the financial report for the period ending 12/31/2024, noting the salient features.

J. Drumm made a MOTION, seconded by E. Anderson to accept the financial report as presented. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

### **Director's Report**

#### **Governor's proposed budget – Update**

R. Miller initiated discussion of the Governor's proposed budget that includes a 10% reduction in the per capita grant.

#### **Medical Director's Report**

Dr. Dardick report that influenza is prevalent in the community.

#### **Director's Report (cont)**

#### **Paused Federal Grants – update**

R. Miller informed the board that the Immunization grant and Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant are not being affected at this time by the pause. In addition, the Workforce development grant was paid up front. While the money from this grant was target for a future initiative, it is available if needed.

## **CAHD Legislative Report**

R. Miller informed the board about the bills being closely monitored by CADH.

## **Quarterly Activity Report period ending 12/31/2024**

R. Miller presented the salient features of the quarterly report.

## **Communications**

### **CT Dept of Ag re: Avian influenza (H5N1)**

R. Miller provided an update, noting that locally there has been 1 positive wild bird and 2 backyard flocks affected statewide.

## **Town Reports**

**Columbia** M. Walter reported that Twin Beaks has secured a permanent place for their food truck and retail store. The plans for Square Peg Pizza are still on hold as they work on plans for their septic system. Heartstone Winery is under new ownership.

**Mansfield** H. Evans inquired about the Dental Clinic EHHD is helping to facilitate. R. Miller noted that there is a meeting set up with the Superintendent of Region 19 to discuss logistics.

## **Adjournment**

J. Rupert made a MOTION, seconded by E. Anderson to adjourn the regular meeting 5:30pm. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

## **Next Board Meeting – April 17, 2025, 4:30 PM**

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Miller  
Secretary