

Eastern Highlands Health District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Notes
NO QUORUM
Thursday, June 20, 2024

Members present: R. Aylesworth (Mansfield - Virtual), J. Elsesser (Coventry), J. Rupert (Bolton - Virtual), D. Walsh (Coventry), M. Walter (Columbia)

Staff present: Director of Health R. Miller, Director of Finance A. Backhaus (Virtual), Medical Advisor Dr. K. Dardick (Virtual), Office Manager M. Brosseau

Public present: J. Drumm, Coventry Town Manager

A presentation of award and gratitude for 27 years of service to EHHD was made by J. Elsesser to D. Walsh as she retires her appointment to the EHHD Board of Directors.

Informal meeting held due to lack of quorum

Strategic Planning – Process and Timeline to Update Plan

R. Miller noted that the strategic planning committee reviewed the RFP submittals and selected Emily Melnick LLC. Retreats for EHHD staff and Board have been scheduled. A community survey will be conducted later in the summer.

CADH – Legislative Session Bill Tracking report

(HB 5290) R. Miller noted that CADH is working to modify the bill making private well data confidential. There was discussion about how the confidentiality jeopardizes public health.

CT Paid Leave Act (HB 5005)

R. Miller informed the board that health districts are newly captured. Effective 10/1 employees will be making a .5% contribution. Payroll is set up to accommodate.

Home Water Treatment Waste Water Disposal System policy modification

R. Miller informed the board that there has been a modification to the plan review & approval process. A water test is now required. This allows the review of the water test to ensure that the system being proposed matches the results of the water test. If there is no "match", a letter and information is sent to the homeowner.

EHHD Quarterly Activity Report – 1/1/24 to 3/31/2024

R. Miller noted that enrollment for third party billing for vaccination continues. The Town of Mansfield and Town of Tolland reached out to Cigna and Anthem and helped gain traction.

EHHD Staffing Update

R. Miller informed the board that a new Public Health Nurse has been hired. Jamie Fuller will be working 20 hours per week supporting the Immunization Grant campaign on vaccination and a separate program on hypertension through a wellness grant.

R. Miller note that changes in Blood Lead Level (BLL) thresholds to trigger actions has increase the workload 400-500%. Each investigation requires 40-60 man hours. There is nominal reimbursement; existing staff is absorbing the workload.

Next Board Meeting – August 15, 2024, 4:30 PM