

EHHD Executive Committee

Special Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

July 23, 2026

Mansfield Town Hall

Conference Room C

Call to Order at 9:02AM

Present: J Elsesser, M Walter, and B Foley

Staff present: R Miller and A Backhaus

M Walter MOVED, B Foley seconded to approve the Executive Committee meeting minutes of May 27, 2025. Motion PASSED unanimously.

R Miller presented an overview of the Rural Health Transformation Program Grant opportunity provided by the CT DPH. Highlights include the following:

- The EHHD was selected by CT DPH to be the subrecipient & Community Steward (fiduciary)
- The \$10,230,000 award over 5 years is funded through the Rural Health Transformation Program
- Award would fund a Mobile Integrated Health Program and the Mobile Clinic Pilot Program
- The catchment area includes most eastern CT towns that meet the “rural” definition, population approximately 170,000
- CT DPH is fast tracking this contract execution process

Discussion among members ensued. The following questions and comments were raised:

It was noted that Coventry and Tolland are not identified as “rural” towns by the state – will residents be eligible for services if they travel to the other towns?

Staff will need to determine any hidden costs associated with this initiative, increased liability premiums, audit costs, etc.

Concern was expressed that some healthcare providers, e.g. VNA’s may be opposed to the programs.

Concern that federal grant rules are more burdensome than states, which govern this grant?

Need thorough legal review to assure agency risk is covered.

A roll forward financial close out plan is needed for when the funding ends to avoid a financial “cliff”.

What happens if the funding is interrupted, e.g. defunded by the federal government?

It was determined by consensus that a special meeting of the full board is recommended to consider further action on this matter.

M Water MOVED, B Foley seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion PASSED unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:48AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Miller

Secretary