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Board of Health Meeting

January 24, 2019

Present: Robert Carangelo, Esq.; Vick Sandhu, Esq., Dr. Marilyn Ross Cahn;
Dr. Andrew Bronin, Lauren O'Keefe, APRN, FNP-BC

Absent: PA-C Maryann Ramos; Julia Chiappetta, Caroline Baisley, Director of Health

Staff: Deborah Travers, APRN, FNP-BC , Director of Family Health

Mr. Carangelo called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

Welcome New Board of Health Member

Chairman welcomed the new Board of Health member Lauren O'Keefe who is replacing Dr. Mark Armstrong. He noted that Ms. O'Keefe is a Nurse Practitioner with over 16 years of experience who is presently employed by Hematology Oncology, PC in Stamford, CT. He further highlighted that her employment history also includes working at Stamford and Greenwich hospitals as well as United Health Hospital of Port Chester, NY. In addition, Ms. O'Keefe is a member of the Greenwich Representative Town Meeting (RTM) and recently, until she was appointed to the BOH, the RTM Health and Human Services Committee. All present members welcomed Ms. O'Keefe to the Board.

Minutes

The minutes of the November 24, 2018 meeting were approved.

(Motion: Bronin / Second: Cahn / Vote: 3 in favor –1 abstention)

Department of Health 2017/2018 Annual Report

Mr. Carangelo noted that the Director of Health was unable to be present at the meeting, as she needed to attend the scheduled Board of Estimate & Taxation (BET) meeting where the First Selectmen

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presented the 2019/2020 Town Budget. The Chairman reviewed the main highlights of the Department's Annual Report, which included the Department's process of assessing its readiness to file an application for National Public Health Accreditation as well as activities reported by the Division of Environmental Services and Laboratory.

The Director of Family Health attended the meeting and gave an overview of the Division of Family Health's section of the Department's Annual Report, which included highlights of activities from the Infection Control, Material and Child Health (MCH) and Senior Programs. Highlights stressed by the Director included surveillance and management of the tuberculosis program, the Refugee Immigration Health Program at the local level, health screening program activities, monitoring of referrals for services by the MCH nurse, and comprehensive nursing services that assist elderly residents to remain independent in their home and the community.

Chairman thanked Ms. Travers for a thorough report and moved to other business.

Other Business

Mr. Carangelo noted that the GEMS contract will expire on June 30, 2019 and the Director of Health is working with the Town's Law Department.

There being no further business, Mr. Chairman moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 PM.

(Motion: Sandhu/ Second: Cahn/Vote: Unanimous – 5 in favor - 0 opposed)

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Bronin, M.D.