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Board of Health Meeting
February 24, 2020

Present: Robert Carangelo, Dr. Andrew Bronin; Esq.; Vick Sandhu, Esq., Dr. Marilyn Ross Cahn; Lauren O’Keefe, APRN, FNP-BC; PA-C Maryann Ramos;

Staff: Caroline Baisley, Director of Health; Robin Clark-Smith; Director, Special Clinical Services; David Fraszka, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator; Joanna Lipson, Operations Administration

Absent: Julia Chiappetta

Mr. Carangelo called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM.

Minutes
The minutes of the January 30, 2020 meeting were approved.
(Motion: Ramos / Second: O’Keefe / Vote: 5 in favor – 0 opposed)

Update on Special Clinical Services
Ms. Clark, the Director of Special Clinical Services offered the following updates:
• The HIV/STD educational programs continue for 6th, 8th and 10th graders in the Greenwich Public Schools and one private school. Ms. Clark worked with the middle school teachers to make changes to the program to meet the needs of the schools. This year, there is a great group of peer educators who are in the process of assist in recruiting for next year.
• There were a few incidents involving Town employees that required the Bloodborne Pathogen Program’s corrective action.
• Changes at the State Laboratory have led to expedited test results, which are now received usually within 2-3 days.
• Medications dispensed at the clinic are now received from the State 340B pharmacy program. Recent audit did not reveal any violations within the clinic’s operations.
• All individuals with Hepatitis C positive test results are contacted to ensure they are receiving follow-up medical care and so far, all are receiving treatment.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness Update

David Fraszka, the Department’s Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator offered following updates:
• The medical countermeasure mass distribution planning continues to evolve at the federal, state, regional and local levels. During a mass vaccination event, supplies of vaccine will be delivered to a local distribution site; however, supplies of antibiotics and/or antivirals will be delivered to a regional distribution site and will need to be picked up by local jurisdictions.
• Testing of the new, statewide Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteer management system “CT Responds!” is nearing completion. All MRC volunteers with in the State will be required to register in this system, which will be used for notifications.
• A new statewide training plan for the MRC volunteers is being developed and will be available to local MRC units in the near future. This will allow for more consistent training for all volunteers across the State.
• The Department’s emergency preparedness and response planning for vulnerable population recently included:
  ➢ Participation in the Regional access and functional needs workshop.
  ➢ Participation in the First Selectmen’s Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities meetings.
  ➢ Presentation to the Boys and Girls Club.
  ➢ Social Media Campaign messages.

**Update on Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)**
The Director of Health offered a following information regarding the new coronavirus COVID-19:

• New respiratory virus first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China.
• Coronavirus are a large family of viruses, some causing illness in people and others that circulate among animals, including camels, cats and bats.
• COVID – 19 most likely originally emerged from an animal source, but now seems to be spreading from person-to-person.
• Genetic analyses suggest this virus emerged from a virus related to SARS.
• There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19 infection. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to this virus.
• In the U.S., travelers are interviewed/assessed by the CDC and assigned a risk category (High, Medium, Low and No Risk).
• Symptomatic High and Medium Risk individuals are isolated at the airport, High Risk asymptomatic individuals are quarantined at the airport and all others are allowed to travel to their final destinations and are referred to state health departments for monitoring (14 days).
• CT Department of Health delegates monitoring to local health departments.
• The situation is evolving rapidly.

**Other Business**
A notice of violation as a result of woodburning smoke complaint was issued last week and is currently being reviewed by the State officials.

The Director of Health issued an order to close the Greenwich Point for all dogs until further notice, due to several raccoons dying and testing positive for Distemper.

There being no further business, Mr. Chairman moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM.

*(Motion: Ramos/ Second: Cahn Vote: 5 in favor - 0 opposed)*

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Bronin, M.D.