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Board of Health Meeting

April 29, 2019

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

Absent: Robert Carangelo, Esq.;

Guests: Michael Vincelli, CHS IV, FABCHS, CHPP

Staff: Caroline Baisley, Director of Health; Joanna Lipson, Operations Administrator; David Fraszka, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator; Deborah Travers, Director Division of Family Health

Dr. Cahn called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Minutes

The minutes of the March 25, 2019 meeting were accepted.

(Motion: Bronin / Second: O'Keefe / Vote: Unanimous; 3-in favor, 0-opposed, 3-abstained)

Introduction of the Department's New Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

The Director introduced to the Board, the Department's new Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, David Fraszka. Mr. Fraszka gave an overview of his educational background, which includes Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology and Master of Professional Studies in Homeland Security, and his professional background, which includes working for the Yonkers, NY Police Department since 2011 and being promoted to Sergeant and Patrol Supervisor in 2018. Mr. Fraszka stated that he is very excited to have the opportunity to work for the Department of Health in a capacity of a Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator and he is looking forward to work with the Department's emergency preparedness partners and the Greenwich community. Ms. Baisley noted that Mr. Fraszka has many community engagements already planned, including education sessions at the Greenwich Boys and Girls Club and the Senior Center. She noted that the Department revised and printed emergency

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preparedness pamphlets both in English and Spanish for distribution to the public and emphasized that community engagement and public education is extremely important in the field of emergency preparedness and response. The members of the Board welcomed Mr. Fraszka to the Department of Health.

Active Shooter Response Presentation

Mr. Vincelli began his presentation with an active shooter education video that stressed having an active shooter response plan, which included identifying exit routes, hiding areas, helping others and using personal defense tools when necessary. The video also included steps to take and /or to avoid when the first responders arrive on the scene. Following the video, Mr. Vincelli elaborated on “Run, Hide and Fight”, a phrase that relates to an active shooter response actions showed in the video. He also informed the Board that in Connecticut, one can reach 911 dispatch via text, which is very useful during the active shooter event, when staying silent could be a matter of life and death. Mr. Vincelli also invited Mr. Fraszka to comment from the point of view of a Police Officer, who emphasized that the preparedness and training is of paramount importance both for the police and the public. Mr. Vincelli concluded his presentation by showing another education video from the Department of Homeland Security. Dr. Cahn thanked Mr. Vincelli for the very important presentation.

Review of 2018/2019 Community Health Assessment - Division of Family Health

Ms. Travers offered the following information about the Community Health Assessment survey, which was recently conducted by Greenwich Hospital and the Greenwich Department of Health. The following points were made during Ms. Travers presentation:

- According to a federal law, a Community Health Assessment is required to be completed by hospitals every three years in cooperation with public health and other community partners.
- Greenwich Hospital Community Health Assessment includes communities from the Town of Greenwich and some areas of New York, which are within Greenwich Hospital’s catchment area.

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- The recent Assessment project started in winter of 2018 and will conclude in late spring of 2019.
- The Assessment process is a collaborative effort of the hospital, public health, community partners and community at-large that addresses significant community health needs.
- The process includes the Key Informant survey, CT Well-Being survey, community engagements such as focus groups, community meetings, Community Health Needs Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plans.
- The next steps will include work on implementation of programs/events with periodic evaluation of progress.

Other Business

Dr. Cahn noted that there are now approximately 700 cases of measles reported in the United States, which is of a great concern given that endemic measles was eliminated in U.S. in 2000. She also noted that not only can measles result in health complication such as pneumonia or encephalitis, but death. She noted it can also lead to a serious neurological complication that may appear many years after the infection was contracted. The Vice Chairman stressed that the disease is extremely infectious and its increased presence should be taken very seriously by all. Ms. Travers commented that this week is a National Child Immunization week and the Division of Family Health will staff an information table on the ground floor in Town Hall, Tuesday, May 30, 2019, which will concentrate on childhood vaccines including Measles.

There being no further business, Dr. Cahn moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 PM.

(Motion: Sandhu/ Second: O'Keefe /Vote: Unanimous; 3-in favor, 0 opposed)

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Bronin, M.D.