

Minutes

Board of Health Minutes

June 28, 2022

Present: Robert Carangelo, Esq., Chairman; Joel Muhlbaum Esq.; Anne Fountain; Danielle Goodwin, DDS; Dr. Sarah Gamble; Lauren O'Keefe, APRN, FNP-BC; Maryann Ramos, MPH, PA-C Emeritus

Staff: Caroline Baisley, Director of Health; Debora Edwards, Operations Administrator; David Fraszka, Public Health Preparedness Coordinator

Presenters: Executive Director; Tom Miserendino, GEMS Director of Finance; Joseph Laucella, Emergency Management Director, GEMS

The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Robert Carangelo, Esq. at 6:36 pm

Chairman welcomed and introduced Joseph Laucella, Emergency Management Director, who is employed by GEMS.

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The minutes of the March 28, 2022 and May 23, 2022 meetings were presented. No edits were requested. Motion to accept the minutes as submitted were approved and accepted. **(Motion: O'Keefe / Second: Goodwin / Vote: 7 in favor-0 opposed)**

GEMS Quarterly Report:

GEMS Director of Finance, Tom Miserendino:

- The fiscal year ended on April 30, 2022.
- GEMS ended the year with a positive change in net operating assets.
- Total year operating revenue was 7.6 million
- Increased in YoY patient revenue 16% higher than the prior year.
- Operating expenses were under 2.3 % budget.
- Lower Workers Compensation premium due to lower claims
- Primary drivers - Lower Workers Compensation expense due to lower claims and premium rebate. Lower Vehicle Maintenance and Per Diem employee expenses.
- Fundraising the GEMS Annual Gala event raised approximately \$600,000 in donations, which is the highest donation amount ever raised for this event.
- Station 4 update: Projected date to be done is October 2022.

Emergency Management Director- Joseph Laucella

- Update of what Emergency Management (EM) has been doing since the beginning of new role: Hurricane Drill, Established a Training Committee, Meeting Key contacts with town, partner agencies, utilities, New EM Website, State WebEOC Training and enrolling new users from Greenwich Team.
- Met with Key contacts from Eversource and established relationship. Implemented new Eversource Municipal HUB.
- Working with IT to establish new software to assist with workflow and communications during disasters. Coordinating community educational programs (first one) – “Natural Disaster Awareness for CareGiver” Sept. 21, 2022- 6pm-10pm. Virtual offering. New Marketing educational material for the community to help better prepare residents
- Revising local EOP- Emergency Operations Plan.
New EM expresses his excitement to work with the Board of Health/Greenwich Community to help continue to build safe communities and be better prepared for future All-Hazard Disasters

Election of Officers of the Board:

Due to Robert Carangelo, Esq. who is stepping down from the Board on June 30,2022, Chairman of the Board proposed that Joel Muhlbaum Esq. fill the position as the Boards Chairman, vacancy of Vice-Chairman since Dr. Bronin departed, Dr. Sarah Gamble fill the position as Vice-Chairman, and Danielle Goodwin, DDS replace Maryann Ramos as Secretary on the Board of Health.

Vote to elect Joel Muhlbaum Esq. as Chairman of the Board of Health; Dr. Sarah Gamble as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Health; and Danielle Goodwin, DDS as Secretary of the Board of Health:
(Motion: O’Keefe/ Second: Fountain/ Vote: Unanimous, 7 in favor, 0 abstentions)

Motion to adjourn requested at 7:01 pm by Robert Carangelo, Esq. (Motion: Gamble/ Second: O’Keefe)

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Goodwin, DDS