

Ouinnipiack Valley Health District

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Thursday, April 27, 2023

(Remote Meeting Via Zoom)
4:30 pm - Regular Board of Directors Meeting

Present: C. Goldberg, J. Donaldson, R. Ivins, C. Lewis, P. Marone, J. O'Neil St. Peter, E.Thornquist, S. Yarbrough

Absent: K. Blake, A. Levison, R. Martinello, J. Nuzzolillo, P. Sandor

Staff: L. Altieri, R. Currier, L. Fox, R. Hamilton, J. Laudano, M. Mocarski, A. Mulvihill, K.Sepulveda

President

C. Goldberg, President started the meeting at 4:36 p.m.

Approval of March 30, 2023 - Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by J. St. Peter, **seconded** by C. Lewis, to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of the March 30, 2023 - Board Meeting.

Motion to accept the minutes passed.

Financial Report

L. Altieri reviewed the highlights of the monthly financial report and stated the justification of the expenses that have increased.

Motion by J. St. Peter, **seconded** by C. Lewis, to place the financial report on file. **Motion** passed.

FY 2023-24 Operational Budget

- L. Altieri reviewed the items on the budget.
 - C. Goldberg indicated that Website Maintenance is a new line item and the Web Page is in the development stage.
 - C. Lewis, K. Sepulveda and the New Health Director will collaborate with the Web Company North Star Design.
 - C. Goldberg stated money needs to stay in Reserve for Operational Expenses and Emergency Expenses. Approximately \$27,000 will be taken out of the savings for the increase in Employee Benefits Cost, Completion of the Scanning Project, and Fixing the Back Door Entranceway.

- L. Altieri stated that G. Sinnoman, Auditor confirmed with her that our reserves are low, and they are lower than our neighboring Health Departments. (This is public knowledge.)
- C. Goldberg stated the purchase of a company vehicle is not possible at this time. We can only spend what we take in.

Motion by P. Marone, **seconded** by J. St. Peter, to approve the 2023/2024 Operational Budget. **Motion** passed unanimously.

Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022

C. Goldberg stated we are on track with the audit. There are no issues to be disclosed.

Motion by R. Ivans, **seconded** by E. Thornquist, to accept the Audit Report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022. **Motion** passed unanimously.

Revision to the QVHD Environmental Health Regulations

- The State Statutes and State Public Health Codes have been revised. Therefore, our Local Regulations were revised to reflect the changes.
- <u>Title D: Regulation Requiring Licensing of Food Establishments</u>. The FDA Food Code was adopted. There will be no more scoring and rating.
- <u>Title K: Regulation Pertaining to Salons and Spas Related Certification Requirements,</u> Fees and Penalties.

The State now requires all Eye Lash and Nail technicians to be licensed by the State of Connecticut.

Motion by J. St. Peter, **seconded** by E. Thornquist, to accept the New Food Licensing Regulations. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by R. Ivins, **seconded** by E. Thornquist, to accept the New Regulation Pertaining to Salons and Spas Related Certification Requirements, Fees, and Penalties. **Motion** passed unanimously.

Change Inspection Fee Schedule

It was proposed that the following changes be made to the Inspection Fees.

- First Inspection Free
- Second / Re-inspection \$75.00
- Third Inspection Half of the License Fee.

There was no motion to move this item forward.

Motion by J. Donaldson, **seconded** by R. Ivans, to move into the Public Hearing at 5:31 p.m. **Motion** passed unanimously.

There were no guests for the Public Hearing.

Motion by P. Marone, **seconded** by J. St Peter, to move out of the Public Hearing at 5:41 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by E. Thornquist, **seconded** by S. Yarbrough, to move back into Regular Session at 5:41 p.m. Motion passed.

Administrative Reports

Acting Director of Health – Roslyn Hamilton

Discussed the following: -

- It would be a nice gesture to celebrate the end of the pandemic with the staff.
- Board orientation would be helpful.
- The EPA Lead Standard will soon be changed, and more kids will fall into the danger zone.
- The new FDA Food Code will require more Food Establishment inspections.
- A Grant Writer could assist in bringing in additional money for the services we need to provide.
- The back door needs attention to avoid more problems with water access to the building.

Community Health: A. Mulvihill, Director of Community Programs

Discussed the following:

- A. Mulvihill stressed the importance of financial allocations to keep K. Sepulveda on staff for her exceptional work for the Community.
- A. Mulvihill continues to be dedicated to Tuberculosis (TB) response care for 2.5 to 3 hours a day.
- A. Mulvihill and K. Sepulveda participated in the North Haven Earth Day on April 29, 2023.
- A. Mulvihill and K. Amodio attended the North Haven Memorial Library's Parent Resource Fair on March 25, 2023.
- K. Sepulveda assisted with the Town of North Haven's "Medication Take Back Day" on April 22, 2023.
- A. Mulvihill and K. Sepulveda will offer a "Question Persuade Refer (QPR) Training" at the Hamden Library for National Mental Health Awareness Month on May 16, 2023.

The full report has been placed on file.

Environmental Health: L. Fox, Chief of Environmental Service

- The Scanning Company will commence the scanning of the Hamden Street Files.
- New documents will need to be scanned and uploaded on a daily basis.
- QVHD needs an Office Manager to manage the project.

The full report has been placed on file.

Executive Session:

Motion to move to Executive Session was made by S. Yarbrough, seconded by J. Donaldson. Motion passed.