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Minutes Board of Health Meeting February 5, 2019

Present: Dave Kilbon via phone, Kathy Eagen, Brandon Robertson, Diane Hernsdorf, Jadwiga Gocłowski, Jeff Shea, Melissa Appleby, Pat Chieski, Beatrice Isabelle, Debra Brydon, Maura Shea via phone, Jennifer Kertanis

Absent: Tom McKeon, Sue Beardsley, Dan Jerram, Mary Jane Parlow

Public Hearing on FY 19-20 FVHD Proposed Budget:

Kathy Eagen called the Public Meeting to order at 12:01 and asked if there were any public comments, there were none. Jennifer Kertanis read the announcement from the Courant announcing the meeting and inviting the public. There were no public attendees. Kathy closed the Public Meeting at 12:03.

Regular Meeting:

- I. Public Comments:** Kathy Eagen opened the regular meeting at 12:03 p.m. and asked if there were any public comments. There were none.
- II. Minutes of the January 8th meeting:** Kathy Eagen asked if there were any comments or corrections to the meeting minutes from January 8, 2019. There were none. She asked for a motion to accept the minutes as written. David Kilbon 1st. Jadwiga Gocłowski 2nd. Beatrice Isabelle and Pat Chieski abstained. Motion carried, minutes were accepted as written.
- III. Business:**
 - 1) **Act on Budget for FY 19-20:** Kathy Eagen asked if there was a motion to accept the FY 19-20 Budget. Jadwiga 1st, Brandon Robertson 2nd. Kathy asked if all were in favor, ayes were heard, she then asked if there were any nays, there were none. The FVHD FY 19-20 Budget was passed unanimously.
 - 2) **Food Program Updates:** Jennifer Kertanis passed to the Board members a bar chart showing the food inspection benchmarks to-date. She said the team was working very hard even though they are short-staffed, the percentages are better than she had anticipated.
 - 3) **Other Business:** Jennifer Kertanis told them Board that the new staff that are not yet certified have been working on doing the Salon inspections. There are no temporary events or pool inspections yet so that helps free up time. Food inspection training is going well, the State says they are still not going to be doing any certifications right now. Maybe in another month we will get a better idea of there planning. David Kilbon asked if we have a new Commissioner yet? Jennifer said no, Dr. Pino is still in office. Jennifer announced that Leslee Hill and Meghan Wishneski have resigned from the Board. She reached out to Bob Skinner, the new Town Manager, so they can find replacements soon.

IV. Accreditation Update: Jennifer Kertanis passed to the Board a progress report on the accreditation domains. There has been modest progress. We are at 16% vs 11 % from last month. We have been working on domain 6 & 11 and once we get these 2 done we will be able to move on to other domains. She feels it is important to keep the Board apprised of our progress. There is a new intern working to help with community assessment. She met with Jadwiga Gocłowski to discuss our strategy. Jadwiga said that she is so happy to see so much progress! She is very happy about that.

V. Report from the Director: Jennifer Kertanis asked the Board if everyone received the electronic newsletter that was sent out. The Board said yes. She said it will increase visibility of the District, it will let people know what we do. The February newsletter will roll out soon.

Vaping, she has crafted information on vaping into testimony. She asked the Board to let her know if they have anything to add. Simsbury requested it originally. She asked if they shared the information? Melissa Appleby said yes. Jadwiga asked if vaping was in the newsletter? Jennifer answered yes.

Legislative Updates: Jennifer Kertanis said that CADH advocacy committee has a number of bills out there. They are opposed to the legalization of marijuana, they believe it to be a public health issue. FVHD will not be taking a stand on this.

Universal license's for food truck vendors. We need a system in place for this, it will become an issue. If a vendor from New Haven comes to Simsbury, we won't know who they are and if they have been inspected. Also, Jennifer cannot rescind permits from vendors licensed elsewhere. She said she wants to be able to protect the public.

Kathy Eagen asked if there were any questions. Diane Hernsdorf asked Jennifer Kertanis about the restaurant ratings and the TV news. Diane had seen an article about it on one of the local stations and wondered if Jennifer had been approached. Jennifer said yes, channel 3 news had a meeting with her and brought their cameras. We will be notified when it will air. While Steve Huliatt was interviewed, they asked why our ratings were not electronic? Jennifer said that it comes down to funding.

Jennifer said there is a bill making it necessary for salon technicians to be licensed by the State of Connecticut. Jennifer thinks it is a great move! And the State is onboard with this as well.

VI. Other: Kathy Eagen asked if there was any other business. Maura Shea asked if Jennifer had any updates on measles cases. Jennifer said that the State has been providing regular updates on measles. We will receive a phone call from the State should one appear in our jurisdiction.

VII. Adjourn: Kathy Eagen asked if anyone would like to make a motion to adjourn. Diane Hernsdorf 1st, Beatrice Isabelle, 2nd. Meeting was adjourned at 12:27 p.m.