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Minutes Board of Health Meeting May 7, 2019

Present: Dave Kilbon, Kathy Blonski, Jadwiga Gocłowski, Melissa Appleby, Beatrice Isabelle, Debra Brydon, Tom McKeon, Maura Shea via phone, Mary Jane Parlow, Warren Humphrey, Dennis Brown, Jennifer Kertanis

Absent: Brandon Robertson, Dan Jerram, Jeff Shea, Sue Beardsley, Diane Hensdorf, Pat Chieski

Regular Meeting

- I. **Public Comments:** David Kilbon opened the meeting at 12:05 p.m. He asked if there were any public comments, there were none.
- II. **Minutes of April 2, 2019:** David Kilbon asked if there was a motion to accept the minutes of the April 2nd meeting. Debra Brydon 1st, Beatrice Isabelle 2nd. He asked if there were any comments or corrections, there were none. Minutes accepted, David Kilbon abstained. Dave introduced Dennis Brown, new Board member representing Canton.
- III. **Business:**
 - 1) **Review Legal Representation Policy:** David Kilbon reviewed the FVHD policy regarding legal representation. This policy was last reviewed in 2004. He indicated the goal of affirming the policy and indicated that it does represent our ongoing practice. Warren Humphrey asked if they would keep the same document but change the effective date? David Kilbon said yes. David said we in fact do not have any legal council for FVHD. We rely on each of the member towns attorneys unless it is insurance related. Warren Humphrey asked Jennifer Kertanis if they have ever in the past 5 years or so had to use any legal council. Jennifer said yes, we have had situations that have required town attorney support and we did get sued and our liability insurance kicked in. Kathy Blonski said that she thought that this policy has worked well for us in the past. David Kilbon asked if there were any further questions. There were none. He asked for a motion to accept the policy as written, Kathy Blonski, 1st, Mary-Jane Parlow 2nd. Motion was unanimous.
 - 2) **Other Business:** David Kilbon asked if there was any other business, there was none.
- IV. **Accreditation Update:** Jennifer Kertanis passed to the Board a copy of the written update since the last meeting, 4/2 where Brandon Robertson had asked Jennifer to design an update report that was easier to read and placed accomplishments in greater context. Jennifer said that on page 2 of the report you can see at a glance how we are progressing. Domain 1, Community Health Assessment still needs a lot of work, Domain 2 is doing better. Jennifer said that there is software that they will look into may make it easier to report on our progress. Warren Humphrey said that he liked this report better. Kathy Blonski asked if Jennifer could rename the domain numbers and add 11 and 12. Jadwiga Gocłowski said suggested putting a name on them. Jennifer said that there are so many layers of

accreditation that it is difficult to capture. Brandon Robertson and Jennifer talked about the frequency of updated reports and thought that quarterly would work for everyone unless the Board is involved then maybe a monthly report would be warranted. Warren suggested that Jennifer do a new update for our next Board meeting and then after that go to quarterly. Kathy Blonski asked if when the bar chart lines are all green does that mean we are ready to apply for accreditation. Jennifer said yes but that will not be for quite a while. Kathy would like to see progress against a plan to see if we are reaching our goals. Jennifer said that the staff are still familiarizing themselves with accreditation and the measures but progress is steady. Kathy asked that the 0 – 35 numbers represented on the bottom of the chart be labeled what they are. Jadwiga suggested those be changed to percentages.

V. Legislative Update: Jennifer Kertanis said that a 20% cut in State per Capita is being proposed in the latest budget proposals. They have already underfunded us by 11% and to that they will cut another 9% more. The property maintenance bill is dead. The bill to reduce lead levels is still alive and it will have some impact on us. The State however, is not supportive of it. Bill to increase the purchase age of tobacco/vaping products to 21 is still alive, there are approximately 6 bills that refer to this. FVHD did give language to the legislation on this as well and are in support of changing the age. David Kilbon asked what other surrounding states are doing regarding the age increase. Jennifer said she would research that. Warren Humphrey asked Jennifer how the new food code was progressing. Jennifer said that they extended it into 2020. Jennifer told the Board that the State has been uncooperative, she has tried to get them to do field standardization on our new food inspectors as has been done in the past, they refuse until we have a FITO who conducts trainings with them even though the content has not changed. It has been difficult. Jason Brown goes to FITO training Wednesday, 5/8.

VI. Report from the Director: Jennifer Kertanis said that she convened a meeting with the school nurse supervisors. They had discussions on the recent measles cases and the anti-vaccine issues. It went very well. The number one issue the nurses see in the schools is “Social Behavior Health” (mental health). Jennifer said that in the past physical health and mental health issues have been dealt with separately. The connections between mental and physical health make it very difficult to keep separate and we are leading the way on some of this. Our Resilience Grows Here program has been brought into some of the school and we were able to do this because of the Men’s Health Grant. We will not be able to sustain these programs without the grant so it may need to be changed into a “train the trainer” program. Jennifer Kertanis told the Board that on April 26 we sponsored a “No Wrong Doors” program at Tunxis Community College in Farmington. There were over 100 attendees and 20 resource tables. Thirteen of the 17 community colleges were represented. They trained 50 in suicide prevention. Prevention Institute funders flew in for this event as well. There was amazing support from Tunxis. We plan to do a community based “No Wrong Doors” in the fall.

Jennifer said that the permit season is moving along. We have a few salons to finish up, pools are moving along, and the food permits will be mailed out at the end of this month. She also mentioned that Dianne Harding has been working very hard to get ViewPermit up and running.

VII. Other: David Kilbon asked if there was any other business, there was none. He mentioned that the next scheduled regular meeting on June 4th does not work for some of the Board members, they will be attending the annual CROG meeting. He asked if anyone had any objection to rescheduling the meeting on June 11th. There were no objections. David said that since we have changed the regular meeting date for next month then it will then be a “special” meeting.

VIII. Adjourn: David Kilbon asked if there were any questions, there were none. He asked for a motion to adjourn. Mary-Jane Parlow, 1st. Beatrice Isabelle, 2nd. Meeting was adjourned at 12:57 p.m.