

# NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2010  
NCDHD Headquarters  
31 North Main Street  
Enfield, Connecticut

**Members Present:** John Golon - Chairman, Matthew Coppler, Jo-Marie Nelson, Trish Vayda, Mary Ann Turner, Edward Kramer, David Skoczulek - Vice Chairman, Dan Anderson, Lee Palardy, and Laura Hathaway

**Members Absent:** Courtney Kozlowski, Cecelia Mickey, Carol Sargent, Matthew Farr, Janet Leiper, Dr. Brian Cooper, and Robert Barron

**Also Present:** William Blitz, Paul Scarchuk - Windham Hospital Liaison, Ken Nelson - Enfield Town Council Liaison

**Public Present:** Kala Kachmar - Journal Inquirer, Darrin Lamore - Enfield Revitalization Strategy Committee, Jennifer Serra, Kelly Hemmeler - Voices for Thompsonville, Dominic Alaimo - Voices for Thompsonville, James Grisham - Voices for Thompsonville, Kim Quinn - Police Steering Committee, and Senator John Kissel

Following a determination of a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Chairman John Golon.

## Letter from Hartford Dispensary

Mr. Golon took the meeting out of order to discuss the letter we received from the Hartford Dispensary. Mr. Blitz gave a chronology of events that began in December 2009 with Mr. Paul McLaughlin, Executive Director of the Hartford Dispensary dropping by our office to discuss the fact that he was looking for space in Thompsonville because his patients were have a hard time getting to Hartford.

Following that meeting, Mr. Blitz thought maybe Mr. McLaughlin thought we were North Central Mental Health Services (now North Central Counseling). The State Public Health Department and State Mental Health and Addiction Services are two separate state agencies. We have no jurisdiction with Mental Health and Addiction Services so Mr. Blitz let the discussion sit on his desk.



On February 8, 2010, Mr. Blitz received a letter from Mr. McLaughlin (it was distributed to all in attendance). Mr. Blitz mentioned it to Ray Warren after a Development meeting at the Town of Enfield because they were looking for space.

Mr. Blitz also called Pam Brown, Social Services Director because he had seen an ad for substance abuse prevention specialist and thought they might be related. He found out they are not related and that Pam Brown felt cabs to Hartford were paid for and that a bus financed by Hartford Dispensary might be more cost effective and efficient.

Mr. Blitz then turned the matter over to the Town of Enfield as we have no jurisdiction.

After this explanation of what had transpired, Matt Coppler made a motion, seconded by Mary Ann Turner, to communicate to Hartford Dispensary that we are sorry but no thanks, we are not interested and we have other pressing priorities. The motion carried unanimously.

At this time, the public was called on to comment on this situation. Senator John Kissel read into the record a letter to Mr. Blitz regarding Senator Kissel's response to the letter from Hartford Dispensary (attached to these Minutes).

The Regular Meeting Agenda went back in order at 7:27 p.m.

#### **Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 20, 2010**

Ed Kramer made a motion, seconded by Paul Scarchuk to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 20, 2010. The motion carried 6-0-5 with Jo-Marie Nelson, Matthew Coppler, Trish Vayda, Mary Ann Turner and Laura Hathaway abstaining.

#### **Approval of Minutes of Public Hearing of January 20, 2010**

Ed Kramer made a motion, seconded by David Skoczulek, to accept the Minutes of the Public Hearing of January 20, 2010. The motion carried 6-0-5 with Jo-Marie Nelson, Matthew Coppler, Trish Vayda, Mary Ann Turner and Laura Hathaway abstaining.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Lee Palardy made a motion, seconded by David Skoczulek, to approve modifications to the existing budget based on changes that have occurred during the year. Mr. Golon requested the exact changes because some people were not at any previous meeting when the changes were presented. Basically the changes were at the request of the auditor to clean up the budget of any changes during the year. The motion carried 6-0-5 with Matthew Coppler, Trish Vayda, Jo-Marie Nelson, Laura Hathaway and Mary Ann Turner abstaining.

### **Communications**

We have received a letter from the Ellington First Selectman requesting our representatives from Ellington meet with the Selectman in June to let them know what our Department has been doing during the year. We have also set the Enfield Town Council meeting of June 7<sup>th</sup> to report to the Council our progress in updating our communications, as requested. We will attempt to get these meeting scheduled in all our towns.

A letter was received from Stafford regarding the appointment of Laura Hathaway as our new member from Stafford.

A letter was also received from Enfield regarding the appointment of Mary Ann Turner as our new member from Enfield.

Mr. Blitz received a letter from Dr. Al Caudullo resigning from the Board from the Town of Vernon due to job changes.

### **Report of the Director of Health**

Mr. Blitz reviewed State Health Department Laboratory reports for January (\$1,115.54) and February (\$2,030.69) for sexually transmitted, possible food borne illness and lead testing.

Mr. Blitz explained lead testing and the process when we received a report of an elevated blood lead level in a child. A questions was raised if we charge for lead inspections - testing time - and does anyone in the state charge for that testing. We receive reimbursement money from the state to do lead testing. It does not cover all our time but at least there is some money coming back in for these inspections.

A letter to all towns has been prepared and was passed around for review by the Board, about our Progress Report which is attached to these Minutes.

Mr. Blitz showed the Board a flow chart developed by Michael Caronna for one of our processes: B-100 reviews for additions, accessory structures, pools or change of use. All elements and times for all possible scenarios would be spelled out in this flow chart which will eventually be available on our website for all applications.

We will be interviewing two sanitarians on Friday. Initially we thought we would only be able to hire one sanitarian after July 1<sup>st</sup> but hopefully we can push that up to April 1<sup>st</sup> because we have some excess money from the H1N1 grant.

We have been told we will receive a State Grant of approximately \$5,000-\$6,000 to encourage local water companies who do not use fluoride to do so. Hazardville Water Company does not have fluoride in their water. We will talk to them and research other water departments in our district.

Mr. Blitz has been involved with East Windsor and Ellington in discussions of school readiness. The information meetings have been very productive.

**Report of Bioterrorism Coordinator**

Jeremy Plossay's report was reviewed by the Board

Paul Scarchuk brought up the fact that there will be a Region 4 tabletop exercise that Windham Hospital will be involved with on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Blitz will relay that information to Jeremy for his information.

**Report of Director of Environmental Services**

Septic has slowed and thankfully it has because Rick Zulick has been out on disability and Tony Lopez and been working primarily with the computer. Recently though, it seems septic work is picking up.

We are working on two new lead cases in Stafford and Vernon and old cases in Enfield and Windham.

**Food Report**

Mr. Anderson asked if we are getting at least one inspection in each year for our food service facilities. Mr. Palardy reported his restaurant is only two weeks behind in its inspections being conducted. Mr. Anderson also asked that the score for failing restaurants in Deb Caronna's report also be added to that report.

**Salon Activity Reports**

Inspections by our staff for new owners and new facilities are being conducted. The subcontractor should be starting annual inspections by the beginning of April.

**Report of Health Educator**

Sue Cloutier's report for January and February 2010 was reviewed by the Board.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

Mr. Anderson requested we get a folding table to add onto our conference table so all Board members will be able to be around the table. Mr. Blitz said we have folding tables and they will be set up at the next meeting.

**Adjournment**

With no further business before the Board, Lee Palardy made a motion, seconded by Mary Ann Turner, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William H. Blitz  
Secretary

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