

# Connecticut River Area Health District

*Serving the Towns of Clinton, Deep River, Old Saybrook, Haddam and Chester*

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## **Unapproved Minutes**

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

Regular Meeting of the CRAHD Board of Directors

455 Boston Post Road, Suite 7

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2:00 PM

### **1. Call to Order**

Michael Dunne, Chairman of the CRAHD board of directors, called the regular meeting to order at 2:08 PM.

### **2. Roll Call**

Chairman Dunne recognized the following board directors: Alan Schwarz, Christine Goupil, Lauren Gister, Angus McDonald, Rita Foster and Bob McGarry. Also, in attendance was Scott Martinson, DOH and Sherry Carlson, Public Health Nurse.

### **3. Review/Approval Minutes**

The minutes from the from the September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 regular meeting were reviewed by the board directors. Motion to approve the Minutes made by Dunne, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gister.

*Approved 7-0*

### **4. Director of Health Report**

The Board Welcomed Bob McGarry, Haddam 1<sup>st</sup> Selectmen, to the CRAHD Board of Directors. The draft budget will be completed by the February 25<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. The public hearing for the budget will be scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM prior to the April 28<sup>th</sup> regular board meeting. There has been

recent CRAHD staffing changes. Zach Faiella is the new DOH in Westbrook. Greg Mattus is the new Registered Sanitarian for CRAHD. CRAHD staff were interviewed in executive session at a Westbrook BOS meeting. Despite substantial effort by CRAHD staff, at this time they were not interested in becoming a member Town of the CRAHD. Many multi-year DPH grants have been secured and two new FDA grants have been secured. There was discussion on the yearly audit. The audit firm did not identify any deficiencies in internal control at CRAHD. CRAHD came under budget for FY 2018/2019. CRAHD staff is working on completing the new State required sexual harassment training. There was discussion on the new grease management plans with Deep River and Chester. CRAHD will also be working on a EEE risk communication plan for next year's mosquito season. CRAHD also collaborated with ESHD and others for a large opioid grant.

## **5. Public Health Nurse Report**

Flu season is widespread, strains circulating are managed by produced vaccine. 5.36% population this week and total of 13 adult deaths, no peds.

Flu cases that were lab confirmed in our district is 30: 2 Chester, 13 Clinton, 4 Deep River, 7 Haddam, 4 Old saybrook. CRAHD has had 28 out of office clinics at schools, town halls, fire, police, halfway homes, senior centers throughout the district. In addition, we have had 15 in office clinics from 7am-7pm and accommodations for some Saturdays. The # of vaccinations given to date is approximately 1,600. CRAHD is re-registered for next season CTWIZ when ALL pediatric vaccinations will be received from CT DPH only. There will be no private vendors and it will be all documented in CT WIZ for all providers to have accurate documentation of all vaccines administered to their patients. CRAHD reported on the district wide disease report. There was nothing out of average range for district. There was discussion about the new block grant for hypertension. CRAHD was awarded a Community Foundation of Middlesex County grant of \$2,500 to purchase environmental control kits for people in our putting on airs asthma program.

## **6. Adjournment**

Dunne moved to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Schwarz. The CRAHD board of directors meeting adjourned at 3:33 PM.

Submitted by:

Scott Martinson