

TOWN OF KILLINGWORTH

Public Health Agency

323 Route 81

Killingworth, CT 06419

MINUTES

June 12, 2013

Members Present: Chair Natalie Ortolini Drew, Barbara Klein, Laurie Kauffman, Sue Nesci, Ernest Pizzuto, RS, and Health Director Maura Esposito

Members Absent: Martha Hogan, First Selectman Catherine Iino

Chair Natalie Ortolini Drew called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Minutes

MOTION: Laurie Kauffman moved and Ernest Pizzuto seconded acceptance of the May 8th minutes. Voting in favor: Natalie Ortolini Drew, Barbara Klein, Laurie Kauffman and Ernest Pizzuto. Opposed: 0 Abstentions: Sue Nesci. The motion carried: 5:0:1.

Health Director Update

Maura reported that an intern, Kara Burnett, works with her on Thursdays.

Reportable Diseases- The committee reviewed the monthly reportable disease report.

Budget- The committee reviewed financials for July 1, 2012-June 3, 2013, which showed \$9,280 in revenue and \$22,525.28 (47.4%) of expenses.

Food Service- Maura reported that she continues restaurant inspections and reviewed one temporary food event application.

Environmental- Maura reviewed the following statistics: Soil testing- B-100-1; Repairs: 5; Plan Reviews-B 100 no soil testing-2; Septic inspections: repairs-4; Pump-out permits-42; letters to homeowners regarding water reports-4; complaints-2. She noted that in the past two months she has worked with two homeowners whose wells tested high for uranium and recommends that homeowners test their well water.

Health Promotion

Mass Dispensing Plan- The committee has an extensive discussion of state requirements for mass dispensing plan for the town in a public health emergency, such as anthrax, small pox or influenza. There are two types of dispensing sites: 1) an open pod where vaccine is dispensed to individuals at a determined site and 2) a closed pod, where members of an existing group send one individual to gather all the necessary preventative measures and brings them to a set group of individuals.

Killingworth is part of Region 2: MDA 39-the Connecticut River Valley. Mass dispensing is coordinated by the Connecticut River Area Health District. In the state of an emergency declared by the governor, Killingworth residents would be transported to the mass dispensing site to receive preventative measures or inoculations. Residents can organize closed pods to serve existing groups, such as churches or senior communities.

For a closed pod, one designated person retrieves the preventative treatment from the central site and brings them back to the closed pod for distribution.

Maura passed around a chart showing a detailed plan for the number of volunteer positions needed at the mass dispensing site. She explained that a closed pod also needs to know and have some basic information on members of its group. There are administrative requirements for a closed pod. Maura plans to meet with churches and several other groups in town to discuss the requirements for a closed pod and assess interest. She will also contact the necessary parties to arrange for the use of the middle school site for staging the transportation component of this plan.

The committee discussed trying to establish several closed pods in town to minimize the number of individuals who would have to be transported to the mass dispensing site and to reach the maximum number of residents in the quickest time possible.

Smoking Cessation Coalition- Maura distributed information about a grant proposal from the state Department of Public Health for a county-wide evidence-based smoking cessation program. She explained that she would work with Youth Services to particularly target youth in town. The committee recommended that the town send a letter of support for the grant.

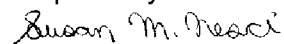
The committee decided not to meet in July and August. Maura said she would continue to update with the committee on the mass dispensing plan.

MOTION-Barbara Klein moved and Laurie Kauffman seconded a motion to adjourn. Voting in favor: Natalie Ortolini Drew, Barbara Klein, Laurie Kauffman, Sue Nesci and Ernest Pizzuto. Opposed: 0 Abstentions:0. The motion carried: 6:0:0.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:12pm

The next meeting will be September 11, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Nesci
Secretary