



Connecticut Environmental Health Association

Board of Directors meeting

January 11, 2022

Via Zoom Platform

Call to order: Chris Buter, President at 12:06PM

Attendees: Chris Buter, Tanielle Davis, Dia Dihan, Maryam Hosseini, Don Kendrick, Erica Mikulak, Mindy Chambrelli, Phyllis Amodio, Michelle Hansen, Brianna Britos – Swain, Jennifer Sparks, Kristen Amodio, Kevin Elak, Jeff Polhemus, Liz Kavanah

Guest: Tracey Weeks

1. **President's Report:** *Chris B.*

Agenda was presented for any changes or additions. None was brought forth. Maryam made a motion to approve the agenda for 1-11-22, it was seconded by Don. None opposed and no abstention. Motion passes to approve the agenda as it stands.

Chris is working with Mindy to remedy ownership the zoom platform. They're still having issue with transferring ownership from Mindy to Chris.

An email was sent to Lori Mathew about the reciprocal licensing for itinerant vendors. An email was also sent out to CADH about the upcoming meeting on the issue. No response has been received at this time.

Tracey Weeks: Health directors are the only ones who were invited to the table discussion on the reciprocity licensure for the itinerant vendor

2. **Secretary's Report:** *Tanielle D.*

Minutes dated December 14, 2021, was presented to the board. Tanielle motions for the minutes to be accepted as it stands. Motion was seconded by Erica. None opposed, one abstention, motion carried.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** *Scott C.*

Not present at today's meeting

4. **Education Report:** *Jennifer S. & Dia D.*

Nothing to report at this time.



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5. **Workforce Development:** *Alyssa B. & Brianna S.*

Last meeting was back in November where the committee met with Dr. Evans from SCSU to discuss the gaps between people getting hired in the field and working at a local health department.

A discussion was held with UCONN on what other schools are offering and how is the program applicable to the day to day.

Next meeting will be held on January 18th at 2:30pm.

Funding has become available through Career Connect / NEHA to possible help with workforce development. This could be beneficial in helping with understanding aspects of “what does it look like when searching for a job in the field” “once in the field, how do we keep folks engaged”

Discussion ensued.

6. **Legislation:** *Liz K.*

February 9th to the end of May will be for the next legislative session. Due to covid, meetings are only being held two times a week.

Liz reached out to Susan Blancaflor about who the next possible intel is from DPH. So far Susan has yet to respond.

7. **Membership:** *Maryam H.*

Membership renewals continue to come in. Checks totaling \$3130 was mailed out to Scott and he should receive it sometime this week.

A food basket was sent to Art Yoaps' wife who should have received it on New Year's Eve.

8. **Nomination/ Election:** *Phyllis A.*

There're still no applicants for the vice president/president elect. Phyllis will continue to make calls and reach out to members about becoming involved with the board. Another option is to explore the possibility anyone on the executive board to see if anyone is interested.

Jennifer and Dia will be voted in during the new business.

9. **Publicity:** *Michelle H. & Lisa Y.*

Michelle is inquiring if CEHA should put out a winter newsletter. She will reach out to for content to possibly include.

Discussion ensued.



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10. **Scholarships/Awards:** *Erica M.*

The listserv with the different colleges and universities that provide a public health program will be continually updated and will mostly likely be done by February.

Technical Committee:

11. **Lead:** *Kristen A.*

Kristen spoke to Kim Ploszaj, DPH who said that a circular letter with the new changes will go out in February. The changes will be for the sill and dust lead level. Venous test will remain at a 5. Also, information regarding lead refresher will be sent out soon.

Judy Dicine is looking for housing inspector for the City of Hartford.

12. **Food Safety:** *Steve Y. & Katie B.*

Email was received from Katie on 1-11-21: Conversation with Tracey Weeks

- a. Is Matt ready yet to be a standardization officer or is Cindy the only one at the moment?
- b. **Matt is trained and has standardized candidates. Although Cindy is currently our primary standardization officer, Matt will continue to assist as needed and as his schedule permits.**
- c. Will the start of the EHTP affect wait times for standardization?
- d. **Maybe - again it depends on what is going on - outbreaks are back - and everyone's schedules.**
- e. Is anyone currently waiting? (Last I checked, no)
- f. **At this point we have at least 2 who claim to be ready, but that has not been confirmed by us yet. And there are many on the list at various stages of readiness.**
- g. Are you allowed in the field given the surging Covid cases or will this delay standardization?
- h. **Yes, we are continuing field work on a priority basis as we always do and following safety protocol.
In short, as always, we will do our best to accommodate requests in as timely a manner as possible within available resources and other demands!**

13. **Subsurface Sewage:** *Jeff P.*

Meeting will now be scaled back to be on a quarterly basis. March 10th will be the next one for subsurface. The goal is to have some meetings face to face and in the field ones as well. Last October's training was a success. The committee is planning a repeat training for March or April, after the phase 1 training at SCSU. A training for septic tank installation is likely to happen in March or April. This will be open to anyone with any level of training in this area. The focus will be more so on tank structure, integrity of backfill etc. Also, a training on final inspection is likely to come in the spring and/or fall.



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Jeff has been in communication with DPH's Lori Mathew and Matt Pawlik and currently there is no potential replacement for Bob Scully. Jeff is also unsure if the updates for the technical standard will be for this year or next year.

14. **Water/Wells:** *Don K.*

Tizziana is no longer at DPH, she now works for the DEEP. Ryan will now be working on the private well meetings.

15. **Body Arts/Personal Services:** *Brian F.*

Not present at today's meeting.

16. **Old Business:** November 5th minutes was tabled, and no comment or changes were brought forth. Maryam made the motion for the minutes to be accepted as it stands. Motion was seconded by Erica. None opposed, no abstention. Motion carried to accept the November 5th meeting minutes.

17. **New Business:**

Dia Dihan and Jennifer Sparks were nominated as co-chair for the education committee. They will work closely with the past chair, Dianne Harding, to settle into the new role. Chris motions to appoint both Dia and Jennifer as co-chair for the education committee. All were in favor, no abstention or opposition. Motion passed. Congratulations Dia and Jennifer.
Chris will also follow up with Danielle Holmes on her being co-chair on the subsurface committee.

18. **Adjourn:** Phyllis motions to Adjourn and seconded by Kevin. Meeting adjourned at 12:57PM