



Connecticut Environmental Health Association

Board of Directors meeting

April 12, 2022

Via Zoom Platform

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

Attendees: Chris Buter, Tanielle Davis, Scott Cook, Don Kendrick, Erica Mikulak, Alyssa Brochu, Dia Dihan, Lisa Yu, Kristen Amodio, Brianna Britos- Swain, Katie Baldwin, Steve Yenco, Dia Dihan, Jeff Polhemus

Guest: Danielle Holmes

Agenda

Scott motioned to add the Yankee Conference under new business to the agenda. None was brought forth. Scott made a motion to approve the agenda for 4-12-22 with the changes, it was seconded by Jeff. None opposed and no abstention. Motion passes to approve the amended agenda.

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

Going forward, Chris would like board members to notify him if they're unable to be present at a meeting.

Special thanks to Don Mitchell and Don Kendrick on the well presentation at the SCSU class presentation. DPH was also very appreciative.

Workforce Development worked with Chris in reaching out with DPH. Workforce Development with discuss in details the happenings of that meeting.

Childhood Lead Poisoning will have changes for the action level come January 2023. The levels will go from a 20 to a 15 then to a 10 so more to come. The Governor is in full support of this change as well.

TCS and CBD – Frank Green will provide more information on this in an upcoming zoom meeting. Schedule and the link will be provided soon.

DPH will continue to have a standing agenda. Chris has worked with Lori's office on them to be able to transmit upcoming data to the various committee. Chris also met with Trent Jospeh (CADH President) on the vendor reciprocity license. Chris is reluctant to send the



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MOU as he would like to work with the food committee on this further. On the 19th of March, another reciprocity meeting will be held.

Amanda Clark of DPH's Drinking Water Section has sent a EPA grant for CEHA to sign off on as they are asking CEHA to endorse it.

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

Minutes dated March 8th, 2022, was presented to the board. Scott motions for the minutes to be accepted as it stands and it was seconded by Brianna. None opposed, one abstention and motion carried.

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

Full details of account balances and transactions can be seen in Scott's email that was sent on 04-12-22. All accounts have steady activity with very little change. Some transactions included payout to the NEC Conference trip for the past presidents and also including Chris., insurance. Revenue included membership renewals and job postings. Maryam sent out another gift basket to a member. Scott motions to accept the treasurer's report and a second was made by Don. There was no abstention and none opposed. Motion was carried.

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

Next Wednesday at 12pm will be the preliminary zoom meeting on CBDs. An email reminder will be sent out. The committee is looking for presenters to do another presentation on pools or Air bnbs. The planning for the summer picnic is in effect. The pavilion is already booked.

5. **Legislation:** *Liz K.*

Not present at today's meeting.

6. **Membership:** *Maryam H.*

Not present at today's meeting.

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

Not present at today's meeting.



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

The committee would like to send out a spring newsletter. The presidents reported is needed by May 6th.

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

The committee is still working on the listserv of colleges and universities. Applications are coming in for both scholarships. The committee wants to remind everyone to apply for the awards as well.

Technical Committee:

10. **Lead:** *Kristen A.*

HB- 50-45: reduce the EBLL over the next 2 years. Inspections will be triggered at a 5 instead of the 20. In person lead refreshers are starting up next week.

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

Pilot program temporarily is on hold because the database is not set up as yet. Some issue that the committee sees with this program are 1) will towns have to revise their ordinances in order to accommodate with the change 2) how will DPH be able to track. Discussion ensued.

DPH will not be apart of the permitting process. For towns to join in on the MOU, they would have to modify and fit to match the requirements of the MOU.

Katie will send the food committee a schedule for a meeting on what's happening on the last year and to get suggestion.

12. **Subsurface Sewage:** *Jeff P.*

Danielle Holmes has expressed interest in serving as the co-chair for the subsurface committee.

Code advisory hosted with Matt P. and DPH. They are working on filling Bob Scully's position. Matt had shared that he expressed interest in the position and he officially applied. The year 2023 is the target for the tech standard update so there is still an opportunity for CEHA and other committees to provide any feedback that they might have.

Matt wants to push for requiring education credits are CEU certified septic installers, more to come.

Don and Jeff will have a joint committee meeting on waste water discharge system and all things concerning waste water system.

Two upcoming trainings

1) Final inspection training (full day) at Skips in Ellington on April 26th



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2) Tank installation and challenges of the site on April 27th

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

CT Water Well Association Training Meeting will be on April 28th

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

Not present at today's meeting

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

Last meeting was a discussion on branding. The committee is thinking doing a video to capitalize who we are. As mentioned by Chris, the committee is not able to take on grant funding, due to lack of time. However, the committee is looking at possible external funding for the future

There is upcoming training opportunity for body art and tattoo. Brian has been receiving inquiries on heat treating units that are not autoclaves. By itself, it is not an approved method for sanitization. The tools still must be washed, rinsed, and sanitized but these units can be used for storage only.

16. **Old Business:** None

17. **New Business:** Digital Inspections with Tracey Weeks

The software has a three-part model: 1) Complaint Section (illness and non-illness types, outbreaks etc.), 2) Certified Inspector Tracking Section, 3) Inspection Section (tracking licenses on what's expired, what's due etc.). The software is designed, customized and eminent for the FDA Food Code. DPH will have access for all inspection reports. However, it will not be available for public viewing until further down the road. The software has also been suggested to be used for tracking reciprocal vendor licenses. Training will be required, and it will be provided. Discussion followed.

18. **Adjourn:** Brianna motions to Adjourn and seconded by Katie. Meeting adjourned at 1:37PM