

Advisory Board of health Meeting Minutes

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Advisory Board of Health (ABH) was held on Wednesday, January 20, 2010, at 7:00 pm in room 213 of Town Hall.

Members present: Kevin Cunningham, Chair; Dr. Jose Cara, Vice Chair and Mary Guimond, Clerk

Members absent: Jennifer Geddes

Guests: David Knauf, Darien Director of Health

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm and the minutes of the December 2009 meeting were approved without change. Mr. Knauf reported the following:

H1N1 Update. The Health Department has hosted 13 flu clinics with 1,100 doses of the vaccine having been administered. There is a \$15 per dose compensation that the town receives from the government which pays for the nurses.

Regulation and Ordinance Changes. This substantial work has been completed and Mr. Knauf will be presenting same to the Board of Selectmen on Monday, January 25, 2010. Ms. Guimond is working with committees of the RTM to present the changes and new ordinances to the RTM at their March meeting.

Food Training Program. Creation of the program is complete using PowerPoint presentation and DVD. Pre and post tests are nearly complete. Pilot will begin in February instead of January as previously reported (H1N1 took priority). The training is fee-based at \$75 per person for the half-day session.

Digital Health Department. Progress continues to be made, with mock-ups nearly ready. Weekly conference calls are held every Friday and May is targeted for a pilot.

Budget. No substantive changes will be made to the budget from the previous fiscal year. The town lost \$24,000 in State per capita funding but received \$38,000 grant for emergency preparedness which will continue for two years.

Emergency Preparedness. Much headway has been made in drafting the public health component of the Darien emergency plan and it is nearly complete. Chair Cunningham has been involved in this process. Transportation to a distribution site continues to elude resolution but Mr. Knauf is working with the town administrator and counsel to address this outstanding issue.

At this point of the meeting, Mr. Knauf was excused.

Chair Cunningham reported that he spoke with the chair of the Police Commission regarding pedestrian safety. The Police Commissioner was interested in partnering with the ABH. Action is on the ABH to provide data and more specific project details. ABH

will reach out to the Commission on Aging to determine if that group sees pedestrian safety as an issue and determine if they would like to partner with us in addressing it. In an attempt to obtain data, Dr. Cara suggested conducting a town-wide survey and Ms. Guimond suggested we use the news media to help us conduct one on-line. Chair Cunningham said he would talk with DarienPatch.com and with the town print newspapers to garner their support.

The members of ABH voted to maintain the current Chair, Co-Chair and Clerk for 2010. Chair Cunningham will reach out to the Board of Selectmen regarding the vacant membership position on the ABH.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted on January 25, 2010,

Mary Guimond
Clerk