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Health Department

Advisory Board of Health Meeting - Minutes

Room 119; March 8, 2016

DOH Report and updates:

1. Health Needs Assessment update – A presentation was given by Greg Kearns from Stamford Hospital. He gave an overview of the process to update health needs assessment for the community. A community well-being survey was completed last year in order to nail down health needs for community. He shared high-level results of the survey.
2. Stamford Health Department status – David has agreed to 3 months interim service as a consultant director of health services in a limited fashion for the City of Stamford covering emergencies or public health services according to statute. On March 4th the contract was up, advertising was slow and there is still no closing date. We do not know the status of the application or filling the position. Issues do still pop up every occasionally and we are eager to get the position filled.
3. Zika Discussion – There is an up-coming public forum at the Library as it is making a lot of news. The presentation will be a public forum information session Dr. Caleb Moore who will be interviewed by Jim Cameron and broadcast on Darien TV Channel 79, March 31st at 7pm. Additionally, an article will be coming out this week in the local papers.
4. Town Hall Water Sampling results – DHD has been asked by selectwoman to test public water fountains at Town Hall. The DHD is pleased to report that the Department took samples and they were tested for lead and copper and all were well within established standards. Acquarion also does testing, no issues.
5. Flu Prevention Program summary – 333 shots in 2014, 300 in 2015 (on par with previous years). Low flu prevalence this season as well as the virus was late showing up in the community.
6. Old Business

- Microbial Source (DNA) tracking Study update – started to do 2 months of testing
- Revision of Rating Form for restaurant inspection reports is ongoing
- Radon Testing Program – little interested locally

7. Other business – no issues

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