

ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

**JANUARY 17, 2008
Weiss Conference room
6:30 p.m.**

Present:

**Robin Klimkoski, Karen Gionet, Mary Moynihan
Staff: Maryann Cherniak Lexius, Director of Health**

Absent:

Lisa Perrone, Dr. John Malone

1.0 Call to Order

- At 6:43 p.m. the meeting was called to order.
- Karen Gionet moved to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2007 meeting. Mary Moynihan seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to approve the December 13, 2007 minutes.
- Robin Klimkoski was welcomed as a newly appointed member to the Advisory Board of Health. Peter Mason completed Chris Cavanna's remaining term and went off the Board in November 2007.
- We discussed the Certificate of Recognition Award to Chris Cavanna in recognition of his ten years of service on the Board and commitment. We have been unable to reach him to invite him to this meeting. We will make additional efforts, but may need to mail the certificate to him, due to his current military commitment.
- Discussion of the need to Elect a Chairman to lead the Advisory Board of Health. Chris Cavanna was our previous chairman.

2.0 Old Business

- Grants updates were provided on the DPH Regional Asthma Grant initiative with CCMC; a Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant that is being leveraged with Park and Rec funds for a Living Well After-School Program; the BT Grant and current state requirements.

3.0 New Business

- Election of ABH chairperson: following a discussion of the responsibilities of the chairperson, Mary Moynihan nominated Karen Gionet as Chairperson for the Advisory Board of Health. Robin Klimkoski seconded the nomination and Karen Gionet was unanimously elected as the Advisory Board of Health chairperson for 2008.
- ABH members requested the Director of Health contact the absent ABH members to confirm their continued interest.
- Agreement to renew the NALBOH membership (National Assoc. of Local Boards of Health).
- Blight Ordinance progress was discussed, as the Health Department is participating on the Task Force charged to create this ordinance proposal for Manchester.

- Community Outreach meetings being held in the community to educate residents in preparing themselves and their families for all-hazards emergencies. The first meeting of its kind is scheduled for January 28th at the MHS. More meetings to be scheduled at schools in the community. Local publicity will use several resources, including Manchester Matters.
- Meeting Schedule for the upcoming Year was created:
January 17, 2008;
April 17, 2008;
July 17, 2008;
and October 16, 2008
- **2008 Meeting Schedule will be submitted to the General Manager's Office and the Town Clerk no later than January 31, 2008.**

4.0 Adjournment – Karen Gionet moved and Mary Moynihan seconded meeting adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m. A tour of the Health Department's renovated space was provided for those who wished to stay.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: _____
Maryann Cherniak Lexius, MPH, RS
Director of Health, Manchester