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**CITY OF NORWALK
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

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Community Services Committee
Via Teleconference
July 20, 2023
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JULY 20, 2023

ATTENDANCE: David Heuvelman, Chair; Diana Revolus; Barbara Smyth

STAFF: Teresa Argondezzi; Deanna D'Amore; Lamond Daniels; Brian Weeks,
Health Department

1. CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL

Mr. Heuvelman called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. and called the Roll as indicated above.
A Quorum was not present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no members of the public who wished to comment this evening.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD ON JUNE 15, 2023

There was no action taken on the approval of the minutes this evening.

4. DISCUSSION

a. Updates from the Health Department

Deanna D'Amore, Health Director

Ms. D'Amore turned the update to Mr. Weeks.

Brian Weeks, Epidemiologist

Mr. Weeks shared his screen and gave an update on the air quality. He noted that the air quality today was at an acceptable level. The smoke plumes come in from the wild fires in western Canada and change the air quality. He noted that people should sign up for the alerts, Code Red, Norwalk Notify Me and Air Now.

Mr. Weeks updated the Committee on Covid numbers for Fairfield County and said there was a slight uptick, based on wastewater surveillance. There are a lot of sub variances in the mix that are attributable to travel and summer activities. There is a variant from the Dominican Republic that they are keeping an eye on.

There are not a large number of mosquitos in Norwalk which can be attributable to the drought conditions. Mr. Weeks presented a drought map. Mosquito activity is low.

b. Updates from the Chief of Community Services, Lamond Daniels

Mr. Daniels said he was pleased that the mini grant launched six weeks ago and they received 40 applications. This pilot program was designed for small non-profits with an annual budget of \$1 million. He expressed this thanks to those who will be reviewing the applications. He noted that they will only review applications that were completed properly.

Mr. Daniels thanked Mr. Heuvelman for his support and said he looks forward to present the organization. Mr. Heuvelman said there will be a special meeting on August 3rd and the time is to be determined.

ACTION ITEMS

No action was taken on the following items because there was not a Quorum present this evening.

Ms. D'Amore reviewed the following item. She said this is a grant they apply for each year. The funds are used to help support the Health Department.

There were no questions from the Committee members.

1. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute any and all agreements, documents, instruments, or amendments needed to apply for and receive Per Capita Grant in Aid funding from the CT Department of Public Health in the amount of \$176,004.42 for the period July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024.

Ms. Argondezzi reviewed the following item. She explained that this is an Agreement with Sacred Heart University's Nursing program. Mr. Heuvelman said it was great that they were able to offer this type of experience for the students.

There were no questions from the Committee members.

2. Authorize the Mayor, Harry W. Rilling, to execute any and all agreements, documents, instruments, or amendments with Sacred Heart University as may be necessary to allow for students in the University's graduate and undergraduate programs to be placed at the Norwalk Health Department for internships and student learning opportunities.

Mr. Heuvelman will place these items on the July 25, 2023 Common Council agenda.

6. **ADJOURN**

**** MS. REVOLUS MOVED TO ADJOURN**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi
Telesco Secretarial Services