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MINUTES

Tuesday February 25, 2026 - CRAHD Office

2:00 PM Regular Board Meeting

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1. Call to Order.

Meeting called to order at 2:03 PM.

2. Roll Call.

Present: Michael Dunne, William Kohlhepp, Rita Foster,

Michelle Benivegna, Carol Jones, Eric Couture, Cindy Lignar, Alan Schwarz

Others Present: Scott Martinson, DOH, Sean Donlan, First Selectman, Haddam

3. Approval of Minutes dated: 11/18/2025.

Minutes Approved – Kohlhepp - 2nd Foster

Approved 8-0

4. CRAHD/BOARD – Updates.

Martinson presented a power point presentation. Martinson discussed environmental health permitting for calendar year 2025 and 2026. He also discussed having a graduate intern in Spring 2026 and an undergraduate intern Summer 2026. Many past CRAHD interns have advanced to become successful Directors of Health. Martinson discussed working on a new website for CRAHD. Sherry Carlson, PHN, provided a Lead Child Case Management presentation to the employees at Wildwood Pediatrics and successfully completed all required contact investigation, isolation, and reporting requirements for the CRAHD measles exposure case December 2025. Martinson mentioned that July 1st, 2026, will be the 20th anniversary for CRAHD. The Board discussed implementing a vision development survey and the Haddam 1st selectman was tasked to appoint someone as a CRAHD Board Member.

5. Adjournment.

The meeting ended at 2:45 PM.