

Wellesley Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2011

Present:

Shepard Cohen, Chairman
Marcia Testa Simonson, PhD Vice Chair
Lloyd Tarlin, MD Secretary

Staff:

Holly Detroy, Environmental Health Specialist
Deadra Doku Gardner, Administrator
Lenny Izzo, Environmental Health Specialist
Cheryl Lefman, Community Health Coordinator
Elizabeth Stark- Public Health Nurse Supervisor
Mary Suresh, Director

In Attendance:

Cheryl Daebritz, Human Resources, Town of Wellesley
Carol Hannenberg, resident

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

The meeting minutes for April 28, 2011 were approved.

1. Mental Health

a) QPR

Mary Suresh and Cheryl Lefman reported that the next QPR training is scheduled for May 25 2011. There are twenty-one parents and teachers from the Middle School registered as of this date.

Ms. Suresh reported that QPR training is being scheduled with the Recreation Department. The program will take place on June 8, 2011.

Ms. Suresh reported that the state is offering a QPR train the trainer session. Ms. Suresh reported that Nancy Kuzmienski of the Guidance Offices of Wellesley Middle School has expressed an interest in this training.

b) Mental Health Coordinator/Psychiatric Nurse

The Board of Health agreed that a per diem psychiatric nurse be hired as a Mental Health Nurse Coordinator. Mary Suresh will finalize the job description and present it at the next meeting. . The Board of Health agrees that the responsibilities of the position include working with Wellesley Housing Authority residents and to be able to coordinate and connect with mental health services and programs available within the community. This person is to be hired before the beginning of FY 12 (July 1, 2011).

The Board of Health agrees that funding for this position be approximately \$12k. Currently this funding is designated for the Housing Authority outreach social worker however the position on Barton Road has changed and the need for a psychiatric nurse has increased.

c) Temple Beth Elohim

Lloyd Tarlin and Mary Suresh reported on the program that was held at Temple Beth Elohim. Faith based organizations, schools and agencies from Wellesley, Newton and Needham were present at the program. Individuals spoke about being able to recognize depression and the various ways to approach mental health.

Bob Anthony of Adolescent Wellness has invited Mary Suresh and Lloyd Tarlin to a full day program on May 26, Breaking Free from Depression.

d) Wellesley Acts

The Board of Health agrees that the website address for Wellesley Acts (<http://www.wellesleyacts.org>) should be posted on all the Wellesley Public School websites.

e) Mental Health Contracts

The Board of Health will begin reviewing the 2011-2012 mental health contracts. Essentially the Charles River Contract and the HRS contracts will be remaining the same.

2. Administrative

a) Building Sign

The Board of Health reviewed photos provided by the Recreation Department. Recreation has received a donation from a resident for approximately half the cost of the sign. The Board of Health has not approved funding at this time.

Shep Cohen will provide additional information at the next meeting.

b) Director Job Description

The Director Job Description was approved at the last meeting of the Board of Health.

Shep Cohen will draft a letter to Human Resources and submit the job description.

c) Director Candidate interviews

The Board of Health agreed that the four finalists for the position of Director will be interviewed at the next Board of Health meeting scheduled for May 12, 2011.

Cheryl Daebritz of the Human Resource Department will schedule the interviews.

d) Donations

Mary Suresh reported that the Health Department received a donation of \$100 in the name of Lisa Sneddon.

Ms Suresh will draft a letter of thanks to Ms. Sneddon.

e) Tobacco

The revised Tobacco regulations (Chapter XVIII) banning the sale of tobacco in pharmacies and educational institutions was voted and approved on April 28, 2011. The new regulations take effect June 1, 2011.

Lenny Izzo will prepare the legal notice and submit it to the Townman and the Town Clerk.

Mr. Cohen reported that he visited CVS and spoke with the manager about the new regulation.

f) Wellesley College- Internships

Shep Cohen reported that Professor Galarneau of Wellesley College is considering a requirement of a field/internship segment as part of the course curriculum. Mr. Cohen reported that these students would work on specific Health Department projects such as inputting well-care clinic information into a database and researching the ambulance data.

The Board of Health agreed that the next step is to define a specific project. Marcia Testa Simonson and Elizabeth Stark will schedule a meeting to determine the specific project.

3. Community Health

a) Keep Well Clinics

Elizabeth Stark reported on her efforts to promote the Keep Well clinics.

The Board of Health approves expanding the public health services at Barton Road. Elizabeth Stark is to formalize a plan that would include Keep Well clinics on a monthly basis on Barton Road. It is the only Wellesley Housing Authority location that currently does not have a scheduled Keep Well clinic for the residents.

b) Walking Program

Elizabeth Stark reported that the Walking Program for town employees began on Monday, May 1. There are approximately 40 employees signed up for the program.

c) Emergency Preparedness and Wellness Programming update

Cheryl Lefman reported on the following upcoming programs:

- CPR for MRC members- scheduled for 5/5 and 5/11
- Healthy Brain scheduled for 5/19/11
- Emergency Preparedness Program, Lunch and Learn for Seniors scheduled for 5/20
- Dog Show during Wellesley Celebrations- scheduled for 5/21/11
- QPR scheduled for 5/25/11 and 6/8/11
- Balance Workshop scheduled for 6/3 and 6/10

Ms. Lefman reported that there was an overwhelming response to the recent Healthy Cooking class.

d) Hazardous Waste Day

Mary Suresh reported that the Health Department participated in the collection of sharps at the Recycling and Disposal Facility on May 1, 2011. Ms Suresh reported that the event was a success.

Ms Suresh reported that she will contact DPW, Fire and Police to inquire as to placing a sharps disposal kiosk at one of the buildings. The Board of Health requested that the CVS Regional Manager attend a Board meeting to discuss sharps collection. The Board of Health would like to ask all pharmacies to take back sharps.

e) Drug Take Back Day

Mary Suresh reported that the Health Department participated in the collection of sharps at the Police Department Drug Take Back Day on April 30, 2011. Ms Suresh reported that the event was successful.

f) Newton Wellesley Hospital – Community Benefits

Shep Cohen reported that he will be contacting Newton Wellesley Hospital to inquire as to what services and community outreach the hospital can offer Wellesley.

4. Environmental Health

a) Food Establishments

Holly Detroy reported that she has been working with the Parent Teachers Organizations on temporary food permits. She has no further information in regard to the unconfirmed reports about a new yogurt shop on Linden Street and Panera Bread seeking a space on Central Street.

b) Summer Camps

Lenny Izzo reviewed the various camps applying for permits. He reported that there are several new camps operating in Wellesley this summer.

The Board of Health requested that Mary Suresh contact Camp Exploration at Wellesley College to ensure that they are adhering to basic camp regulations.

c) East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project (EMMCP)

At the last meeting Lenny Izzo reported on the legislative changes that will impact the EMMCP. Mr. Izzo reported that the Commissioner of Public Health is supporting the proposal to change the Massachusetts Pesticide Control Act.

Mr. Izzo reported that he has three letters of support and that this change has no financial impact to the communities. The revised pest control act will most likely go into effect prior to the summer of 2012.

d) Pools

Holly Detroy reported that she has started conducting the pool inspections.

e) 17 Bow Street

Lenny Izzo reported on the meeting (5/5/11) with Town Counsel, Albert Robinson regarding the various complaints about the condemned property at 17 Bow

Street. In attendance were Hans Larsen of the Selectman's Office and Michael Grant of the Building Department. Mr. Izzo reported that Hans Larsen will be urging the homeowner to voluntarily take the house down. If there is no response from the homeowner Mr. Larsen will take legal action and order the house to be razed.

Lenny Izzo reported that this home remains condemned. The house is secured. It is not a public health threat and the structure is not compromised. It is considered an "attractive nuisance".

The Board of Health voted to go into Executive Session.

The next meeting of the Board of Health will be announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deadra Doku Gardner