

Wellesley Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2011

Present:

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

Staff:

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:

Carol Hannenberg, resident
Elizabeth Thayer, Wellesley College
Professor Charlene Galarneau, Wellesley College

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m.

The meeting minutes for May 5, 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. Jon Mattleman will be conducting this training.

Ms. Suresh reported that QPR training has been scheduled with the Recreation Department. The program will take place on June 8, 2011. Mary Suresh and Tim Kennedy of the Recreation Department will be the trainers.

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.

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) 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. The final contracts will be presented at the next meeting for approval.

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 company making the sign is the same company that has made all other town building signs. The Board of Health approves the sign however has not approved funding at this time.

The Board of Health has requested that the Selectman's office be contacted in regards to funding for the sign.

b) Director Job Description

The Director Job Description was voted and approved by 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 interviewed the four finalists for the position of Director. Cheryl Daebritz of the Human Resource Department was present.

Following the interviews the Board of Health voted and approved the appointment of Leonard Izzo as Director of the Health Department effective July 1, 2011.

d) Wellesley College- Internships

Shep Cohen introduced Professor Galarnau of Wellesley College and senior Elizabeth Thayer. Ms Thayer provided the Board of Health with a copy of her resume. Ms. Thayer is interested in working as a Public Health intern this summer. Mr. Cohen reported that there is a possibility for an intern to 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

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) Measles

Elizabeth Stark and Mary Suresh reported that there has been one case of measles reported at St Elizabeth's Hospital and one case at Beth Israel Hospital.

c) Emergency Preparedness and Wellness Programming update

Cheryl Lefman reported on the CPR/AED training for MRC members. The two part training program was held on 5/5 and 5/11. Staff members Lenny Izzo, Cheryl Lefman, Deadra Doku Gardner, Elizabeth Stark, Mary Suresh and Marcia Testa Simonson (Board member) participated in the training and received their American Heart Association HealthCare Provider certifications.

Cheryl Lefman reported on the following upcoming programs:

- 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) Sharps Disposal

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) 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) 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.

b) 17 Bow Street

At the last meeting Lenny Izzo reported that Hans Larsen was will be urging the homeowner to voluntarily take the house down. Lenny Izzo reported that there has been no follow-up at this time.

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”.

c) Wellesley High School

Lenny Izzo reported on the oil spill cleanup. The environmental consultant working on the clean-up has reported that ongoing air quality monitoring is being conducted and air quality levels are back to where they were prior to the leak. Mr. Izzo reported that an environmental risk assessment is going to be conducted.

Mr. Izzo reported that no reporting was provided by the school administration in regards to student complaints.

d) Livestock

Lenny Izzo reported that several chicken permits have been coming in. There will be a need for two variances in the future.

Mr. Izzo reported that the Animal Control Officer, Sue Webb has been tracking a small canine terrier and in her tracking has discovered various chickens that are not permitted.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deadra Doku Gardner