

Wellesley Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
August 3, 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, Director
Cheryl Lefman, Community Health Coordinator

In Attendance:

David Halperin, Editor, Wellesley Local Town Pages
Carol Hannenberg
Michael Price, Chair, Wellesley Housing Authority

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m.

The meeting minutes for June 22, 2011 were approved.

1. Mental Health

a) Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR)

Cheryl Lefman reported that she will be scheduling an additional QPR training for the Fall. Jon Mattleman will be the trainer. Ms. Lefman will provide additional information at the next meeting.

b) Mental Health Coordinator

The Board of Health agreed that the responsibilities of the mental health coordinator position should include working with Wellesley Housing Authority residents and coordinating and leveraging mental health services and programs available within the community.

The Board of Health will address this position at the next Board meeting.

c) Mental Health Contracts

The Board of Health agreed to review the mental health programming contracts for FY12-13.

The Board of Health received the fourth quarter Human Relations Service report for FY11. The report will be reviewed at the next meeting.

2. Administrative

a) Human Resources

Shep Cohen reported that the Administrator's job description is being reviewed by Human Resources. The position description has been reviewed several times over the last eighteen months and is now in its final form.

b) Healthy Wellesley Fund

The Board of Health voted and approved the use of Healthy Wellesley Funds (not to exceed \$1,000) to treat the termite infestation at the home of an elder at risk located on Windemere Road. Three estimates will be sought by the resident.

c) Wellesley College

Shep Cohen reported that he received an email from Professor Galarneau regarding the start of classes in September. The Board of Health agreed that the next step is to define a specific project.

3. Community Health

a) DPH Vaccine Program

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health will no longer provide vaccines (except influenza) to adults with health insurance as a cost cutting measure. Only residents with no insurance are eligible for state vaccine. This program change took effect July 1, 2011. Additional information will be provided at the next meeting.

b) Wellesley Farmers Market

Lenny Izzo reported that that he will be attending a meeting to bring a Farmers Market to Wellesley in Summer 2012. Additional information will be provided at the next meeting.

c) Wellesley Housing Authority

The Board of Health welcomed the new Housing Authority Chair, Michael Price. Shep Cohen provided a brief history of the Health Department's collaboration with the Housing Authority. Shep Cohen outlined the Department's community health and environmental services provided to the residents in the housing authority apartments.

Michael Price reviewed a letter from the Housing Authority Director Pamela Allen dated June 21, 2011, which responded to several questions asked by the Health Department. He provided information in regards to the programs provided by the Rotary Club, Babson College, Mass Bay Community College and Wellesley College.

Several suggestions for expanding public health services to the residents were discussed, including the formation of a community health advisory committee (to include residents, plus representatives from the Health Department, Council on Aging and other Town agencies as well as community health agencies), the training of residents as community health advocates, and expansion of public health nursing and mental health services.

Mr. Price agreed with the Board of Health that there be a joint meeting of the boards in September 2011.

4. Environmental Health

a) Pink Berry

Holly Detroy reported that Pink Berry will be opening on August 4, 2011.

b) Whole Foods and Genji

Holly Detroy reported that the opening inspection is being conducted on August 9, 2011. The store will be open to the public on August 22, 2011.

The Board of Health voted and approved the variance request to use *Time as a Public Health Control* to hold cooked rice in small working quantities at room temperature. This rice is to be used for in-store dining only.

c) Chartwell Dining Services

Holly Detroy reported that this is a new food service at the Wellesley Public Schools. The company requires a permit to operate a commercial service in Wellesley. The Board of Health agreed that the company must have a permit.

Ms. Detroy reported that that all food for the elementary schools will be prepared at the Middle School. The High School makes all the food for consumption.

Ms. Detroy reported that currently there is a rodent problem at the Middle School.

d) Livestock Permitting

Mr. Izzo reported that there are several homes that have chickens without a livestock permit. The Town Clerks office has been informing residents that there is no need for a permit to keep chickens.

The Board of Health rejected the suggestion that there be a reduction of the fee for keeping chickens. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts requires that the livestock sites are inspected once a year

d) Mosquito Control

Lenny Izzo reported that all the catch basins have been treated with vectolex.

e) Bats

Lenny Izzo reported that there is a new protocol for controlling bats. Residents should remove the bat from the home and let it go if it is still alive.

f) Special Operation Permit Fee

Holly Detroy and Lenny Izzo are working on a special operations fee for certain restaurant operations (sushi). Additional information will be provided at the next meeting.

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