

Wellesley Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2015

Present:

Board:

Shepard Cohen, Chairman

Marcia Testa Simonson, PhD, Vice Chairman

Lloyd Tarlin, MD, Secretary

Carol Hannenberg, MD, Associate

Staff:

Holly Detroy, Environmental Health Specialist

Deadra Doku Gardner, Administrator

Lenny Izzo, Director

Cheryl Lefman, Community Health Coordinator

Ann Marie McCauley, Public Health Nurse Supervisor

Laura Veligor, Community Social Worker

In Attendance:

Linda Corridan, Director of Nursing, Wellesley Public Schools

Tom Harrington, Miyares and Harrington LLP, Town Counsel

Eric Russell, Miyares and Harrington LLP, Town Counsel

Mason Smith, Advisory Liaison

The meeting was called to order at 12 noon.

The Board of Health approved the meeting minutes for November 21, 2014.

1. Administration

a. Town Counsel

Town Counsel, Tom Harrington and his associate Eric Russell of Miyares and Harrington reported on their new appointments as Town Counsel.

Shep Cohen provided an introductory history of the Health Department and Leonard Izzo provided a brief description of the functions of the Board of Health and Health Department.

Mr. Harrington reviewed the Open Meeting Law (OML) for the Board of Health and reported that any OML complaints are reported to the Attorney General. The OML is designed for government to do business in a transparent fashion.

Mr. Cohen requested that Town Counsel attend a future meeting to further discuss HIPPA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability).

b. Wellesley Public Schools Nursing Report

Linda Corridan, Director of Nursing for the Wellesley Public Schools reported that school absenteeism has been normal for this period and there has been very little reported illness. There has been no cluster of flu however there was a higher incident of strep throat.

Ms. Corridan reported that the Behavioral Risk survey was completed in November 2014 and results are expected to be released shortly. There will be a ten year history to review.

Ms. Corridan reported on the small percentage of unvaccinated children attending Wellesley Public Schools. These unvaccinated children have a significant medical situation – such as undergoing chemo. Others are on a delayed schedule of vaccination.

c. Personnel Pay Rates

Community Social Worker: Leonard Izzo reported that Laura Veligor's pay rate was approved and has been increased to the same rate that she was being paid at the COA (from \$22 per hour to \$27.48). Per the Board of Health, Ms. Veligor's hours have also increased to 19 per week. The Human Resource Director as well as the Board of Health have approved these changes.

Public Health Nursing: Leonard Izzo reported that the Public Health Nursing Supervisor's pay rate has been increased to \$36 per hour and the per diem nursing staff pay rate has also been increased to \$31 per hour. These increases were voted and approved by the Board of Health at their last meeting (11/21/14).

d. FY16 Budget

The Board of Health reported on their presentation to Advisory Committee on December 17, 2014.

The Board of Health reviewed the Advisory Report written by Vice Chair of Advisory, Ann Rappaport.

Mason Smith reported that the Advisory Committee strongly supported the Board of Health's changes and requests for FY16. She reported that there are a few other boards coming in with similar requests and that currently

requests are over three million dollars over budget. Ms. Smith will provide additional information at the next meeting.

2. Community Health

a. Community Social Worker

The Board of Health will review the Community Social Worker's reports at the next meeting.

b. Nursing Report

Ann Marie McCauley reviewed her monthly report.

Ms. McCauley reported that there have been many cases of flu at Babson College. Ms. McCauley reported that Babson students are being given prescriptions however they are not being filled as the drugs are too expensive.

Ms. McCauley reported that there has been a flu outbreak at Waterstone. Six residents have been reported to have confirmed cases of the flu. The Board of Health would like to invite the Director of Waterstone, Christine Tilson to the next meeting.

Lenny Izzo reported that he will be attending a meeting at Wellesley College about Meningitis. Details will be provided at the next meeting.

c. Newton-Wellesley Hospital

Shep Cohen reported on his recent meeting with Dr. Susan Swick, Chief, Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at NWH. Mr. Cohen reported that the meetings have opened up the lines of communication between NWH and the Wellesley Public Schools (WPS). Mr. Cohen intends on scheduling a meeting with Newton Wellesley Hospital that includes the four Health Departments from the surrounding communities of Wellesley, Newton, Needham and Waltham.

Mr. Cohen reported that the number one admission to the Emergency Room at NWH are for mental health issues and substance abuse.

d. Programming

Ms. Lefman reported on the dates for the following upcoming programs:

- CPR/AED – March 25 and April 1 (two sessions)
- Small Animal Handling- April 8
- Fire Safety – May 6
- Dog Contest- May 16

- Looking at Your Skin From the Outside In- May 26

e. Housing Authority and Transportation

Shep Cohen reported that he will be working with Lenny Izzo and Cheryl Lefman to resolve the transportation issues for residents at Barton Road.

The Board of Health agreed to invite Maura Renzella (Youth Commissioner and Board of the Wellesley Housing Authority) to a future meeting.

3. Environmental Health

a. Food Establishments

Mt St. Vincents- Holly Detroy and Leonard Izzo reported that the food service company operating at Mt. St Vincents is Unidine. Four inspections have been completed and it is evident staff needs training. Mr. Izzo reported that if inspections do not improve by the end of the month the establishment will be required to hire a consultant.

Starbucks-Central Street- Mr. Izzo reported that there was an oil leak in the basement and the establishment was shut down. Mr. Izzo reported that there are ongoing trash problems with barrels being left on the street all day. If the establishment does not come into compliance, they will be required to go before the Board of Selectman.

In addition, Mr. Izzo reported that neither Starbucks location has a certified food manager on staff during all hours of operation. The Board voted and approved a variance for three months until all necessary members of the staff are certified.

Former White Mountain- Mr. Izzo reported that there is possibility of a frozen yogurt establishment opening at the location.

4. Emergency Preparedness

a) Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Update

An update will be provided at the next meeting.

The Board of Health adjourned this meeting at 2:10 PM.

The next meeting of the Board of Health will be March 3, 2015 at 11:30a.

Respectfully submitted,

Deadra Doku-Gardner