

**Wellesley Board of Health  
Meeting Minutes  
Conference Room G, Town Hall  
January 6, 2010**

Present:

Shepard Cohen, Chairman

Marcia Testa Simonson, PhD Vice Chair

Lloyd Tarlin, MD Secretary

Staff:

Deadra Doku Gardner, Administrator

Mary Suresh, Director

The meeting was called to order at 8 p.m.

**1. Administrative**

a) FY11 Operating Budget

Shep Cohen reviewed the FY11 Operating Budget being presented to the Advisory Committee later that evening.

b) Wellesley Public Schools: Absenteeism Software and Data

Marcia Testa Simonson reviewed the software program prepared by Phase V Technologies. This tool tracks student absenteeism in the schools and allows administrators and the Health Department Director to monitor daily absences. The tool will also provide long-term statistics on classroom absenteeism to use as a comparison to current absenteeism. Mary Suresh reported that the software is in use by the schools and that has proved to be an excellent source of data.

**2. Community and Mental Health**

a) Crossroads Community Foundation

Mary Suresh reported that Cheryl Lefman and Maura Renzella are moving forward in the plans for the website and QPR training.

b) Human Relations Services

The Board would like Rob Evans and the two outreach workers to attend the next meeting.

c) Mental Health Coordinating Committee

Mary Suresh and Lloyd Tarlin reported that the Mental Health Coordinating Committee has not had a meeting recently and one will be planned in the next few months. This Committee includes members from the Health Department, Council on Aging, Police, Youth Commission, HRS, and schools. This Committee focuses on raising general community awareness of mental health issues.

d) Housing Authority

Shep Cohen gave a brief history of the Housing Authority and the Board of Health.

Mary Suresh reported that there is a new Housing Authority Director in place. Mary will be requesting the social worker's report as one has not been received.

**Next Meeting**

This meeting of the Board of Health is to be announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deadra Doku Gardner