

**Wellesley Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2010**

Present:

Shepard Cohen, Chairman
Lloyd Tarlin, MD Secretary

Staff:

Holly Detroy, Environmental Health Agent
Deadra Doku Gardner, Administrator
Cheryl Lefman, Health Communications Specialist
Mary Suresh, Director

In Attendance:

Rob Evans, Director HRS
Carol Hannenberg, 81 Washburn Road, resident
Krin McGinness, Regis College student
Lana Peta, Regis College student
Bridgette Meboah- Regis College student
Kristen Barletta- Regis College student
Barbara Donovan- Regis College student
Scott Sylvester, Regis College student

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 am.

The meeting minutes for April 7, 2010 were approved.

1. Administrative

a) Ambulance Reports

Marcia Testa Simonson will provide dates on the reports at the next meeting.

b) Wellesley Housing Authority

Mary Suresh reported on the new director, Pam Allan. The assistant director will be leaving.

Mary Suresh reported that there has been no follow-up from the Housing Authority. Ms Suresh will be meeting with the new Director.

c) Wellesley Senior Center

The Board of Health is in full support of a new Senior Center for the residents of Wellesley.

d) Grants

Deadra Doku Gardner reported on grant balances remaining. The Board of Health approved the use of the remaining Metro West funds for the Alcohol program.

2. Mental Health

a) Human Relations Services

Rob Evans reviewed the May 6, 2010 report. He reported on an increase in calls over the last year. No resident seeking assistance has been turned away. Dr Evans reported that he is unable to increase staff salaries and the work load has dramatically increased.

Dr. Evans reported that there continues to be a shortage of therapists for children and his agency continues to have difficulty in hiring staff specializing in this area. Dr Evans reported that boys are at a greater risk for behavioral problems and schools are very aware of male student populations. The school outreach workers and the guidance staff are key in seeking out students with mental health and behavioral issues.

Dr Evans reported that the agency was unable to do as much outreach as they had planned and that the coming year he intends to make an effort in reaching pre-school children and parents.

Dr Evans reported that several key people at the agency are retiring and a task force is being set up for new hires. HRS continues to see more and more complex cases and more difficult ones.

The Board of Health voted and approved the HRS contract for FY11.

b) Mental Health Coordinating Committee

Lloyd Tarlin will work with Rob Evans, HRS to prepare a plan for the coming year.

Mary Suresh and Lloyd Tarlin reported that the Mental Health Coordinating Committee that a meeting of the group 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.

c) Fund for Wellesley - Crossroads Community Foundation

Mary Suresh reported that QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) Training was conducted on March 4 where twenty people were trained from Wellesley Public Schools, Needham (in exchange for using their website template), Human Resource Department, Police and the local higher educational institutions. Ms Suresh reported that on May 26, 2010 Jon Mattleman from the Needham Youth Commission conducted a follow up QPR workshop.

Ms Suresh reported that Cheryl Lefman and Maura Renzella having been actively developing the website. The expected date of completion for the website is June 2010.

3. Community Health

a) Wellesley Public Schools – Vaccine Program

Mary Suresh will be meeting with Ann Prinn, Director of Nursing for Wellesley Public Schools to discuss the vaccine program for the 2010-2011 school year.

b) Shingles Vaccine

Mary Suresh reported that the MDPH Vaccine Unit has provided the Health Department with free shingles vaccine. This offer will end in June. Loretta Jaksic and per diem staff have vaccinated approximately fifty residents thus far. A second round of vaccine is anticipated (170 doses) in July/August.

c) Tobacco Control

Mary Suresh reported that compliance checks are being planned for the Summer and Fall. Ms. Suresh reported that Andrews Pharmacy is no longer selling cigarettes.

d) Walking Program

Mary Suresh reported that Loretta Jaksic has twenty-seven town employees participating in the Spring program.

e) CHNA 18: Grant Wellness Programming

Cheryl Lefman reviewed the most recent programs.

They are as follows:

- 1) Healthy Food and Fitness for Busy Families (4/7/10)
- 2) Healthy Cooking for one or two (on-going)
- 3) Maintaining a Healthy Brain ((5/10/10)
- 4) Yoga, Train, Planes and Automobiles (5/18/10)
- 5) Tots, Tails and Trails (5/22/10)

f) Healthy Living Programs

The Board of Health voted to approve using \$5,000 from the Healthy Wellesley funds to support and repeat programs in the coming year.

g) MWRA Water Ban

The recent water ban by MWRA did not affect the Wellesley water.

4. Environmental Health

a) Wellesley Public Schools: Inspection report

Lenny Izzo reported that since the inspections conducted at the Wellesley Public Schools there has been some work done on the ventilation in the buildings however the majority of the work is anticipated to be completed over the school summer break.

The Board of Health will address the school issues in a letter to Bella Wong after a final report is submitted at year end.

b) Sharps Disposal

Mary Suresh reported that the Health Department participated at Hazardous Waste Day at the Recycling and Disposal Facility on May 2, 2010. Ms. Suresh contracted with MWDC (Medical Waste Disposal) to provide sharps disposal services on this day.

The event was a success.

c) Morses Pond

Lenny Izzo reported that the pond testing has begun. Morse Pond will be opening for the season this weekend.

d) Summer Camps

Lenny Izzo reported that there will be 40 camps running in Wellesley this summer.

e) Body Art

Lenny Izzo reported on a new body art establishment, Angel Bare. The location performs cosmetic makeup tattooing (permanent eyeliner, lipstick etc).

Next Meeting

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Deadra Doku Gardner