

Wellesley Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2012

Present:

Board:

Shepard Cohen, Chairman

Lloyd Tarlin, MD, Secretary

Carol Hannenberg, MD, Associate

Staff:

Deadra Doku Gardner, Administrator

Lenny Izzo, Director

Loretta Jaksic, Interim Public Health Nurse Supervisor

Cheryl Lefman, Community Health Coordinator

Regina Kealy, Public Health Nurse

In attendance:

Marjorie Freiman, Advisory Committee Liaison

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm.

The meeting minutes for December 15, 2011 were approved.

1. Mental Health

a) Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR)

Lenny Izzo reported that additional QPR trainings will be scheduled to be held in spring 2012 for Wellesley Public and Private School teachers, guidance counselors and coaches. However, currently there appears to be a lack of interest and cooperation among public school staff.

The Board of Health agreed that Cheryl Lefman is to arrange a meeting with the director of the guidance department and Maura Renzella, Youth Commission Director.

b) Mental Health Coordinator

Shep Cohen reported that he is in contact with Riverside Community Care about the possibility of a contract for a mental health coordinator position.

Shep Cohen reported that the Director of Riverside Community Care will be providing follow-up data about the number of children with mental health issues that are being brought to the emergency rooms for care.

2. Administrative

a) FY13 Budget Follow-up

The Board of Health reviewed their FY13 budget presentation to the Advisory Committee on January 18, 2012.

3. Community Health

a) Wellesley Public Schools- Collaboration

Shep Cohen reported on his discussion with Suzie Littlefield, Chairman of the School Committee.

b) Wellesley Public Schools – Pneumonia

Loretta Jaksic reported that there are no new cases of pneumonia being reported to the Health Department. Other upper respiratory illnesses are present.

c) Wellesley Public School – Absenteeism

Apparently, the public schools are still not using the absenteeism reporting program provided by Marcia Testa-Simonson.

Mr. Izzo reported that the Director of School Nursing, Linda Corridan is using a new program. Mr. Izzo will contact Ms. Corridan to request access to absentee data.

d) Nursing Report

Loretta Jaksic reported that flu activity has been sporadic, and there have been no significant case numbers being reported.

e) Vaccine purchases

The Board of Health discussed the purchase of both regular influenza and high dose influenza vaccine for the fall 2012 clinics.

f) Housing Authority- Barton Road

Leonard Izzo reported on his recent meeting with Pam Allen (Housing Authority) and Gayle Thieme (Council on Aging). Mr. Izzo reported that Pam Allen has offered to provide a list of health and human services and a list of the volunteer groups currently available to the Barton Road residents.

Shep Cohen emphasized the need for a meeting of the Housing Authority Board, the Board of Health and the Council on Aging.

g) Healthy Wellesley Programming

Cheryl Lefman reported on the three part Healthy Wellesley Cooking Class being offered through the Recreation Department and supported by the Health Department.

Ms. Lefman reported on the third annual Healthy Brain Workshop scheduled for May 17, 2012. This program is being co-sponsored by the Library.

Ms Lefman reported that the Fun and Health for Pets Annual Dog Show will be scheduled for the Wellesley Celebrations Weekend in May. Last year more than 100 residents and their dogs participated.

h) Newton Wellesley Hospital Collaborations

Cheryl Lefman reported on her recent meeting with Ron Ponte of Newton Wellesley Hospital. Ms. Lefman reported on several possible health- related projects in collaboration with Newton Wellesley Hospital.

Additional information will be provided at the next meeting.

i) CHNA

Cheryl Lefman reported that on March 5, 2012, the CHNA will be presenting their needs assessment report at the Wellesley Public Library.

j) Farmers Market

Cheryl Lefman reported that the Farmers Market is coming to Wellesley this spring. A resident volunteer will be meeting with Ms. Lefman next week. Additional information will be provided at the next meeting.

4. Environmental Health

a) Gustare Oils and Vinegar

The Board of Health approved the variance request to utilize a two bay washing sink.

b) 23 Wingate Road

The Board of Health approved the variance request to install a two closed loop geo thermal well borings with less than 25 feet from the right side of the property line at 23 Wingate Road.

c) Angel Bare

The Board of Health approved the variance request to provide cosmetic tattooing services to children under the age of 18 years old. (i.e. perform eyebrow micro-pigmentation).

d) New establishments

Leonard Izzo reported on the opening of the following establishments:

- Meat Market/Delhi (Rte 9)
- Boloco (Central St)

e) 17 Bow Street and 23 Brookfield Road

Leonard Izzo reviewed the status of the houses. 17 Bow Street is under a Board of Health condemnation order and 23 Brookfield is not condemned but remains vacant and is uninhabitable. Both homes have drastically deteriorated over the past several months to the point that they are beyond repairs. Both houses are open to the weather and open to animal access thru rotted roofs, soffits siding etc.

Mr. Izzo reported on a meeting with the Building Department, Selectman's Office and the town counsel. A Board of Survey is being created to review both properties to deem them unfit and unsafe. At that point the Board of Health will be required to have a public hearing with the owners of 17 Bow Street and the abutters to discuss the demolition of the property as there is an active condemnation order on this house.

f) Beavers – RDF and Adjacent Neighborhoods

Leonard Izzo reported that the trapping of the beavers is complete and all known beavers have been removed.

5. Emergency Preparedness

a) Update

Cheryl Lefman provided a general update of NC7 activities.

Ms. Lefman reported that programs will be offered in the spring to volunteers. The dates of CPR training and the EP: Lunch and Learn will be announced at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Board of Health will be announced

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35p.

Respectfully submitted,
Deadra Doku Gardner