

Wellesley Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2012

Present:

Board:

Shepard Cohen, Chairman

Marcia Testa Simonson, Vice Chairman

Lloyd Tarlin, MD, Secretary

Carol Hannenberg, MD, Associate

Staff:

Holly Detroy, Environmental Health Specialist

Deadra Doku Gardner, Administrator

Lenny Izzo, Director

Loretta Jaksic, Interim Public Health Nurse Supervisor

Cheryl Lefman, Community Health Coordinator

In attendance:

Linda Corridan, Director of Nursing, Wellesley Public Schools

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 am.

The meeting minutes for January 19, 2012 were approved.

1. Mental Health

a) Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR)

Cheryl Lefman reviewed the QPR programming for Linda Corridan, Director of School Nursing. Ms. Corridan suggested that this be one of the offerings for the Nursing Professional Development. Ms. Lefman reported that the target audience is staff and faculty at the Wellesley Public and Private Schools.

b) Mental Health

The Board of Health agreed that Rob Evans, Director of Human Relations Services attend the next meeting.

2. Administrative

a) Personnel Update

Leonard Izzo reported that a job posting for Per Diem nurses is on the website. He has received one resume and application.

b) Wellesley High School Brick

The Board of Health agreed that they would not be donating a brick to the Wellesley High School project.

3. Community Health

a) Wellesley Public Schools- Nursing Services

Linda Corridan, Director of Nursing Services for the Wellesley Public Schools provided an overview of the general roles of the thirteen school nurses, as well as her own. As the Director of Nursing Services, Ms Corridan oversees the preschool and works at Hunnewell School (Tuesdays) the High School (Thursdays) and the Middle School (Fridays). There are approximately 6,000 visits to the nursing offices on a monthly basis. There are 638 children with an asthma related diagnosis with 250 of these children using inhalers at the school. Ms Corridan reviewed the various Department of Public Health reporting requirements and the tracking programs currently being utilized.

Ms. Corridan reported that there are a significant number of medically challenged children within the school system utilizing the IEP (Individual Education Plan) requiring specialized nursing attention. There are 105 children in the Pre-school with no full time nurse, however next year a .3 FTE nurse will be assigned.

Shep Cohen provided a historical overview of the relationship of the Board of Health with the Wellesley Public Schools. Leonard Izzo reported that since August 2011 there has been increased communication between the Health Department and the School Health Services.

Ms. Corridan reported that she will provide updates to the Board of Health every two to three months.

b) Wellesley Public Schools -Collaboration

The Board of Health agreed that Lloyd Tarlin contact Linda Corridan and request electronic access to the SNAP program being used by the nursing staff. In addition, Dr. Tarlin will request information about vaccine storage and inquire about what health screenings are being contacted.

c) Nursing Report

Loretta Jaksic reported that flu activity has been sporadic at the local level and is not widespread.

Ms. Jaksic reported that there was a bump in Norovirus cases being reported (February 9) at Elizabeth Seton. The establishment took appropriate action to prevent further spread.

Ms. Jaksic reported on a case of Hepatitis A at Wellesley College. The student from Pakistan has also tested positive for mononucleosis. Holly Detroy reported that she has been in contact with the Food Services at Wellesley College to review who may have been out sick since November 2011.

Ms. Jaksic reported that the Wellesley College Director of Health Services, Dr. Vanessa Britto will be meeting with Leonard Izzo on March 1 to review policies, procedures and practice.

Loretta Jaksic reported that the Employee Walking Program is scheduled for the Spring.

d) Housing Authority- Barton Road

Shepard Cohen reported that he has been in contact with Michael Price, Chairman of the Housing Authority. Shep Cohen emphasized the need for a meeting of the Housing Authority Board, the Board of Health and the Council on Aging.

At the last meeting Leonard Izzo reported that Pam Allen (Housing Authority) offered to provide a list of health and human services and a list of the volunteer groups currently available to the Barton Road residents. This list has not been received to date.

e) 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 over 100 citizens and their dogs participated.

f) Newton Wellesley Hospital Collaborations

Cheryl Lefman reported on her recent meeting with the Public Relations office 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.

g) CHNA

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

4. Environmental Health

a) Schofield School

Leonard Izzo reported on an Air Quality Presentation scheduled for February 29.

b) Boston Sports Club – Pool

Holly Detroy reported on the condition of the Boston Sports Club pool. The combined chlorine levels have remained consistently high. Ms Detroy reported that she has asked BSC to submit a plan and take samples to the lab for testing.

Additional information will be provided at the next meeting.

c) New establishments

Holly Detroy reported on the opening of the following establishments:

- Waterstones
- Takara
- CVS
- Babson Mobile Food Unit
- Meat Market/Delhi
- Justine's
- Boloco (Central St)

d) Mosquitoes

Leonard Izzo reported that due to the mild winter it is anticipated that New England will have an increase in mosquitoes this summer.

e) Ticks

Leonard Izzo reported that due to the mild winter it is anticipated that New England will have an increase in ticks in the coming months.

5. Emergency Preparedness

a) Update

Cheryl Lefman provided a general update of NC7 activities.

Ms. Lefman reported that the following programs will be offered to volunteers.

- Breakfast and Learn – March 9, 2012
- CPR/AED Training: March 28 and April 4

The next meeting of the Board of Health will be announced

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35p.

Respectfully submitted,
Deadra Doku Gardner