

Wellesley Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
March 29, 2012

Present:

Board:

Shepard Cohen, Chairman

Marcia Testa Simonson, Vice Chairman

Lloyd Tarlin, MD, Secretary

Staff:

Holly Detroy, Environmental Health Specialist

Deadra Doku Gardner, Administrator

Lenny Izzo, Director

Cheryl Lefman, Community Health Coordinator

Krisann Miller, Public Health Nurse

In attendance:

Maura Renzella, Director, Youth Commission

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.

The meeting minutes for March 8, 2012 were approved.

1. Mental Health

a) Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR)

Cheryl Lefman reported that a QPR training session is scheduled for May 24, 2012. There are 23 participants registered from the school department.

b) Mental Health - Human Relations Services and Housing Authority

Dr. Lloyd Tarlin reported on his recent meeting with Dr. Rob Evans of HRS.

Dr Tarlin reported that it is impossible for HRS to hold clinics in the community room at Barton Road as there is no privacy. Dr. Tarlin reported that the Schofield and Fiske Schools have scheduled a meeting of the principals and social workers the first week of April 2012 to discuss how they will be able to better provide services to the Housing Authority populations, specifically to Barton Road residents.

Maura Renzella reported that there is no community presence on Barton Road. This has been an ongoing issue at this location. Mrs. Renzella reported that the children have access to supportive programs in the schools however the parents have mental health issues that are not being addressed. Mrs. Renzella noted that there is language barrier and undocumented parents that do not have access to any supportive programs, medical care or transportation. Mrs. Renzella reported that a majority of the families are in the system but the systems are failing. The Department of Children and Families is not effective and that there have been several blatant cases that are screened out of the programs.

c) Mental Health -Newton Wellesley Hospital

Shep Cohen reported on his meeting with Dr. Michael Jellineck of Newton Wellesley Hospital to discuss the needs of the Wellesley community. Mr. Cohen reported that the primary public health issues in our community are mental health issues.

Mr Cohen reported that there is a need for a systems approach to mental health. The Board of Health will work to achieve a plan which will include working with key players in the community to include the Council on Aging, Police, Youth Commission and Newton Wellesley Hospital.

Additional information will be provided at the next meeting.

2. Administrative

a) Personnel Update

Leonard Izzo reported that job postings are being prepared for the Public Health Nurse Supervisor and the Per Diem Environmental Health Specialist.

3. Community Health

a) Healthy Wellesley Programming

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 and Their People Annual Dog Show will be scheduled for the Wellesley Celebrations Weekend in May. Last year over 100 citizens and their dogs participated.

b) Nursing Report

Krisann Miller provided the Board of Health with a review of a TB case that is being followed up by the nursing staff.

c) Wellesley Public Schools

Lenny Izzo reported on the food services at Hardy School. There have been various complaints from the students in regard to expired milk and quality and quantity of the food.

Holly Detroy reported the Chartwells has limited the cold food menu they are serving as they are having trouble keeping the food cold at the appropriate temperatures.

Ms Detroy will provide additional information at the next meeting.

4. Environmental Health

a) Housing- Septic

Lenny Izzo reported that there are currently five properties with septic related issues.

b) Housing – 17 Bow Street

Lenny Izzo reported on the condemned property at 17 Bow Street. The house is in the process of being sold to a contractor. The property will be demolished.

c) Waterstone's Pool

Holly Detroy and Lenny Izzo reported on the pool plans that were submitted in 2011 when the pool had already been constructed.

Ms Detroy reported that when she visited the pool in March 2012 the steps leading into the pool were not to code and required a variance, however the state does not support variances for new construction.

Ms Detroy reported that additional work will have to be done and the steps are going to have to be recessed.

d) Camp Orientation

Leonard Izzo reported that Camp Orientation is scheduled for March 29, 2012.

5. Emergency Preparedness

a) Breakfast and Learn Update

Cheryl Lefman reported that the Breakfast and Learn program for the MRC was held on March 9, 2012. There were over 30 residents in attendance.

b) CPR/AED Training

Ms. Lefman reported that the CPR/AED training is being offered to volunteers on March 28 and April 4. This is a two part series.

The next meeting of the Board of Health will be announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55a.

Respectfully submitted,
Deadra Doku Gardner