

Wellesley Board of Health
Meeting Minutes- CONFERENCE CALL
October 20, 2009

Present:

Shepard Cohen, Chairman

Marcia Testa Simonson, PhD Vice Chair

Lloyd Tarlin, MD Secretary

Staff:

Deadra Doku Gardner, Administrator

Loretta Jaksic, Public Health Nurse

Cheryl Lefman, Health Communications Specialist

Mary Suresh, Director

The conference call was initiated at 2:45p.m.

Seasonal and H1N1 Vaccine

Mary Suresh reviewed the current status of vaccine availability at the Health Department. The Health Department has a limited supply (less than 500 doses) of seasonal flu vaccine and 200 doses of intranasal H1N1 and 200 doses of injectable H1N1. Ms. Suresh noted that the department is anticipating another shipment of 100 doses (injectable) before the end of the week.

Shep Cohen reported on the most recent report provided by DPH on the status of flu vaccine. There will be a delay in shipment of seasonal vaccine as well as a delay in shipment of H1N1 vaccine. Mr. Cohen reported that clinics should be delayed at least until mid November.

Mary Suresh reported that a tentative seasonal flu clinic is scheduled for November 4, 2009. This clinic will be for individuals over the age of 18 that are at high risk and for the senior population 65+.

Mary Suresh reported on the plan for the dissemination of the H1N1 vaccine that is available. Ms. Suresh stated that this vaccine will be administered only to those children at the highest risk. Mr. Cohen suggested that these clinics be run similar to the those run in the past for Hep B.

The Board of Health agreed that Ms. Suresh contact the Director of School Nursing, Ann Prinn and ask her to determine which children in the middle and high school are at the highest risk.

The Board agreed that the staff should check with primary care providers to determine their H1N1 supplies.

The next meeting of the Board of Health is scheduled for October 27, 2009 at 2p.

Respectfully submitted,

Deadra Doku Gardner