

Wellesley Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2011

Present:

Shepard Cohen, Chairman
Marcia Testa Simonson, PhD, Vice Chair
Lloyd Tarlin, MD Secretary

Staff:

Holly Detroy, Environmental Health Specialist
Deadra Doku Gardner, Administrator
Lenny Izzo, Environmental Health Specialist
Cheryl Lefman, Community Health Coordinator
Elizabeth Stark- Public Health Nurse Supervisor
Mary Suresh, Director

In Attendance:

Linda Perlmutter, resident and former Board member
Linda Mooney, resident and Regis College student

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m.

The meeting minutes for May 12, 2011 were approved.

1. Mental Health

a) QPR

Mary Suresh and Cheryl Lefman reported on the QPR training that took place on May 25, 2011. Parents and teachers from the Middle School participated. Jon Mattleman conducted this training.

Ms. Suresh reported on the QPR training that was conducted with Tim Kennedy of the Recreation Department. The program took place on June 8, 2011. There were seventeen participants.

Both the May and June programs were a success.

b) Mental Health Coordinator

The Board of Health reviewed the draft job description provided by Mary Suresh. The Board of Health agrees that the responsibilities of the position include working with Wellesley Housing Authority residents and to be able to coordinate and connect with mental health services and programs available within the community.

The Board of Health agrees that funding for this position be approximately \$12k. Currently this funding is designated for the Housing Authority outreach social worker however the position on Barton Road has changed.

c) Mental Health Contracts

The Board of Health reviewed and signed the 2011-2012 mental health contracts. The Charles River Contract and the HRS contract are remaining the same.

The Board of Health agreed to review the Human Relations Service contract for FY12-13.

d) Mental Health programs and services

Mary Suresh reported that she will be meeting with Lenny Izzo and the Director of HRS, Rob Evans next week.

Lloyd Tarlin reported on the powerful program presented by Bob Anthony of Adolescent Wellness. Dr. Tarlin will provide the information he obtained at the program to Mary Suresh.

Linda Perlmutter reported on the history of the Health Department and Riverside Community Care in relation to Barton Road. Ms. Perlmutter also reported on the funding provided by the Wellesley Fund to Babson College. Ms. Perlmutter reported that the Wellesley Fund provides grant funding to Babson College. Babson students work with children at Barton Road and act as mentors to the children. The program has continued to grow and is doing very well.

Ms. Perlmutter reported that Scott Bock is the new President/CEO in place at Riverside Community Care. Shep Cohen will schedule a meeting with Scott Bock.

2. Administrative

a) Human Resources

The Board of Health reported on their meeting with the Human Resource Board. The Human Resource Board approved the adjusted salary for the Director of Public Health.

b) Building Sign

Shep Cohen reported that he has not yet secured the funding for the building sign. As noted at the previous meeting, Recreation has received a donation from a resident for approximately half the cost of the sign. The Board of Health approves the sign however has not approved funding at this time.

The Board of Health has requested funding assistance from the Selectman's office.

c) Wellesley College

Shep Cohen reported that Elizabeth Thayer has secured a full time position outside of Wellesley and she will not be working as an intern. An alternative candidate for an internship has been suggested by Professor Galarneau. Mr Cohen will invite the student, Deborah S. French, and Professor Galarneau to the next meeting.

The Board of Health agreed that the next step is to define a specific project.

d) Whole Foods Variance Request

The Board of Health approved the variance request to use time as a public health control to hold pizza and calzones at room temperature for up to four hours.

e) Genji Variance Request

The Board of Health approved the variance request from Genji (to operate at the new Whole Foods) to use acidification to make cooked rice a non-potentially hazardous food.

f) Healthy Wellesley Fund

Lenny Izzo reported on a senior resident on Windemere Road with a serious termite infestation. The resident does not have the means to hire an exterminator service. The Council on Aging has contacted the Health Department requesting funds to assist the resident. Several quotes ranging to \$1400 have been received.

The Board of Health has approved the use of the Healthy Wellesley Fund to pay for an exterminator.

g) Distributed Antennae System (DAS)

Lenny Izzo reviewed the DAS plan completed by the Municipal Light Plant. The Board of Health approves the antennae system.

Lenny Izzo will draft a letter to MLP offering the Board of Health support.

3. Community Health

a) DPH Vaccine Program

Mary Suresh and Elizabeth Stark reported that the Massachusetts Department of Public Health will no longer provide vaccines (except influenza) to adults with health insurance as a cost cutting measure. Only residents with no insurance are eligible for state vaccine. This program change will take effect July 1, 2011.

b) Emergency Preparedness and Wellness Programming update

Cheryl Lefman will provide a report at the next meeting.

c) Sharps Disposal and Flu Partnering

Ms Suresh reported that she was contacted by the general manager of the Central Street CVS. CVS would like to partner with the Health Department during the flu season.

Ms. Suresh requested that CVS also partner with the Health Department on sharps and medication disposal.

Additional information will be provided at the next meeting.

4. Environmental Health

a) Summer Camps

Lenny Izzo reported that camps opening inspections have started.

Mary Suresh reported that she has contacted Camp Exploration at Wellesley College to ensure that they are adhering to basic camp regulations.

b) Housing Authority

Shep Cohen reported that there is a new chair at the Housing Authority, Michael Price. Mr. Cohen reported that he and Mr. Price will be developing a Community Health Committee.

c) Paparazzi

Lenny Izzo reported on a recent complaint. Mr. Izzo has met with the manager and the problem is being addressed.

d) Livestock

Lenny Izzo reported that several chicken permits have been coming in. There will be a need for two variances in the future.

5. Emergency Preparedness

a) Technical Assistance Review (TAR)

Mary Suresh reported that the review is being conducted on June 23 by Leigh Mansberger. Shep Cohen has signed off on the security plan for the Emergency Dispensing Site.

b) Shelter Operations

Mary Suresh reported that several requests were made for MRC volunteers to assist at the shelters in the Worcester/Springfield areas. Two volunteers from Wellesley responded but were not activated.

The next meeting of the Board of Health will be on June 22, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deadra Doku Gardner