

Wellesley Board of Health
90 Washington St
Wellesley, MA
Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2018

Present:

Board:

Shepard Cohen, Chairman
Marcia Testa Simonson, PhD, Vice Chairman
Lloyd Tarlin, MD, Secretary
Carol Hannenberg, MD, Associate Member

Staff:

Deadra Doku Gardner, Administrator
Leonard Izzo, Director
Ann Marie McCauley, Nursing Supervisor
Vivian Zeng, Environmental Health Specialist

In attendance:

Mary Gard, Advisory Committee, liaison

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

The Board of Health approved the meeting minutes from June 21, 2018.

1. Administration

a) Chairman's Report

Shep Cohen reported on the following:

- Wellesley College – Mr. Cohen reported that he had spoken with Dr. Johnson, President of Wellesley College. Mr. Cohen requested that she speak at the possible Fall Forum during a panel discussion titled, the Intersection of Public Health and Mental Health.
- Town-wide public awareness campaign – Cheryl Lefman will be working with Mr. Cohen on a tri-fold document that must be ready by the first week of August. The draft document will be reviewed at the next meeting by Board of Health members, Lloyd Tarlin, Marcia Testa Simonson and Carol Hannenberg. It will be determined as to whether a tri fold document is necessary and beneficial to forward to all residents.

b) Director's Report

Leonard Izzo provided an overview of the Department's recent activities, as follows:

- Camp meetings are on-going. Busiest day of the year for camp openings was on Monday June 25.
- Dr. Lester Hartman of "Tobacco 21" met with Mr. Izzo to discuss updating the regulations to include vaping.
- Mental Health- a parent of a Wellesley High School junior contacted Mr. Izzo to review her daughter's request to chalk suicide awareness messages on sidewalks in town this Fall. The request is part of a school project.

c) Director: Annual Performance Review

The Board of Health voted to approve the Annual Performance Review for Leonard Izzo.

d) Cell Phone Ban

Lloyd Tarlin reviewed legislative bill #H3660 which bans hand-held cellphone use while driving. The Board of Health voted to support the bill.

e) Substance Use Services (SUS)

Lloyd Tarlin reviewed the new program being offered at Newton- Wellesley Hospital.

f) Social Worker position

Leonard Izzo reported that Cheryl Daebritz (Human Resources Department) is currently on vacation. On her return she will be making an offer to the candidate.

Additional information will be available at the next meeting.

g) Human Relations Contract (HRS)

Leonard Izzo has forwarded the HRS contract for FY19 to Town Counsel. Shep Cohen will be contacting the offices of Town Counsel for guidance.

Additional information will be available at the next meeting.

h) Salary Reviews

Shep Cohen reported that the Board of Health will request a salary review of the department staff with the Human Resource Board. Mr. Cohen will contact the Human Resource Board before the next meeting.

2. Community Health

a) Natural Resources Commission and Gas Leaks

At the May 24, 2018 meeting, Dr Regina LaRocque, Vice Chair of the Wellesley NRC spoke to the Board of Health in regard to gas leaks. Dr. LaRocque has requested that the Board of Health prepare and send a letter to Governor Baker requesting that gas leaks in close proximity to school grounds be repaired. The School Committee has signed the letter.

At the June 7, 2018 meeting it was confirmed that Marcia Testa Simonson will create a Board of Health letter for the Board to review.

b) Community Health Network Area 18 (CHNA 18) Grant

Leonard Izzo reported that the CHNA awarded a grant (\$3,500) for general promotion, outreach work and food rescue programs. Mr. Izzo reported that only half of the requested amount was awarded. The work of Alison Cross is being supported by this grant. The grant supports food recovery and distribution beyond the Town of Wellesley.

c) Fund for Wellesley Grant

At the last meeting Mr. Izzo reported that the Fund for Wellesley transportation grant awarded \$5k for low income children to attend summer camp. Mr. Izzo had reported that additional funding was needed to cover the cost of the busses and the Board of Health voted to approve the use of up to \$3100 from the Healthy Wellesley Fund to supplement the transportation grant. Mr. Izzo reported that there was a bit of confusion initially on pick up and drop off times, however bus transportation is now moving smoothly.

d) Newton Wellesley Hospital

Carol Hannenberg reviewed the NWH slides "2018 Community Health Needs Assessment Key Findings" from the Community Benefits Committee Meeting that was held on July 12, 2018.

e) Mental Health Awareness

Leonard Izzo reported that Blythe Robinson contacted him regarding organizing a mental health meeting across departments. Mr. Izzo intends on organizing a Fall meeting.

f) Programming

The following programs are in place for July:

- July 19, 2019 – Ticks and Mosquitoes Program at Council on Aging
- July 21 – July Jubilation table with Natural Resources Commission and Sustainable Wellesley.

3. Environmental Health

a) 900 Worcester St Project

At the June 7, 2018 meeting, Mr. Izzo reported that he had reviewed the concerns with the pool and reported on his concerns regarding having food service/bar services in the building. Mr. Izzo had reported that they must consider the future uses of the building and provide grease traps should there be an intent to dine. At this time the project is moving along.

Additional information will be provided at a future meeting.

b) Tolles Parsons Kitchen

As noted in the Director's report of the last several meetings, the Tolles Parsons Kitchen has not been issued a Food Establishment permit.

Beth Sullivan Woods reported that she is now the new liaison to the Council on Aging and that there is a new Council on Aging Board in place. Ms. Sullivan Woods reported that a large punch list is now in place. Additional information will be provided at the next meeting.

c) Food Establishments- Alta Strada

At the meeting on June 21, 2018, Lenny Izzo, Holly Detroy and Vivian Zeng reported on the recent closure of Alta Strada.

Vivian Zeng reported that on June 7, 2018 Wellesley police dispatch contacted the office requesting an Environmental Health Agent on site due to an employee accident in the food preparation area. Ms. Zeng responded that day and noticed various issues in the kitchen. This prompted a full, comprehensive inspection on June 15, 2018, where she cited many critical issues. Ms. Zeng reported an extensive rodent problem along with a roach infestation. The restaurant was ordered to correct the violations within 5 days, or the facility would be suspended until pest issues were mitigated.

On June 20, 2018 Holly Detroy and Vivian Zeng conducted a re-inspection of the establishment. Additional violations were cited. The mice and roach infestation were still very apparent. Alta Strada was ordered to cease and desist food preparation and food service with an emergency closure due to an imminent health hazard.

The restaurant remained closed and an administrative hearing was scheduled for 6/22/18.

At today's meeting, Vivian Zeng and Leonard Izzo reported that the restaurant was reopened on June 28, 2018. Ms Zeng reported that there had been a significant amount of facility and equipment repairs. A deep cleaning had been done. Pest control had visited three times per week and the rodent situation had improved. Consultant Lisa Berger had conducted two audits and four more are scheduled.

4. Emergency Preparedness

- a) Emergency Preparedness Programming
To be reviewed at the next meeting.

5. Other

- a) Action Item list 07/17/18
The Board of Health reviewed the Action Item List for 7/17/18.

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

The Board of Health meeting adjourned at 7:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deadra Doku Gardner
Administrator

Documents reviewed during this meeting and on file in the Health Department:

- Action Item List (07/17/18)
- NWH Slides "2018 Community Health Needs Assessment Key Findings"