

Wellesley Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
April 28, 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:

Carol Hannenberg, resident
Linda Perlmutter, resident and former Board member

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m.

The meeting minutes for March 17, 2011 and April 1, 2011 were approved.

1. Mental Health

a) QPR

Mary Suresh and Cheryl Lefman reported on the QPR trainings. The next QPR training is scheduled on May 25 2011. There are nineteen parents and teachers registered as of this date.

The Board of Health has requested that Mary Suresh meet with Recreation and discuss offering QPR as a Recreation program.

b) Mental Health Coordinator/Psychiatric Nurse

The Board of Health agreed that a per diem psychiatric nurse be hired as a Mental Health Nurse Coordinator. Elizabeth Stark and Mary Suresh will begin the search for a prospective nurse. This person is to be hired before the beginning of FY 12 (July 1, 2011).

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 and the need for a psychiatric nurse has increased.

2. Administrative

a) Old School Pizza

Holly Detroy reviewed the Old School Pizza variance request to hold pizza at room temperature for up to four hours without a warmer.

The Board of Health voted to approve the variance request.

b) Director Job Description

The Board of Health approved the job description for Director.

Shep Cohen will draft a letter to Human Resources and submit the job description.

c) Tobacco

Lenny Izzo reviewed the proposed Tobacco regulations (Chapter XVIII) banning the sale of tobacco in pharmacies and educational institutions. Currently the only pharmacy selling Tobacco in Wellesley is CVS. No educational institution sells tobacco.

The Board of Health voted, approved and signed the regulation. The new regulations take effect June 1, 2011.

Lenny Izzo will prepare the legal notice and submit it to the Townman and the Town Clerk.

d) Wellesley College- Internships

Shep Cohen reported on his recent discussion with Professor Charlene Galarneau, who teaches a public health course at Wellesley College. Mr. Cohen reported that the Professor Galarneau is considering a requirement of a field/internship segment as part of the course curriculum.

Mr. Cohen reported that the students would work on specific projects such as inputting well-care clinic information into a database and researching the ambulance data. Wellesley College has a specific interest in older women living in Wellesley. The Board of Health views the internship program as an opportunity to determine if there is a need to expand services in Wellesley.

The Board of Health agreed that the next step is to define a specific project. Marcia Testa Simonson and Elizabeth Stark will schedule a meeting to determine the specific project.

e) Housing Authority and Boston University Program

Shep Cohen reported that there is a new chairman of the Housing Authority. John Schuler has stepped down.

Mr. Cohen reported on the Boston University training program. The program will train Wellesley Housing Authority advocates and will provide a connection between the health department and the residents of the Wellesley Housing Authority. . The Board of Health approves forming a committee of Wellesley Housing Authority tenants and Health Department nurses.

The Board of Health agrees that the public health presence be expanded at Barton Road immediately.

3. Community Health

a) Keep Well Clinics

Elizabeth Stark reported on her efforts to promote the Keep Well clinics. She is seeing two to four new residents each week. Ms Stark is reviewing the clinic hours and is considering an expansion or change of clinic hours that would suit the working population in Wellesley. Currently clinics are offered M-F during afternoon business hours.

The Board of Health approves expanding the public health services at Barton Road. Elizabeth Stark is to formalize a plan that would include Keep Well clinics on a monthly basis on Barton Road. It is the only Wellesley Housing Authority location that currently does not have a scheduled Keep Well clinic for the residents.

b) Walking Program

Elizabeth Stark reported on the Walking Program. Orientation was conducted on April 27th for town employees. 40 employees signed up for the program.

c) Wellness Programming update

Cheryl Lefman reported on Healthy Wellesley programs for Spring 2011. Ms. Lefman reported that there was an overwhelming response to the recent Healthy Cooking class. Yoga for fall prevention, and Maintaining a Healthy Brain are being offered in May and June.

The Board of Health agreed that Leslie Worris' programs or classes on Healthy Living be developed and offered to the residents of Barton Road in the Fall 2011.

d) Hazardous Waste Day

Mary Suresh reported that the Health Department will be participating in the collection of sharps at the Recycling and Disposal Facility on May 1, 2011. Ms Suresh has hired the same company used last year, Medical Waste Disposal Services.

e) Drug Take Back Day

Mary Suresh reported that the Health Department will be participating in the collection of sharps at the Police Department Drug Take Back Day on April 30, 2011. Ms Suresh has hired the same company used last year, Medical Waste Disposal Services.

f) Newton Wellesley Hospital – Community Benefits

Shep Cohen reported that the Community Benefits Committee has not met in three years. Mr. Cohen will be contacting the hospital to inquire as to what services and community outreach the hospital can offer Wellesley.

4. Environmental Health

a) Food Establishments

Holly Detroy and Lenny Izzo reported that JP Licks has opened in Wellesley today. There have been several unconfirmed reports about a new yogurt shop will be opening on Linden Street and that Panera Bread is seeking a space on Central Street.

Holly Detroy reported a rumor that there is a prospective buyer for Bobby's Grille.

b) Summer Camps

Lenny Izzo reported that there are several new camps operating in Wellesley this summer. Camp application packets are due in the office today.

c) East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project (EMMCP)

At the last meeting Lenny Izzo reported on the legislative changes that will impact the EMMCP. There have been no further developments since the last meeting. Additional information will be provided at the next meeting.

d) Pools

Holly Detroy reported that most pool applications are in.

e) 17 Bow Street

Mary Suresh and Lenny Izzo reported on various complaints regarding the condemned property at 17 Bow Street. The single family home is unoccupied and boarded-up. The owner currently has the home for sale in as-is condition. Ms. Suresh reported that Hans Larsen of the Selectman's office and Michael Grant of the Building Department have visited the site. Mr Larsen has cited a Massachusetts General Law (CMR 410.000) that clearly states that the board of health may cause a condemned dwelling to be demolished after one year of the order.

Lenny Izzo reported that there is no evidence of rodents and that the building is not a public health hazard and is more of an aesthetic issue.

The Board of Health agreed that the Selectman arrange a meeting with Al Robinson, Town Counsel, the Building Department and the Fire Department to determine what can be done.

The Board of Health voted to go into Executive Session.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deadra Doku Gardner