

Wellesley Board of Health
CONFERENCE CALL
Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2020
2:30 pm

Present:

Board:

Shepard Cohen, MPA, Chair
Marcia Testa Simonson, Vice Chair
Linda Oliver Grape, Secretary
Carol Hannenburg, Associate

Staff:

Steve Calichman
Holly Detroy, Environmental Health Agent
Deadra Doku-Gardner, Administrator
Leonard Izzo, Director
Cheryl Lefman, Community Health Coordinator
Ann Marie McCauley, Public Health Nurse Supervisor
Joyce Saret, Community Social Worker
Vivian Zeng, Environmental Health Agent

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 pm.

1. Administration

a) Directors Report

Leonard Izzo provided the following updates:

- Leonard Izzo reported on the weekly Department of Public Health conference call.
- Mr. Izzo reported on the Community Tracing Collaborative in partnership with Partners in Health, as was described in Governor Baker's report today.
- Mr. Izzo reported on the most recent Coronavirus issues in the Town of Wellesley (see below).

2. Community Health

a) Senior Residents

A suggestion came in from a resident asking that information be posted and included in the daily report for seniors, highlighting what they should do during the COVID-19 emergency. She suggested that information be provided similar to the messaging for seniors during a heat wave, snowstorm or hurricane. The resident felt it was important that seniors should post their medication list, as well as their immediate emergency contact information on their refrigerator or other prominent location where first responders will see it.

b) Council on Aging and Health Department Initiative

Linda Grape reported on the Supporting Wellesley call center initiative; she is revising the planning document. Joyce Saret reported that she believes there has only been one call to the line thus far.

3. Public Health Nursing

a) Coronavirus – cases etc.

Ann Marie McCauley reported that there have been two new cases reported on MAVEN today. Ms. McCauley and the per diem staff continue working on the contact investigations.

4) Environmental Health

a) Wellesley Food Pantry

Joyce Saret reported that she has been in touch with Cynthia Scott, and food pantry services are going well.

b) Essential Services (Landscapers and Blowers)

Leonard Izzo addressed the essential services as presented by the Governor. Mr. Izzo reviewed the guidelines pertaining to landscapers and leaf blowers. A few residents have come forth citing possible dangerous effects of leaf blowers on the health of individuals and the environment. It is thought that a temporary ban on leaf blowers may help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The next conference call of the Board of Health is scheduled for April 6, 2020 at 2:30 pm.

The Board of Health meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deadra Doku Gardner
Administrator

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

- NONE