

Wellesley Board of Health  
CONFERENCE CALL  
Meeting Minutes  
April 9, 2020  
2:30 pm

Present:

Board:

Shepard Cohen, MPA, Chair  
Marcia Testa Simonson, MPH, PhD, Vice Chair  
Linda Oliver Grape, PA-C, MPH, Secretary  
Carol Hannenberg, MD, Associate Member

Staff:

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

The meeting was called to order at 2:31 pm.

**1. Administration**

a) Director's Report

Leonard Izzo provided the following updates:

- Mr. Izzo reported that Fire Chief, Richard DeLorie continues to receive donations of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), which is being disseminated to various departments in town.
- Mr. Izzo reported that the majority of the Wellesley COVID-19 cases are showing up in long-term care facilities rather than in the community.
- Mr. Izzo reported on today's department head meeting.

Topics included use of masks, employees returning to work after being sick, social worker services, social health and the Wellesley public school schedule.

## **2. Community Health**

### **a) Mental Health Services/Social Services**

Leonard Izzo reported that there will be an increased need for social services in the coming months.

Additional information will be provided at the next meeting.

## **3. Public Health Nursing**

### **a) Coronavirus – cases, etc.**

Ann Marie McCauley reported that the total cases in Wellesley as of this afternoon is 40. This figure does not include the six original cases. One additional case that was reported was for an individual who no longer resides in Wellesley.

Ms. McCauley reported that all new cases today are from the long-term care facilities. Both residents and staff are infected at one of the facilities.

Residents living in the long-term care facilities that are symptomatic are being tested by the National Guard. Staff that are sick or symptomatic are not being tested.

Ms. McCauley reported that she and her staff are contacting the facilities on a daily basis.

## **4) Environmental Health**

### **a) Food Establishments and Supermarkets**

Leonard Izzo reported on his conversation with Michael Grant, Wellesley Building Inspector. Mr. Grant reported on the occupancy status of the supermarkets.

Linda Grape reported that she visited Roche Brothers this morning; there were long lines and a police detail was present. She learned that the maximum number of individuals allowed in the store is 75.

Holly Detroy reported that Old School and Be Good have closed.

Ms. Detroy reported that she has been in contact with the food service at Elizabeth Seton. They are doing well and thus far, there have been no cases of illness within the food service staff. Ms. Detroy has also been in contact with the new food service director at Newton Wellesley Center for Alzheimer's Care.

Ann Marie McCauley reported the situation (reported at the last meeting) regarding Meals on Wheels has been resolved. Ms. McCauley said that frozen prepared meals were being distributed.

Additional information will be provided at the next meeting.

The next conference call of the Board of Health is scheduled for April 10, 2020 at 2:30 pm.

The Board of Health meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deadra Doku Gardner  
Administrator

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

- NONE