

Wellesley Board of Health
CONFERENCE CALL
Meeting Minutes
April 13, 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:

Steve Calichman, Environmental Health Specialist
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 there is currently a Board of Selectmen's meeting taking place.
- Mr. Izzo reported on his conversation with Meghan Jop in regards to the on-going concerns around landscaping services in Wellesley. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.
- Mr. Izzo elaborated on recent issues surrounding Coronavirus in the Town of Wellesley (see below).

2. Community Health

a) Mental Health Services/ Social Services

As referenced on the last conference call, Leonard Izzo reported that there will be an increased need for social services in the coming months.

Joyce Saret reported that there are limited options to get food to people, and some residents are unhappy with the options. Ms. Saret reported that some Wellesley residents are particular about their preference of grocery stores, making accommodating them difficult.

Ms. Saret reported that some of the calls received are from residents that have had on-going issues prior to Coronavirus emergency. Some of the resident calls are more complicated than others and some have had a history with the COA and Wellesley Health Department.

A total of five calls were made to the Supporting Wellesley call center on Friday. Carol Hannenberg reported that she received a wellness call from the COA inquiring as to how she was. It was reported that COA employees are calling residents who have visited the Tolles Parsons Center in the past.

Additional information will be provided at the next meeting.

3. Public Health Nursing

a) Coronavirus – cases, etc.

Ann Marie McCauley reported that there were an additional 22 cases reported today; 7 cases are in their own home, and 15 are in long-term care facilities. Total cases in Wellesley as of this afternoon is 63. This figure does not include the six original cases.

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

b) Nursing Facilities

Ann Marie McCauley reported that the long-term care facilities are short staffed due to illness and therefore, they need volunteers to make beds, get residents dressed, play games, provide entertainment, etc.

Ms. McCauley will find out exactly what is needed and prepare a document to be forwarded to volunteers.

4) Environmental Health

a) Food Establishments and Supermarkets

Additional information will be provided at the next meeting.

The next conference call of the Board of Health is scheduled for April 14, 2020 at 2:30 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Deadra Doku Gardner
Administrator

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

- NONE