

Wellesley Board of Health
CONFERENCE CALL
Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2020
2:30 pm

Present:

Board:

Shepard Cohen, MPA, Chair
Marcia Testa Simonson, MPH, PhD, Vice Chair
Linda Oliver Grape, PA-C, MPH, Secretary

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
Krisann Miller, Public Health Nurse
Joyce Saret, Community Social Worker
Vivian Zeng, Environmental Health Specialist

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

1. Administration

a) Director's Report

Leonard Izzo provided the following updates:

- Mr. Izzo elaborated on recent issues surrounding Coronavirus in the Town of Wellesley (see below).

b) Essential Services

Leonard Izzo reported that the Board of Selectmen are in the process of defining guidelines for essential services in regards to landscaping and construction services in Wellesley.

The Board of Selectmen defined construction services at their Monday meeting and will wait until next week to provide guidelines on landscaping services in Wellesley.

Mr. Izzo reported that he is working on a letter regarding landscaping.

c) RedCAP

Marcia Testa Simonson described the use of RedCAP (a contact tracing data service) as a sister system to MAVEN.

d) Complaints

Leonard Izzo reported there have been calls from residents with complaints that information in the daily updates is not communicated clearly; is creating panic and increasing anxiety.

Mr. Izzo has spoken with the Selectmen's office and will follow-up with the town's communication manager Stephanie Hawkinson.

Shep Cohen directed the staff to have complaints forwarded to him.

2. Community Health

a) Mental Health Services/ Social Services

Linda Grape reported that Whole Foods has generously donated \$400 in gift cards to the town for residents in need. Meghan Jop, Executive Director on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, has accepted the gift.

Linda Grape will pick up the gift cards today and provide them to Maura Renzella who will be responsible for disseminating them.

3. Public Health Nursing

a) Coronavirus – cases, etc.

Ann Marie McCauley reported that there were two new cases reported today – of residents in their own home. The total number of cases in Wellesley as of this afternoon is 68. This figure does not include the six original cases.

Ms. McCauley reported that she and the nursing staff are contacting the facilities on a regular basis.

b) Nursing Facilities/Group Home

Leonard Izzo reported that PPE supplies (gowns, gloves, googles and masks) were given to the long-term care facilities in Wellesley.

Ann Marie McCauley reported that both long-term care facilities are in need of assistance, as they have become short-staffed due to illness. Ms. McCauley will inquire as to exactly what type of assistance is needed. A request for volunteers will be sent out in the coming days.

Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

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 15, 2020 at 2:30 pm.

The Board of Health meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deadra Doku Gardner
Administrator

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

- NONE