

Wellesley Board of Health
90 Washington Street
Wellesley, MA, 02481
Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2019

Present:

Board:

Shepard Cohen, Chairman
Marcia Testa Simonson, PhD, Vice Chairman
Linda Grape, Secretary
Carol Hannenberg, Associate

Staff:

Wanda Alvarez, Community Social Worker
Deadra Doku Gardner, Administrator
Leonard Izzo, Director
Cheryl Lefman, Community Health Coordinator
Ann Marie McCauley, Nursing Supervisor

In attendance:

Mary Gard, Advisory Committee, liaison
Beth Sullivan Woods, Board of Selectmen
Lloyd Tarlin, MD, resident and former Board member

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

The Board of Health approved the following meeting minutes: March 21, 2019.

1. Administration

a) Chairman's Report

Shep Cohen reported on the following:

- Vaping Forum that took place on April 23 at the Wellesley Public Schools. Mr. Cohen reported that approximately 3% of the parents with children in the school system attended.

b) Directors Report

Leonard Izzo reported on the following:

- Meghan Jop, the newly appointed Executive Director of General Government Services will be invited to the next board meeting.
- The new Executive Director of the Wellesley Housing Authority, Sean Barnicle has offered the Health Department office space for the community social workers should the need arise.

- Mr. Izzo reiterated that the public awareness project on opioids was to be stationed on Central Street however there was little interest from the Wellesley Merchants Association.
- Mr. Izzo reported on the upcoming Special Town Meeting warrants for the 40B Projects on Stearns Road and Williams Street.
- The Great Plain Avenue development will now be on private sewer.

c) Natural Resource Commission - Climate Change

The Board of Health agreed to participate in the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program in hopes to raise public awareness about climate change affecting vulnerable populations. The Board of Health approved a draft letter to be forwarded to the Natural Resource Commission in support of the program.

d) Cell Phone Ban Bill

Lloyd Tarlin reviewed house bill #3149 banning the use of cell phones while driving. Dr. Tarlin requested a letter from the Board of Health supporting the bill.

e) Working Groups

At the last meeting, Shep Cohen proposed four working groups to address immediate issues and areas of ongoing concern. Each group is to be led by a member or associate member of the Board of Health. The groups and their area assignments are as follows:

1. Vaping and Marijuana- Carol Hannenberg
2. Housing Authority – Shep Cohen
3. Elder Services - Linda Oliver Grape
4. Department Staffing - Marcia Testa Simonson

The board will further discuss this proposal.

f) Special Town Meeting, Social Services and Advisory

Leonard Izzo and Marcia Testa Simonson reported that they will be drafting a warrant (#9) to be presented at Town Meeting. The warrant in the amount of \$160k will provide funding for the following:

- A Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW) in the Health Department.
- A forty hour per week contract for a case manager with Riverside Community Care, to be utilized by the Wellesley Police. This contract will be split between the towns of Wellesley and Weston. The case manager will be available 24 hours per day, 7 days a week.

- Additional funding to cover the costs of increased services provided by Human Relation Services.

The Board of Health will be attending the Moderator's Meeting scheduled for Monday, May 6, 2019.

g) Staff positions and job descriptions

The Board of Health agreed that the following job descriptions be updated and be presented to the Human Resource Board before the next meeting:

- 1) Senior Environmental Health Specialist
- 2) Administrator
- 3) Senior Community Social Worker

h) Human Resources

At the last several meetings, Shep Cohen and Leonard Izzo reported that Holly Detroy, Environmental Health Agent (EHA) had announced her retirement. Ms. Detroy had been expected to retire at the end of January or early February however, she has retracted her original date of retirement. It was reported that Ms. Detroy is uncertain about her initial decision, pending the possibility of a job description change.

At today's meeting, Leonard Izzo reiterated that he has no additional information about Ms. Detroy's formal retirement date. Additional information will be made available at the next meeting.

2. Community Health

a) Nursing report

Ann Marie McCauley provided a brief overview of nursing services.

Ms. McCauley reported that Drug Take Back Day is taking place on April 27, 2019.

Ann Marie McCauley reported that there is increase in the measles across the country. Ms. McCauley will work with Cheryl to provide information for the website. The consequences of measles is long and debilitating.

b) Community Social Worker Report

Wanda Alvarez provided a brief overview of social work and outreach services. Ms. Alvarez reported that she continues to assist residents with housing recertification paperwork. Many residents have a difficult time meeting the requirements.

Ms. Alvarez reported on the April school vacation programming. In addition, Ms. Alvarez reported that Sara Berenson will be taking a maternity leave until December 2019. Leonard Izzo will be asking the Superintendent of Wellesley Public Schools, David Lussier, to provide coverage for Sara during the period of July 1, 2019 to January 1, 2020.

c) Upcoming programming

Cheryl Lefman reported on the following programs that have been scheduled:

- Wonderful Weekend – Dog Show (5/18/19)
- Depression Program (5/23/19)

d) Newton Wellesley Hospital (NWH)

Carol Hannenberg reported on a proposal by NWH of a mobile van that will travel from various sites to provide general educational and screening services (a registered nurse will provide general health screenings). The Ford Motor Company is providing the hospital with the van.

3. Environmental Health

a) Boston Sports Club (BSC) – Pool

Leonard Izzo provided inspectional information regarding the closure of the indoor swimming pool and whirlpool at Boston Sports Club. The Board of Health reviewed an order letter written and dated 4/12/19 to Boston Sports Club referencing the suspension of operations of the pool. The recent inspection noted non-compliance with water quality, record keeping, staff training and supervision, sanitation and maintenance, poor ventilation, unsatisfactory test kit condition and missing items in the first aid kit. Documentation requested and repairs ordered have not been addressed within timeframes ordered. Multiple requests for status updates have been made to no avail.

The Board of Health approved issuing a pool permit to BSC for 30 days.

Additional information will be provided at the next meeting.

b) Leaf blower Regulation

Shep Cohen reported that he will be addressing the ongoing concern of leaf blower use in the community. Regulations will be drafted. Mary Gard reported that Newton, Lincoln and Brookline have recently passed regulations.

c) Vaping and E-cigarettes

At the last several meetings, Leonard Izzo reported that he intends to invite DJ Wilson (Tobacco Control Director and Public Health Liaison for the Massachusetts Municipal Association) to attend a Board of Health meeting to discuss revisions to Wellesley's current tobacco regulations. Mr. Izzo will also invite Linda Corridan and David Lussier from Wellesley Public Schools to attend the meeting.

Mr. Izzo reported on Dr. Lester Hartman of Westwood-Mansfield Pediatrics presentation on the dangers of Vaping and Juuling at the April 23, 2019 program that was held at the Wellesley High School.

Wellesley High School students will be doing a vaping presentation to the Board of Health in May.

4. Emergency Preparedness

a) Emergency Preparedness Programming

To be reviewed at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Board of Health will be held on May 16, 2019 at 9:30am.

The Board of Health meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deadra Doku Gardner
Administrator

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

- Order: Boston Sports Club pool suspension of operations (4/12/19)
- Board of Health Action Items (4/25/19)
- Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program draft letter of support (4/22/19)