

Wellesley Board of Health
90 Washington Street
Wellesley, MA, 02481
Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2019

Present:

Board:

Shepard Cohen, MPA, Chairman
Marcia Testa Simonson, PhD, Vice Chairman
Linda Oliver Grape, PA-C, MPH, Secretary
Lloyd Tarlin, MD, Associate

Staff:

Wanda Alvarez, Community Social Worker
Deadra Doku Gardner, Administrator
Leonard Izzo, Director
Ann Marie McCauley, Public Health Nurse Supervisor

In attendance:

Rob Evans, Psy.D. Psychologist; Executive Director, Human Relations Services
Mark Kline, Psy.D. Psychologist; Incoming Executive Director, Human Relations Services
Lindsay Steinsieck, Psy.D, Psychologist; Associate Director, Human Relations Services

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 am.

1. Administration

a) Chairman's Report

Shepard Cohen reported on the following:

- Vaping – Mr. Cohen noted that a majority of cities and towns around the country are moving to ban all flavored tobacco products.

b) Directors Report

Leonard Izzo provided the following updates:

- Camp update – Leonard Izzo reported that the Wellesley camp season has begun.

c) Human Relations Services: FY20 Contract

The Board of Health approved, voted and signed the mental health contract provided by HRS for FY20.

d) Camp Transportation Funding/ Wellesley Hills Junior Women's Club

The Board of Health approved \$10k from the Healthy Wellesley Fund to support transportation to summer camp/school for children. In addition the Wellesley Hills Junior Women's Club awarded the Health Department a grant in the amount of \$1000.

e) Staff Positions and Job Descriptions

At a prior meeting, the Board of Health agreed to submit the following revised job descriptions to the Human Resource Department:

- Senior Environmental Health Specialist
- Administrator
- Senior Community Social Worker

The Board of Health will attend a Human Resources Board meeting on July 30, 2019 to discuss the aforementioned job positions.

2. Community Health

a) Mental Health: Human Relations Services

Rob Evans provided an update on services provided by HRS. Wellesley children at all school levels are stressed and have adjustment and behavioral issues, including depression.

Rob Evans will be retiring from his position at HRS at the end of this month. The Board of Health wished him well and thanked him for his many years of service to the community.

3. Public Health Nursing

a) School vaccinations

Ann Marie McCauley reported on a family recently having moved to Wellesley with questionable vaccine records. Ms. McCauley reviewed the state vaccine mandate for school children. Ms. McCauley will be

working with Linda Corridan and the family pediatrician to ensure that the two children are appropriately vaccinated/tittered.

b) Vaccine Update

Ms. McCauley reported that she will begin vaccination of Shingrix (for prevention of shingles) to those on the waiting list.

4) Environmental Health

a) B/Spoke

A variance request was approved by the Board of Health.

b) Wellesley Sports Center

Leonard Izzo reported that the Wellesley Sports Center remains under construction and is now expected to open in August. Mr. Izzo reported that there are multiple conditions that need to be met prior to opening. Management of the location has scheduled camps, skating time etc. At this time it does not appear that they will be operating out of the center.

Additional information will be provided at the next meeting.

c) Boston Sports Club (BSC)

At the last several meetings, 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 BSC, referencing the pool suspension of operations. The inspection noted non-compliance of 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 that was requested and repair orders 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 from May 1 to May 30, 2019 (the extension ended May 30, 2019).

Mr. Izzo reported that there continues to be issues.

The indoor lap pool is open, however the indoor whirlpool remains closed and is undergoing repair.

In addition to the pool issues, Mr Izzo reported that during a pre-opening inspection of the camps, the BSC Assistant Camp Director had not been properly trained.

Additional information will be provided at the next meeting.

d) Vaping and E-cigarettes

Leonard Izzo reported on the anticipated changes that are to take place regarding sales of tobacco (including vaping and e-cigarette) products in several communities in the State. Draft regulations for Walpole were reviewed.

5) Emergency Preparedness

To be reviewed at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Board of Health is scheduled for July 16, 2019, 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deadra Doku Gardner
Administrator

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

- Letter from the Wellesley Hill's Junior Women's Club (dated 5/31/19)
- Copy of FY20 HRS Mental Health Contract
- May 2019 Nursing Report
- Draft regulations for Walpole Restricting the Sale of Tobacco Products
- Proposed position for Senior Community Social Worker