

Wellesley Board of Health
90 Washington Street
Wellesley, MA, 02481
Meeting Minutes
July 16, 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:

Leonard Izzo, Director
Cheryl Lefman, Community Health Coordinator
Ann Marie McCauley, Public Health Nurse Supervisor

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM

1. Administration

a) Chairman's Report

Shepard Cohen reported on the following:

- Vaping – noted a program on vaping that aired on CNBC, as well an article in the Boston Globe on Newton's limits on e-cigarette sales.

b) Directors Report

Leonard Izzo provided the following updates:

- Camp update – Leonard Izzo reported on an issue at the Jon Anderson Soccer camp, related to an athletic trainer conducting drills that incorporated head butting from campers back to trainers. After discussion, those drills were halted. It was also reported that an injury to a camper occurred at the camp.
- Internship – a student from Regis College may collaborate with Wellesley Health Department staff and Alison Cross on food waste and recovery initiatives. More information will be provided at the next meeting.
- Housing – Leonard Izzo reported on his conversation with Sean Barnicle, director of Wellesley Housing Authority. He will meet with Mr. Barnicle, WHA Board Chair Maura Renzella and a BOH member on July

24, 2019; discussion will include social worker position(s), leveraging resources, becoming more tenant and consumer oriented and advocating for residents.

c) 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) Upcoming programming

Cheryl Lefman reported on a potential Healthy Wellesley program on preventing heart disease, to be held in spring 2020. This program will be cosponsored with the Library.

b) NWH-DPH Community Meeting

Cheryl Lefman and Leonard Izzo reported on an upcoming Newton-Wellesley Hospital and departments of public health community meeting scheduled on Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at 2:00 PM. A summary of the meeting will be provided at the next BOH meeting.

3. Public Health Nursing

a) Vaccine Update

Ann Marie McCauley reported on the influenza vaccine order from Sanofi. The representative from Sanofi said the Wellesley Health Department (WHD) will receive its order three – four weeks late, due to a change in one of the strains included in the vaccine. Although the WHD will receive its complete order, Sanofi is sold out of the “quadrivalent” vaccine, and will be unable to order additional doses. She noted that the “high dose” vaccine will be available for reorder.

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

Ms. McCauley was asked to look into expanding nursing services and spaces that might serve this purpose.

4) Environmental Health

a) Food Establishments

Leonard Izzo provided a summary of cases of foodborne illness (Cyclosporiasis) that occurred during the week of July 8, traced back to Sweetgreens' locations in MA; thus far, no cases have been reported at the Wellesley location.

b) Wellesley Sports Center

At a previous meeting, Leonard Izzo reported on a meeting organized by Meghan Jop that included all Town of Wellesley department heads and the owner of the Wellesley Sports Center. Mr. Izzo reported that there were thirteen conditions that were to be met prior to being permitted to open. It does not appear that these conditions were met. Management of the location had already scheduled camps, skating time etc. One major consideration was that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation was expected to install a traffic light in July, however no specific date was given. Mr. Izzo also reported that a great deal of work needed to be done for pool completion at the facility. He noted that they were expected to start filling the pool water on June 7th and opening was supposed to be on July 7th however Mr. Izzo did not believe that three weeks would be enough time to balance the new pool.

At today's meeting, Mr. Izzo noted that Steward Health Care has obtained the naming rights of the Wellesley Sports Center and is now named, "Boston Sports Institute, a Steward Family Facility."

Mr. Izzo provided an update on several areas of the Facility that need to be altered including the family showers. He said the pools will not be ready to open on August 1st.

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).

At the last meeting, Mr. Izzo reported there continued to be issues. The management had expected and requested to open the outdoor facility for the Memorial Day holiday weekend, however there had not been any progress since the walk thru that was conducted in early May. Among a host of issues, the slide pool continued to leak at a rate of approximately 3-4 inches of water per day.

At today's meeting, Mr. Izzo reported that the outdoor lap pool had been closed several more times, due to a heater/regulator that was not working properly; it was fixed and the pool was reopened. The indoor lap pool is open, however the indoor whirlpool remains closed and is undergoing repair.

Mr. Izzo also reported on trash that was overflowing at the dumpster location.

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 Wellesley will be presented at the next BOH meeting.

5) Emergency Preparedness

To be reviewed at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Board of Health is TBD.

The Board of Health meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM and the Board went into Executive Session at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Lefman
Community Health Coordinator

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

- Article, "Newton Mayor Seeks Limits on E-cig Sales," Boston Globe (West of Boston Section), 7/16/2019