

Wellesley Board of Health  
CONFERENCE CALL  
Meeting Minutes  
July 22, 2020  
11:30 AM

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:

Ann Marie McCauley, Public Health Nurse Supervisor  
Holly Detroy, Environmental Health Agent  
Deadra Doku-Gardner, Administrator  
Leonard Izzo, Director  
Cheryl Lefman, Community Health Coordinator  
Joyce Saret, Community Social Worker  
Vivian Zeng, Environmental Health Agent

In attendance:

Linda Chow, Chair, School Committee, Wellesley Public Schools  
Beth Sullivan Woods, Board of Selectmen

The meeting was called to order at 11:34 am.

**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.

b) Department of Public Health Update

Leonard Izzo reported on the updates and changes in the DPH guidelines regarding sports groups, camps etc. Mr. Izzo reported next week will be the end of step one, phase 3. Additional information will be made at that time.

c) Wellesley Public Schools – School Reopening Plan

Shep Cohen said the priority is to be able to allow children back to school as soon as possible and do this safely.

As discussed last week, Linda Chow reiterated the importance of understanding the protocols and creating a decision-making matrix.

Leonard Izzo reported the State released guidance (over the weekend) and at the local level, staff will work together with school staff. Ann Marie McCauley has been working with Linda Corridan.

Linda Chow reported the public schools have a high-level template on reopening schools that must be completed by the end of July 2020. Ms. Chow reported the School Committee will receive a working template from superintendent David Lussier on August 6.

On August 13<sup>th</sup> the goal for the school committee is to vote on the opening school model. Linda Chow reported that the deadline from the state is August 10<sup>th</sup> however the Town of Wellesley is going to be a bit late as their deadline is August 13.

As reported at a previous meeting, Leonard Izzo said the schools formed a reopening committee (with multiple sub-committees). Mr. Izzo has an active role in the planning of school opening and how schools will operate in the Fall.

d) Broad Institute and testing

Ann Marie McCauley reported the Broad Institute is interested in offering testing for Wellesley Public Schools staff and faculty, as well as students. The Broad Institute would conduct testing on a regular basis. Presently this is cost prohibitive. Mr. Izzo reported there is a meeting scheduled this evening to further discuss this. He also noted that the state is not suggesting testing at this time.

e) Holly Detroy

Leonard Izzo announced that Holly Detroy will be retiring from her position of Environmental Health Agent at the end of the month (July 31, 2020).

f) Social Worker Position

Joyce Saret is reviewing the applicants. Additional information will be provided at the next meeting.

## 2. Community Health

a) Influenza Vaccine

Additional information will be provided at the next meeting.

b) Mental Health and Social Services

Joyce Saret reported things are even and steady. The two social workers continue working from the schools and others affiliated with keeping the meals program operating are continuing their efforts. The family meal program will come to a close after next week. The programs for children continue to take place at Barton Road.

c) Coronavirus – cases, etc.

Ann Marie McCauley reported that there was a slight bump in number of positive cases over the weekend; the majority of the cases were staff working at Elizabeth Seton. Ms. McCauley noted that the long-term care facilities are well prepared with PPE, testing etc.

Marcia Testa Simonson reported that the focus of testing is currently on the long-term care facilities across the county.

## 4) Environmental Health

d) Wellesley Merchants

Beth Sullivan Woods reported there have been a number of retail closures in Wellesley.

e) Mobile Movies

Beth Sullivan Woods reported that outdoor movies will begin on Saturday.

f) Library Reopening

Vivian Zeng reported the main branch of the Wellesley Free Library will reopen on August 3, 2020 to a maximum of 25 patrons at a time. The satellites will reopen at a later date.

g) Food Establishments

Holly Detroy reported the restaurants continue to be doing well.

Ms. Detroy reported that the Cottage and Door 7 will reopen the first week of August.

The next conference call of the Board of Health is scheduled for Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at 11:30 am.

The Board of Health meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deadra Doku Gardner  
Administrator

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

- NONE