

Wellesley Board of Health  
CONFERENCE CALL - ZOOM  
Meeting Minutes  
September 9, 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:

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

In attendance:

Beth Sullivan Woods, Board of Selectmen  
John Lanza, Advisory Committee

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am.

Citizen Speak

No one was in attendance who wished to participate in Citizen Speak.

**1. Administration**

a) FY21 Budget

Marcia Testa Simonson reviewed the FY21 budget presentation she intends to present at the Advisory Committee. The Board of Health is requesting several personnel budget increases for this current fiscal year.

The Board of Health reviewed the following requests: the appointment of a second full-time social worker, a new part-time public health nursing

position, plus increased hours for the Public Health Nursing Supervisor and other increases.

b) Human Resources

Vivian Zeng has been promoted to Senior Environmental Health Specialist.

c) Nursery Schools

Ann Marie McCauley reported she has been receiving calls from nursery schools to confirm that they have opened.

d) Colleges

Ann Marie McCauley reported Wellesley College and Babson College are doing well and are diligent in keeping the student body safe and healthy.

Marcia Testa Simonson reported that the MA Association of Health Boards (MAHB) has been tracking the number of Covid-19 cases among several colleges and universities, including Wellesley College and Babson College. Colleges and universities across the state are tracking very low test positivity rates at .07-.09%.

e) Wellesley Public Schools (WPS) Reopening

Leonard Izzo reported he has had limited contact with the schools. He will be meeting with School Department administrators and the School Committee chairperson on September 10, 2020 to discuss school athletics.

Mr. Izzo will review the RFP proposals for testing on Friday.

Ann Marie McCauley reported she has discussed day-to-day procedures and operations with the Wellesley Public Schools (WPS) Nursing Director, Linda Corridan.

Beth Sullivan Woods reported the Memorandum of Agreement with the teacher's union has been posted on the WPS website.

## 2. Community Health

### a) COVID-19 update

Ann Marie McCauley reported there are currently three active cases. They were tested in the last ten days and those individuals are isolating.

### b) Flu Clinic

Leonard Izzo will be meeting this afternoon with staff at Town Hall to discuss the logistics of town-wide community flu clinics.

### c) Mental Health

Joyce Saret provided a brief update on the use of the Simons Fund in response to seniors facing food insecurity. Ms. Saret is expecting the Council on Aging social worker to return to work next week.

Ms. Saret expressed concern about the number of recent suicides that have occurred in neighboring towns.

Ms. Saret reported she is in frequent contact with Mark Kline from Human Relations Service. Dr. Kline will be attending the October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Health.

## 3. Environmental Health

### a) Pools and Food Establishments

Ms. Zeng reported she received a call from an individual who is interested in the old Upper Crust location for a new restaurant.

Boston Sports Club, Babson College and Wellesley College are looking to reopen their pools.

The next meeting of the Board of Health is scheduled for Wednesday, September 16, 2020, 11:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deadra Doku Gardner

Administrator

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