

Wellesley Board of Health
Zoom Conference
Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2020
10:00 AM

Present:

Board:

Shepard Cohen, MPA, Chair
Linda Oliver Grape, PA-C, MPH, Secretary

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am.

1. Administration

a) Board of Selectmen

Beth Sullivan Woods reported the Board of Selectmen (BOS) voted to approve \$140k for the addition to the Health Department FY21 personnel costs.

b) Wellesley Public Schools and Testing

Leonard Izzo reported on a call with Linda Chow and Katey Goehringer regarding testing. Mr. Izzo reviewed the information provided by the contractor testing the students. This included logistical information on processing of appointments. The contractor conducting the testing will have a full set-up of the testing sites. Emergency Medical Technicians will

conduct the swabbing of students. The screening will be conducted at the Wellesley Municipal Light Plant (MLP) garage.

Mr. Izzo reported that he requested additional signage at the testing site and a written document describing the operations. Student testing is scheduled for Saturday (9/26), Sunday (9/27) and Monday (9/28). Thus far, 2500 students have signed up.

Linda Oliver Grape reviewed the September 21, 2020 webinar of the Wellesley School Committee and School Department. Ms. Oliver Grape did not comment during the webinar. She reported there are expected to be positives after the testing of teachers and students.

Leonard Izzo will request a description of procedures for cleaning of the MLP facility following testing. Traffic load and patterns will be addressed.

Additional topics were discussed including:

- Testing plans status and funding
- Bus policy, procedures and sanitizing plans
- Transportation of students who might have available private transportation to the testing site.
- Guidelines regarding school “macro” metrics and “micro” metrics
- HIPPA regulations are not applicable to public health mandated and non-direct treatment functions.

2. Community Health

a) Long Term Care Facilities

Ann Marie McCauley reported the Wellesley long-term care facilities are doing well and have begun flu vaccinations of their populations.

b) COVID-19 Update

Ann Marie McCauley said there is one confirmed case of COVID-19 however, it is another college-age student in New York.

c) Housing Authority

Beth Sullivan Woods reported the BOS have distributed masks to the residents of Barton Road. Joyce Saret reported that Maura Renzella and the Housing Director have been working with the families.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deadra Doku Gardner, Administrator