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TOWN OF DEDHAM BOARD OF HEALTH

Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Location: Town Hall (450 Washington Street) Room 304

The following Board of Health Members were present:

Noreen Guilfoyle, Chair
Bernadette Chirokas, Vice Chair
Leanne Jasset, Member

The following staff were present:

Kylee Sullivan, Health Director
Mavis Stephany Lopez Silva, Office Manager

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 5:30 PM.

Public Comment No public was available for comment.

Discussion & Vote: 02/20/2024 Meeting Minutes

Member Leanne Jasset made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Vice Chair Bernadette Chirokas seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes as written.

Discussion Be SMART Presentation by Rachel Walsh-Peterson

Rachel Walsh Peterson was present at the meeting to discuss Be SMART, a non-political educational campaign. This campaign focuses on raising awareness and engaging communities nationwide to prevent children and teens from accessing unsecured firearms. Rachel prepared a presentation to highlight and review the goals of the Be SMART program.

This program has many available educational resources such as flyers, presentation materials, and an informative website. The Be SMART campaign was launched in 2015 to promote responsible gun ownership to reduce child gun deaths. Be SMART is a framework that parents, caretakers, and community leaders can follow to help keep their communities safe.

Update from Health Director

14 Arbor Lane: The judge approved a motion for the receiver to put the property on the market for sale.

Opioid Settlement Survey: Board members were provided with a draft message to send to the community about the opioid settlement survey for their review. Director Sullivan will work with Member Bernadette Chirokas to finalize a quote.

Infectious Disease Webpage: As discussed at the last Board meeting, a draft infectious disease webpage has been created on the Town's website. While the webpage is not yet available to the public, a draft of the webpage was provided to the Board in their packet for review. The webpage outlines what infectious diseases are and how the Health Department responds to infectious diseases. The webpage also provides additional information outlining resources for infectious disease. Director Sullivan requested feedback from the Board on any additional information that may be useful in providing continued education to the community.

Health & Human Services Needs Assessment Report: The Health Department was awarded a technical assistance grant from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) to assess the human services/resources available in Dedham. This process included interviewing key stakeholders across the community involved in this work. The final report was included in the Board's packet for review. The report outlines the needs of the community and various health and human services in efforts to provide a more formalized support system and model for the Town.

CDC Isolation Guidance The CDC has updated their guidance on COVID-19 isolation to align with general respiratory virus response. This update has not yet been adopted in MA, currently the five-day isolation guidelines are still in place.

Staffing Updates: First and second rounds of interviews have been conducted for the position of Public Health Nurse. DOSA Program Director interviews will be held this week.

Seasonal Permits: Looking ahead to some seasonal work, pool, saunas and steam rooms, tanning facilities and waste hauler permits will be expiring at the end of June. The Health Department will be transitioning to a new online permitting system and will work with permit holders to alert them of these changes and upcoming renewals. The Health Department will also be hosting a camp operator meeting next week to review questions and concerns from camp operators.

Old and New Business: None

Member Leanne Jasset made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 PM which was seconded by Vice-Chair Bernadette Chirokas. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 PM on Tuesday, March 19, 2024.

This is to certify that the above is a true and accurate record of the minutes of the Board of Health's Meeting held on March 19, 2024, which minutes were approved on April 30, 2024.

Bernadette Chirokas – Chair