



City of Westfield, Massachusetts

Health Department

Board of Health Meeting

Room 220

January 9, 2019

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Present: Juanita Carnes, Chair Teresa Mitchell, M.D.

Ms. Carnes opened the meeting at 6:07 p.m. The Minutes of the December 13, 2018, meeting were reviewed and accepted as printed. There was no one present wishing to speak during the public participation portion of the meeting. The Board began discussing items on the agenda.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None Scheduled.

PUBLIC HEALTH:

Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan –

- TB Testing Standing Orders – Nurse Debra Mulvenna presented the Board with the TB Testing Standing Orders for their review.
- Community Health Assessments – Nurse Mulvenna informed the Board that all non-profit hospitals are currently conducting their community health assessments, which are required every three years. As the City's nurses are involved in this assessment, two areas in which they will be concentrating are food insecurity and drugs (opioids).
- Drug Task Force – The Task Force will be focusing on drug prevention and hope to target students in 5th through 8th grade.
- Coalition to End Hunger – A pilot program began in Holyoke and is now being launched in Westfield. Recently, a meeting was held at the Senior Center which was very well attended. It was determined that promotional work should be done to push awareness as to where help can be found.

Department Program and Promotions Discussion –

- Radon – Test kits are still being distributed and results reviewed.
- FOG – Brochures were circulated and message has been conveyed. At the current time, no work will be needed for this program.

- Flu Clinic/City Health Fair – This will be revisited at another time.
- Opioid – Because this is now a responsibility of the Health department, it is no longer considered a program/promotion.
- Climate Change – There is nothing on a local level which can be done with this topic.
- Childhood Wellness – The 5210 program is complete. Mr. Rouse asked the Board for suggestions as to what issues/programs they would like to pursue in the future. The Mighty Program, which mimics the food insecurity program, is promoted at the local YMCA. A similar program could be initiated. It was noted that vaping among children is now prevalent and something which could possibly be reviewed. Ticks, mosquitos, dental hygiene, water safety, helmet usage were also ideas. Because the CDC reports that the leading causes of death among children are burns, drowning, falls, poisoning, suffocation and traffic-related incidents, awareness can be made in these areas.
- Vaccines for Children's Program – Nurse Mulvenna received permission to electronically sign for the Board for the yearly enrollment in this program.

Public School Health Updates – A norovirus-type illness has been spreading in the High School. The state has become involved. A follow-up was done with the staff and cafeteria workers. None were symptomatic. The Health Inspectors inspected the cafeteria, finding it to be safe; all self-serve food service was halted temporarily.

Vaping Discussion – The Health Department will be working with the Police Department, School Department and a local retailer to gain insight into what products/devices are available and what parents should be looking for. Many people are not aware that devices such as juuls contain nicotine. Compliance checks need to be conducted at establishments selling vaping materials. The Police will need to educate those individuals purchasing the vaping goods on how/what to request. Mr. Rouse advised the Board that he will be attending a meeting next week regarding vaping trends, etc. and will then begin compliance checks.

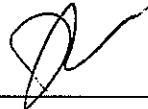
Recreational Marijuana and BOH Responsibility -- The Board will have a limited amount of regulatory control. The Department of Public Health has turned over authority to the Cannabis Control Commission. The local Board of Health will have authority to enforce City Ordinances with respect to the facility. The police will most likely be the ones to act on any violations, but the Health Department can also act if needed.

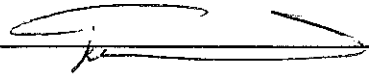
INSPECTIONAL SERVICES:

11 Howard St. Lien – The lien has been recorded at the Hampden County Registry of Deeds. Once the property is sold, the city will be reimbursed for expenses incurred for the cleanup.

With no further items on the agenda to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Minutes approved by:





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Next anticipated meeting date: February 13, 2019