

# Sudbury Board of Health

## Virtual Meeting March 8, 2022

**Attendees:** Carol Bradford-Board Chair, Susan Sama-Board Member, William Murphy-Health Director, Patty Moran-Public Health Nurse, Bethany Hadvab-Social Worker, Robert Lazo-Health Inspector, Beth Porter-Health Admin. Kay Bell- Council on Disabilities, Sue Berry-Finance Committee, Pat Lewis-Council on Aging, Jen Roberts-Select Board, Richie Miller-Resident

**4:00 PM: Meeting called to order**

**4:01 PM: Comments – None**

**Shared Public Health Grant:** Kelly Calo, Grant Coordinator, will start her new position in April. Public Health Nurse positions (part-time and Full time) have been posted. The Sudbury Health Nurses that were hired to work during the pandemic can assist in other communities. Ms. Calo brings experience and knowledge to this position.

**Patty Moran- Public Health Nurse:**

**COVID:** February positives were 107. Positives were 1/10 the number of cases reported in January. Cases are being reported in children 15 years and younger and newly admitted Seniors in Nursing Homes. Patty would like to create Health Department messaging for COVID testing and treatments to be published on the Health Webpages.

**Camps:** Camps that opened in 2021 were contacted to submit applications and manuals by April 1, 2022. This will give the PHN the opportunity to go thru the manuals and address any issues, well before the start of summer camp.

**Other:** There was one case of C-DIFF and one suspect case of ECOLI. The Senior Center will be opening this April. The PHN will be starting Blood Pressure Clinics.

**Rob Lazo – Health Inspector Update:**

**Trainings:** Rob continues to take courses and certifications in order to work independently.

**Food Establishments:** one half of the Sudbury food establishments have been inspected.

**Septics:** Rob is now going to sites and working independently on smaller projects.

**Bethany Hadvab – Social Worker Update:**

**Cases:** Bethany's Caseload returned to normal numbers this February. It takes approximately 3 days on average to return calls to residents.

**Hope Sudbury Applications:** applications keep coming into the office and are processed.

**Funding and Resources:** Bethany has applied for grants and funding from multiple sources in order to cover the number of cases and resource inquiries from residents. The Sudbury Housing Trust and Sudbury Rental Relief Program have been key resources for those residents who are behind in rent and utilities. These agencies will do a presentation to the Select Board to petition for more funds.

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### Bethany Hadvab – Social Worker Update Cont...:

**Interns:** will be in the office for 4 more weeks. Bethany has hired an intern on a 2 year grant. This intern has worked in the Social Worker's office in the past. Bethany will start to interview for new interns.

**Community Programs:** Bethany is working with organizations who can assist with helping residents to move furniture and other tasks as they arise. There is currently an opportunity for these programs to grow.

### Health Director – William Murphy Health Dept. Updates:

**Test Kits:** Test Kits that were purchased via ARPA funds were dispersed to underserved segments of the community. The Health Director will be getting more test kits via a multi community collaborative. Kits to be delivered in March. Sama noted that it's important that families have multiple kits so that all family members can get tested. If expiration dates are months in the future, it might be best to reserve some kits that can be distributed during an uptick in cases.

**Hazardous Waste:** The Health Department has scheduled a date, April 9, 2022, for a town wide Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. The Health Department is waiting on the Clean Harbors contract for the Town Manager's approval. Once approved, sign-ups will begin.

**Health Dept. Building Dept. and Fire Dept. –** Collaboration between these departments to evacuate Bear Mountain (Long Term Care Facility) in a safe and orderly fashion. The facility had sustained extensive damage after a storm and it was immediately determined to be uninhabitable. The evacuation plan was documented and presented by the 3 departments. Tim Choate (Asst. Fire Chief) was recognized for his quick and decisive approach to evacuating all residents and employees.

**Goals for 2022/2023:** What do we want to accomplish this year? Priorities include:

- **Shared Services Grant** Launched. New hires needed to fill open positions and set up a SOP.
- **Update Regulations** that have been deferred. State Well Regs are changing. HD needs to update well bylaws. Mr. Murphy would like to work with Stake Holders and Town Engineers to update Septic regs and to codify them. Ex: Section I = Septic, Section II = Well, Section III = Tobacco, etc.
- **Body Art and Cosmetic tattooing.** Educate and Create Regulations. Establishments will be required to have Medical oversight.
- **New Vaping Products** with trace amounts of THC. Susan Sama will reach out to the schools.
- **Homes** that are remanded to the town. Issues include clutter, unsafe conditions (health and structurally), obtaining funds to secure structure(s), post notice(s) in local newspapers. We are seeing an uptick in these scenarios. Many man hours are devoted this endeavor.

**Motion** to approve BoH Meeting minutes on December 7, January 11 and February 8, as edited made by Susan Sama. Carol Bradford seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0-0.

**Motion** to adjourn meeting made by Susan Sama. Motion Seconded by Carol Bradford. Motion Passed 2-0-0.

**Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.**