

SUDBURY BOARD OF HEALTH

VIRTUAL MEETING

TUESDAY JUNE 13, 2023

Attendees: Carol Bradford – Board Chair, Linda Huet-Clayton, Board Member, Susan Sama-Board Member, Vivian Zeng-Health Director, Patty Moran- Public Health Nurse, Rob Lazo-Health Inspector, Bethany Hadvab- Social Worker, Krissy Crean-Social Worker, Beth Porter-Health Admin.

4:01: Open Meeting Law Read by Carol Bradford

Public Comment: None

Krissy Crean - Social Workers Update:

Introduction to Board – Krissy Crean introduced herself to the Board as the new social worker who was hired via grant funding. Krissy has been working in the field for 10 years and was interning with Bethany while working toward obtaining her Master’s degree. The Board welcomed Krissy.

Interns: Bethany has onboarded 2 additional interns for the summer.

Housing: Bethany dealt with housing evictions and Housing equity.

Mass Health Insurance: Residents are at risk of losing health coverage later this year as Mass Health rolls back temporary COVID benefits.

Patty Moran-Public Health Nurse Update:

Infectious Disease: A salmonella paratyphi case from a neighboring community caused a business to shut down for 2 weeks while employees completed the state mandated series of stool testing to return to work. Shigatoxin Case: at a Sudbury daycare – we processed as an active case, but the state downgraded the case as suspect after follow-up investigation.

Camps: 3 new camps will open this year. MetroWest Academy, Revolution Soccer Camp and PHD Volley-Ball Camp. There are 2 camps that were open last year that did not apply. Sudbury will have a total of 11 summer camps this year. Concerns for camps this year are extreme heat and air quality. We have emailed and posted a state announcement on the Health website warning about over exposure to the heat and poor air. Almost all of the camps that are opening are outdoors. Vivian will work with camps that do not have indoor facilities. She is working on the metric that will trigger camp closures based on extreme heat and poor air quality. Camp inspections will start this month.

Rob Lazo: Health Inspector Update:

Pool Inspections: Avalon, Sudbury Swim & Tennis and Sewataro are still working on testing water quality. Atkinson is currently in flux due to construction, retrofitting pool drain covers and other factors.

Vivian Zeng- Health Director Update:

Patty Moran Retirement: Patty will retire on June 30th but will be retained for part-time work in order to help her successor to transition.

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New Hire process for PH Nurse: Vivian will be conducting round 2 of interviews next week.

Vivian Zeng- Health Director Update Continued:

Mosquito Control: Vivian met with Brian Farless from East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project. The Chemicals used for spraying are PFAS free. The summer and fall of 2023 will be a low risk year for mosquito borne infection due to extreme drought and the larvicide that was applied in the spring.

Housing Code: Updated Massachusetts state housing code is now in effect. Vivian and the Health Team will get up to speed in understanding and enforcing the code. There is one active housing case that will involve citing under the new housing code.

Digitizing Health Files: The Health Department and IT are scheduled to meet with a vendor to go over the logistics of digitizing the septic files in the Health office. A major concern is getting public record requests fulfilled by the vendor in a timely manner.

Body Art: In May several Body Art vendors contacted the Health office inquiring about local regulations for opening a business in Sudbury. There is currently one vendor open in Sudbury and there will be another coming in the next month. These businesses will need to conform to the body art regulations once they are implemented. Vivian has been working on the regulations. Town Counsel has reviewed the regulations.

VOTE: Susan Sama motioned to approve the Body Art Regulations. Linda Huet-Clayton seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Fine Schedule: Vivian would like to create a Fine Schedule to help enforcement or regulations, permitting and nuisance control.

Fee Schedule: Vivian would like to update the Fee schedule to increase the fees so that they are in line with surrounding communities.

Town Meeting: Are there any topics or big budget items that the Board would like to introduce at the 2024 Town meeting?

Other Topics:

Meet in Person: Linda Huet-Clayton asked if future Board of Health Meetings will be held in person? Everyone would prefer remote for now.

VOTE: Linda Huet-Clayton motioned to publish the May 2nd Board of Health Meeting Minutes as edited. Susan Sama seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Next meeting July 11th 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 4:47 PM