

Sudbury Board of Health Virtual Meeting

Tuesday, July 11, 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, Krissy Crean-Social Worker, Beth Porter-Health Admin. Hannah Rodriguez Broughton-Participant

4:00 PM - Meeting called to order

4:01 PM - Public Comment - None

Kristine Crean- Social Worker Update:

Needs of the Community- The residents in June had the typical needs that the Social Worker Dept. has been encountering, housing and rent, car repairs and finding enrollment opportunities in after school programs in the fall.

Substance Abuse Program - Kristine Crean and Director Vivian Zeng met with members of Learn2Cope, a peer support network for individuals struggling with SUDs affecting their loved ones. SW team has begun networking with neighboring communities regarding Sudbury involvement in overdose awareness efforts.

Staffing - Kristine has been covering all SW office responsibilities in the absence of Bethany Hadvab and the summer interns.

Patty Moran-Public Health Nurse Update:

Disease Update: State confirmed a previous case of TB. There have been no major outbreaks. There have been reported tickborne diseases, Lyme and anaplasmosis. 8 reported cases of COVID in June.

Camps: Continue to be inspected as they open. There are currently 10 Summer camps in all that have opened this year in Sudbury. Concerns for the camps this month are focused on air quality index (Canadian wildfires) and increasing awareness and policies for heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Vivian has given guidance to camps to remain diligent in ensuring that campers are kept safe. For camps with scheduled field trips she suggests calling beforehand to confirm that destinations are open. Tick and Mosquito borne illnesses have been a primary educational piece for camps and the community.

Training - Patty trained 2 per diem nurses to conduct camp inspections.

Blood Pressure Clinics - Senior Center – 4 Blood pressure clinics were conducted in June. Coolidge housing – 3 Blood Pressure Clinics were conducted in June.

Vivian Zeng - Health Director Update:

Staffing - Patty Moran Public Health Nurse is officially retired. Patty will remain the Part-Time Public Health Nurse until the Health Department is up and running with her replacement. Kelli Calo has been hired as a full time Public Health Excellence Grant Coordinator. She will start full time on July 25th.

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Vivian Zeng - Health Director Update Continued:

Communicable Diseases: Dr. Hoenig has signed standing orders for childhood vaccines, influenza and naloxone. This allows the Health Dept. to order (specific) free vaccines from the state and naloxone for distribution.

Housing Authority - Met with resident coordinator, Lauren Abrahams, who is requesting BP clinics/wellness clinics to be held at the Housing Authority community center. Working on setting up a monthly program for these residents.

Septics: - Robert Lazo continues with soil evaluations, Septic Plan reviews, septic inspections and component inspections. Given the season, these numbers are increased. A number of house renovations affecting bedroom sizing and total room count has impacted septic design reviews in Town.

Atkinson Pool – Due to the 40+ year old pool design, there were a number of problems encountered during pool renovation. Multiple site visits have been made to ensure the repair timeline would coordinate with summer camp opening date. Unfortunately, given supply delays and unforeseen construction issues, there will be a camp delay with use of the Atkinson lap pool. The dive well is significantly impacted and will be closed for longer. The priority is to open the lap pool for camp swimming.

Medicare Revalidation - has been approved. The process of submitting the Federal application and locating/supplying documentation (sometimes decades old) is an intense process.

Camps - have required more than average Health Department oversight. This would be attributed to new camps not familiar with state camp regulations and camps with add-on programs.

Body Art – Additional new operator inquiry about Body Art Practitioner permit, 2 days after the regulations went into effect. Will be working with them on permitting.

Fine Schedule and Permit Fee Schedule - Reviewed local regulations and permitting fee schedule structure with Beth, will submit draft at next BOH meeting.

Digitization Project – Moving along, kick off meeting began with digitization Vendor and IT Director. Scope of work sampling of 5 boxes will begin next week to review scanned files as a sample of what documents will look like.

Public Health Excellence Grant Program for Shared Services

Public Health Excellence Grant FY24 budget was rejected by the State Department of Public Health. A number of other regional shared services arrangements had their FY24 budget and workplans rejected. Our regional workplan needs revision, with a focus on statutory mandates. (Food program, septic, other inspectional programs.) Our initial workplan was based around mental health programming and projects, which was the identified need among the 7 communities. DPH has not given good guidelines for the

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Shared Services Coordinator, Kelli Calo, to follow, additionally last minute DPH staff turnover has made communications difficult between the grant program and share services arrangements. There should be no foreseeable issue(s) with securing FY24 funding after submission of a revised workplan.

VOTE: Susan Sama Motioned to adjourn meeting. Carol Bradford seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Meeting adjourned at 4:28 PM.