

Sudbury Board of Health Virtual Meeting

Monday, February 5th, 2024

Attendees: Carol Bradford – Board Chair, Linda Huet-Clayton – Board Member, Susan - Sama Board Member, Vivian Zeng – Health Director, Nina Lurie – Health Social Worker, Beth Porter – Health Coordinator

3:00 PM: Open Meeting Law read by Carol Bradford

3:01 PM: Public Comment – None

Vivian Zeng: Public Health Director Update:

Housing Training: Seminar presented last month to help with navigating condemnations, housing issues and court related property cases. Vivian Zeng and Linda Huet-Clayton attended the meeting. Vivian will forward recorded seminar and materials to Carol Bradford and Susan Sama.

Narcan Training: Training was provided to the nurses at the Sudbury Public Schools. Carol Bradford spearheaded the sessions. In attendance was Sudbury Police Officer Carol who did a presentation on what to expect when individuals awake after administered with NARCAN. Susan Sama asked if this training could be extended to other SPS staff and family members in the community. Vivian said that she is looking into offering the course to staff and afflicted families.

Hidden in Plain Sight: Vivian Zeng and Kelli Calo held this event at Lincoln Sudbury Regional High School. There was reasonable attendance by LSRHS parents. It is an exhibit of a bedroom where children would hide paraphernalia within the room. It also opens discussion for substance abuse between parent and child. MDPH has approved a curriculum for Massachusetts public schools where the students are educated on Opioid use. Vivian Zeng would like to apportion some of the opioid funds toward this education to the middle and grade school populations. Susan Sama and Carol Bradford intoned that there are currently Health and Wellness classes at the schools that are already presenting some programs that have opioid training. In August of 2024 there will be an Opioid Overdose Awareness program.

Department Staffing: The Sudbury Public Health Nursing position has found a viable candidate and has been sent up to HR for a final interview.

Staffing for PHE Grant: Ads have been posted for PHE Nurse, PHE Inspector and PHE Communications positions.

Letter of Appreciation: for Rob Lazo working with Sudbury resident in finding solutions for septic issues.

Annual Town Report: Health segment submitted. Vivian wanted to thank the Board for signing the report for submission. Moving forward the report will be formatted differently.

Warrants/Articles to be presented at Town Meeting: Voting on increasing the spending limit of The Revolving Vaccine Account from \$30,000.00 to \$50,000.00. Pricing increasing for vaccines and vaccine products. The Department would like to expand the annual offering of vaccines to include COVID.

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Warrants/Articles Continued: Vote to allow Opioid Settlement Funds to be moved from the Stabilization Fund to a fund that will be merged with the Opioid Funds of the 6 other Communities that are involved in the Public Health Excellence Grant. these merged funds will allow for the hiring of a full time opioid educational specialist.

Cigar One/Victory Cigar: Has forfeited their Tobacco Permit with the Town. The Health Director and the MetroWest Tobacco agent have attempted several times to contact the owner with no success. The owner was given the full grace period of 30 days from the expiration of the 2023 Tobacco permit to submit a 2024 Tobacco permit application. The application was not submitted and the Tobacco Permit was surrendered and permanently retired. Sudbury now has only 7 Tobacco permits in circulation.

Communicable Diseases: COVID is reporting low numbers in Sudbury and across the state. Influenza is on the rise as would be expected at this time of year.

Food Bourne Illnesses: January saw two confirmed cases of Salmonella. There is an active investigation ongoing.

Vaccine: Vivian has drafted a memorandum to create a hub for vaccines for the Communities that participate the Public Health Excellence Shared Services Grant. Once functional, these communities will have access to vaccines. The communities of note are the ones that are hosing migrant shelters. Some of the challenges with vaccinating those housed at the shelters, is that families are moved to shelters in other towns. It is difficult to plan follow-up vaccinations and to get a solid idea of the number of those residing in the shelters.

Digitization of Health Department Files: The second wave of Septic files has been shipped to MetaSource for scanning. We are almost half way through the septic files.

Social Worker Nina Lurie: The newly hired Social Worker, Nina Lurie, started her position today. The Board welcomed Nina and she gave a brief summary of her background and work experience.

VOTE: Susan Sama motioned to approve the BoH Meeting Minutes, as edited, from January 9th 2024. Linda Huet-Clayton seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Next BoH Meeting tentatively set for Tuesday March 12th at 3:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 3:41 PM