

Sudbury Board of Health Virtual Meeting

January 9th, 2024

Attendees: Carol Bradford – Board Chair, Linda Huet-Clayton – Board Member, Susan Sama – Board Member, Vivian Zeng – Health Director, Beth Porter – Health Coordinator, Daniel Marini-King – Sustainability Coordinator, Kelli Calo – PHE Grant Coordinator.

3:01: Open Meeting Law Statutes – Carol Bradford

3:02: Public Comment

Vivian Zeng - Health Director Update:

Opioid Funds – The state has sent Pharmaceutical Settlement funds to Massachusetts Municipalities to address the Opioid Crisis in the Commonwealth. Vivian Zeng has drafted an intermunicipal agreement where the towns that participate in the Shared Services Public Health Excellence grant pool their Opioid funds to make a bigger impact on the communities. The funds would be used to hire a PHE Grant position that would oversee and address the needs of six of the seven towns. The Town of Wayland, at this point, is not participating. The Sudbury Opioid money is currently in a General Fund account and is slated to be moved into a Stabilization Fund. Vivian would like the money to be moved into a sub-account of the PHE Grant. Participating communities will in turn transfer their funds into the same PHE sub-account.

VOTE: Susan Sama motioned to present a Warrant before Town Meeting to revoke the Stabilization Fund in order to move forward with PHE municipal Opioid agreement. Carol Bradford seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0-0.

CCIT: Community Crisis Intervention Team- Sudbury has never formally formed an initiative to address domestic violence, hoarding, regional substance abuse and other crises that afflict our community and surrounding towns. This initiative would work with the Housing Authority and would be modeled after the Jail Diversion Program.

Communicable Diseases: Sudbury has a lower rate of reported Flu and respiratory related illnesses compared to the rest of the state. COVID19 spiked during the holiday season and is projected to continue through the winter months. Flu Vaccinations are down nationally. The Health Office has a limited supply of COVID19 rapid tests available to the public.

Digitizing Health Septic Files – A total of 25 boxes of files have been scanned. The next 20 boxes are slated to be shipped for scanning to MetaSource on January 8th.

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Kelli Calo - Public Health Excellence Shared Services Collaborative Update:

Current Positions: In July 2023 Kelli Calo went from a part-time position to full time. Ann Loree remains full-time as PHE Health Inspector. Laura Duff remains part-time PHE Nurse.

New/Proposed Positions: Based on the needs of the communities that participate in the collaborative, Kelli Calo is moving forward with hiring an additional full time regional Health Inspector. If the Opioid Funds proposal is approved a position for a regional representative will be created to address the opioid Crisis.

Vaccination Hub/Program: Kelli is working with Laura Duff in creating Standard Operating Procedures for dispensing vaccines to the Bedford and Concord Shelters. Cataldo, who has been used by Massachusetts Dept. of Public Health as a mobile vaccination unit, has worked in dispensing required vaccines to those who are currently housed at the Bedford and Concord shelters. Follow-up vaccines that require multiple doses to be dispensed over a finite timeline has proved to be a challenge. Creating a program where vaccines are ordered through the state and administered on a timely basis will ensure controlled and accurate dosing. A proposal has been submitted to the Sudbury Town Manager and Town Council and is awaiting approval.

Sustainable Sudbury Presentation:

Dani Marini-King presented updates to the Board. Dani outlined the overlapping of initiatives that affect several municipal departments. The departments that have been identified as being most impacted are Conservation, Health, Planning, Senior Center and Facilities. These departments have appointed representatives that will be panelists on an MVP Committee. Based on Governor Baker's Executive Order 569, that identifies hazards and prepares for Climate change impacts, this committee will work on setting up a framework, strategize on identifying/exposing weaknesses in infrastructure(s) and creating/implementing action plans.

Financials: The Town of Sudbury finances the Sustainability projects upfront and is then the state reimburses the funds spent in kind.

MAPC Metropolitan Area Planning Council Assisted in creating a model plan for the Sustainability Committee to follow. 20 Boston communities participate using this template as a guideline.

Projects to be kicked off in 2024: Farmer's Market (held at Goodnow Library). Recycling and Waste, Sustainable Landscaping. Projects for 2024 will be small in scale and obtainable.

VOTE: Susan Sama motioned to approve December 12th BoH Meeting Minutes, as edited. Linda Huet-Clayton seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:00