

Sudbury Board of Health Virtual Meeting

May 28, 2024

Attendees: Carol Bradford-BoH Chair, Linda Huet-Clayton-BoH Member, Susan Sama-BoH Member, Vivian Zeng-Health Director, Nina Lurie-Social Worker, Katie Betts-Health Nurse, Parivallal Thillagovian-MetroWest Tobacco Control, Daniel Jurdi-Owner Stony Brook Market 29 Hudson Rd. Antione Lakkis-Owner Sudbury Mobil 432 Boston Post Rd.

4:00 PM: Meeting Commenced Carol Bradford read open meeting law.

Public Comment: None

Tobacco Appeal Hearing:

On April 19, 2024 a Youth Tobacco Compliance sting was conducted at the seven licensed tobacco retailers in Sudbury. Two of the retailers failed the compliance check by selling to minors under the age of 21.

Appeal One: Stonybrook Market located at 29 Hudson Rd. Sudbury. Owner Dan Jurdi asked the Board if they would consider reducing the fine mandated by the state in the amount of \$1,000.00. Board member Linda Huet-Clayton asked what procedures have put in place to ensure that the selling of tobacco to minors will not happen again. Mr. Jurdi said that he has begun asking for Identification from all patrons. He apologized for the compliance breach and promised that it would never happen again.

The Board deliberated and concluded that they would reduce the fee from \$1,000.00 to \$300.00, but the next infraction would impose a penalty to the maximum according to state Tobacco Regulations for the duration of the permit and all subsequent renewals. Parivallal Thillagovian Tobacco Compliance Officer suggested the employees attend refresher training and post additional signage in the retail establishment.

VOTE: Carol Bradford motioned to reduce the state tobacco fine of \$1,000.00 to \$300.00 for the first compliance breach at Stonybrook Market for selling tobacco to a minor. Any subsequent offenses will follow state guidelines with no leniency. Linda Huet-Clayton seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Appeal Two: Sudbury Mobil located at 432 Boston Post Rd. Sudbury. Owner Antione Lakkis appealed to the board for a reduction of the \$1,000.00 fine. Mr. Lakkis expressed remorse for the sale of tobacco products to a minor and ensured the Board that the mistake will not happen again. The Board asked what Mr. Lakkis will do to prevent the sale of tobacco to minors. He responded by saying he will be checking the Identification of all patrons. Again, Parivallal Thillagovian Tobacco Compliance Officer suggested that employees attend refresher training and post additional signage in the retail establishment.

The Board deliberated and agreed to reduce the fine from \$1,000.00 to \$300.00, but again the next infraction would impose a maximum penalty (according to state tobacco regulations) for the duration of the permit and all subsequent renewals.

VOTE: Carol Bradford motioned to reduce the state tobacco fine of \$1,000.00 to \$300.00 for the first compliance breach at Sudbury Mobil for the sale of tobacco to a minor. Any subsequent offenses will follow state guidelines with no leniency. Susan Sama seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0-0.

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Tobacco Appeal Hearing Continued:

Health Director Vivian Zeng will follow-up with letters siting the revised fee of \$300.00 to be paid no later than June 30th.

Pari will follow-up with Tobacco Compliance training for all employees.

Katie Betts - Health Nurse Update:

Camps: Review of all camp submissions have been ongoing. Longfellow has been inspected. Scheduling and aligning with other departments that also need to inspect camps is in progress.

Blood Pressure Clinics: are conducted on Thursdays at the Senior Center. Katie is trying to promote more interest in order to increase attendance.

Illnesses/Cases: There has been one reported case of Scabies in the town. It has occurred at one of the Long-Term Care Facilities. There were two more cases reported at the facility who are employees. The patient has been isolated and ongoing oversight of the case continues. Linda Huet-Clayton asked how the patient contracted scabies. It's not entirely known how this happened.

Narcan Training: Katie attended a Narcan Training at Marlborough Hospital in May.

Fentanyl Kits: The Public Health Nurse has ordered Fentanyl Kits. The plan to disperse these kits is in process.

Immunization Seminars: The Public Health Nurse has been attending immunization seminars.

Nina Lurie - Social Worker Update:

Ongoing: Meetings with groups and organizations that support Sudbury residents is starting to pay off with referrals from Police and Fire Departments and community agencies.

Gift Drive: Collaboration has been re-established between the Police Department and the Social Worker's office in working together with getting residents needed items. The Gift Drive has been revitalized.

Hoarding Case: The Social Worker has been working with the Senior Outreach Social Worker, Springwell and Clearpath in order to assist a Sudbury family.

Hope Sudbury: Referrals for individuals and connecting residents with agencies that can help navigate with obtaining financial assistance and housing.

Grant Finance Social Worker: A new Social Worker has been hired to work with Nina. Their start date is June 24th.

Opioid Abatement Event: On Thursday May 2nd the Health Department held an Opioid Abatement event at the Goodnow Library to educate and create awareness around the Opioid Crisis in the Commonwealth. The

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Nina Lurie - Social Worker Update Continued:

Opioid Abatement Event Continued:

purpose of the event was to open a dialog with families that are dealing with opioid issues. The evening was considered a success.

New Social Worker Hired: The Health Dept. had obtained a grant to hire a second Social Worker. The new hire will start on June 24th.

Vivian Zeng – Health Director Update:

Mosquitos: On April 30th the Health Director met with a state entomologist who covered all species of mosquitos in our area that would contribute to risk of exposure. There is currently a record high mosquito population. EEE numbers are tied with Maynard for most recorded in the area. Malaria has been seen much earlier this year than recently recorded. Preventative measures will be published and circulated.

Ticks: There has been an increase in Anaplasmosis (tick borne disease) than in previous years. Preventative Measures will be published and circulated. We will update website to direct residents where to send ticks to be tested and how to receive a subsidized reimbursement thru the Great Meadows Public Health Excellence Grant (up to \$50.00 of testing fee). Sama emphasized that starting a regiment of antibiotics at the onset of a tick bite is very important and not to wait for the lab results.

Opioid event at Goodnow Library: Opened up dialog with Sudbury residents impacted by the Opioid Crisis. Those who attended gave input for ideas on spending grant monies and offered resources. One person offered education for seniors who are targeted for theft of prescription drugs.

Warrant Article for Opioid Fund Consolidation: Passed at town meeting. Funds from 6 communities will be combined in order to make more of an impact for opioid education and awareness.

LSRHS Drug Story Theater: Two Board members attended the event. Turn out was not as high as anticipated, but those who attended expressed positive input. Susan Sama appreciated the emphasis on the science behind the crisis and how it shifted the story away from blame and fault. They would like to see a repeat performance.

Body Work Establishments Shut Down: Two establishments were shut down due to non-compliance. One spa has been permanently closed due to Lease infractions. The other spa has shifted its services so that licensing goes thru the state. The state will oversee compliance and enforcement.

FDA SAVA Grant: The Health Director went to North Carolina for a required conference that was based on Food education. This grant is specific to health issues and education centered around food.

Lotus Blossom – 394 BPR: New septic has been installed. There were some issues with the septic components shifting. Elevations and ties were no as expected due to the shifting. The owner continues to pump out the system weekly in order to prevent overflow.

VOTE: Susan Sama motioned to approve April 10th Board of Health Meeting Minutes as edited. Linda Huet-Clayton seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:38 PM