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MEETING MINUTES

City of Melrose
City Hall
562 Main Street
Melrose, MA 02176

Committee/Board: Board of Health

Meeting Day/Date/Time: Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Location: Melrose City Hall, 562 Main Street
Cassidy Conference Room

Call to Order: Laurel Skinder Gourville
Second by: Lilian Kelley

Time Called: 6:30 PM

Call to Order: Laurel Skinder Gourville, BOH chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance:

Wakefield Board of Health: Laurel Skinder Gourville, Chair, Elaine Silva, Vice Chair, Candace Linehan, secretary,

Melrose Board of Health: Frank Brincheiro, Chair, Lillian Kelly, Vice Chair

Stoneham Board of Health: John J Scullin, Chair, Teresa Dean, Vice Chair, Carol O'Loughlin, secretary

Administration Present: Cindy Luongo, Wakefield Board of Health Clerk, Anthony Chui, Health Director Melrose, Stoneham and Wakefield, Maureen Buzby, MVPH Tobacco Control Coordinator, Melissa Lowry, PHN Melrose, Wakefield and Stoneham. Sandra Brown Wakefield PT PHN, Heidi Gero Stergios Stoneham PT PHN, Erin Carleo Senior Environmental; Health Specialist, Melrose, Stoneham and Wakefield, Rose Sannella Stoneham Board of Health Clerk, Denise Breen Stoneham Board of Health Clerk, Christy Bolduc Melrose Board of Health Clerk,

Via zoom Daniel Thompson, Health inspector for Wakefield, Deanna Wu PHE grant coordinator, Amy Chiaravalloti Wakefield PT prevention and wellness coordinator

Introductions were made around the table and via zoom

Public Engagement: Wakefield resident Leslie Scott-Lyson, discussion regarding food inspections being made public. Chairperson Gourville commented this topic will be on the February Wakefield agenda

Approval of minutes: Melrose minutes of October 3rd 2023 were tabled. Melrose minutes of October 19th 2023, Kelly motions, seconded by Brincheiro. Motion passes 2-0-1

Approval of minutes: Wakefield minutes of November 15th, 2023 Silva motions, seconded by Linehan. Motion passes 3-0-0 by roll call vote.

Health Director Report:

Director Chui announced it is the one-year anniversary of the regionalization of Melrose, Stoneham and Wakefield.

Director Chui gave the tri-boards an update from the public health nurses report.

Health directors continued report: Director Chui announces the regional, 1-year anniversary for Stoneham. Partnering all 3 towns and working on strengths. All departments met FDA schedule, housing cases, and have successful current grants. The new DFC grant coordinator in Stoneham is Becca Lewis.

The Stop School Violence in all 3 regions, now has adjustment councilors hired for all 3 schools.

PHE grant, environmental health training development. There will also be 2 new health inspector trainees, and a health communication specialist hired.

DFC grant in Wakefield is done after 10 years, WAKE-up coalition is still going strong, boys and girls club, alcohol prevention education focus on youth, MAAV conference. Wakefield was awarded the Innovation award on January 19th at MMA.

Director Chui gave the tri-boards an update from the public health nurses report.

From 1/1/-12/31, volunteers and staff vaccinated 530 people in Melrose, 570 Wakefield, Stoneham 221, pharmacy have been giving incentives to give vaccines. This year's order was by a guesstimate, based on last year's clinics, however still hard to beat coupon. Important to see how much we order next year.

Director Chui introduced Heidi Gerostergios she joins Stoneham Health Department as part time PHN Heidi will start in January.

Blood pressure screenings monthly at the Milano Center and Farmers Market in the future.

Blood pressure screenings in Wakefield are around 10 -13 residents per week.

Nurses attended the TB training. Increase articles to increase tick, babesiosis. Now full team so can write articles. Successful seminar about dark chocolate at senior center.

Food inspection reports:

Stoneham-Fusion NYE, follow recommended guidelines. NEIPWCC training on rodents
Stoneham inspector Thomas Bilbilian will educate them

Local 438 reinspect next month as they had one condemnation.

CVS has been baited

The Palmoworth Field in Stoneham is a work in progress ACO will follow up

LA fitness pool is now open.

Thomas Bilbilian, Stoneham inspector, had trouble with pools not being up to code. Stoneham will be sending a checklist to them for testing and so that they are ready and do not fail the inspections.

Review of migrant families: On 12/9 Director Chui got a call from the state immigration services. There were 10 migrant families needing shelter. Wakefield is the only town with a hotel The Four Points Sheraton. Director Chui coordinated with Cindy, Dan, Melissa and Sandy. He thanks them for working to help get them settled. Also, thanks Jason and Sandy for working with an interpreter and were able to give the families food, clothes, and medical care. Also working with MHW, and Wakefield food pantry. Anthony said this is the 2nd time Wakefield had migrant families and there needs to be a protocol going forward.

Camp inspections will be coming soon.

MVPC Maureen Buzby informed on the FDA ban on menthol in MA not national. New non-menthol Newport cigarettes and Chelsea BOH enforced the ban on non-menthol. Tobacco company had 90 days and didn't sue. SJC level Brookline no decision yet. Malden BOH is moving forward with a public hearing Jan 31 for NFG. If SJC doesn't uphold the decision they will cancel the meeting. Next communities will be Medford, Reading, and Winchester. If SJC is in favor of the policy.

Wakefield Chair Gourville-do we continue to be 3 separate boards, maybe have a subcommittee? Chairs to have a subcommittee tri board. What is the boards thought on policy meetings or update meetings?

Melrose Chair Brincheiro -suggested that mosquito control is an issue common in all 3 towns and should be pooled together on

Senior Environmental Health Specialist Carleo suggested that microblading could be another shared topic

Director Chui -said all the boards know what's best for each town but tri-meetings is a way the towns could meet 2x a year, and maybe more if there is a shared topic.

Silva motions to adjourn for Wakefield, seconded by Linehan motion passed by roll call 3-0-0.

Next Tri BOH meeting date TBA spring and fall meetings were discussed

Next Board of Meeting in Melrose is February 22, 2024

Chair Brincheiro Adjourns the meeting @ 7:51 pm.