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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: Thursday, August 15, 2024

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

Call to Order: Frank Brincheiro
Second by: Lillian Kelly

Time Called: 6:35 PM

In Attendance/Roll Call:

Board Members: Frank Brincheiro, Lillian Kelly

Health Department: Director Anthony Chui; Administrative Assistant Christy Bolduc;

Regional Public Health Nurse Melissa Lowry

Approval of Minutes for April 18, 2024, Meetings:

Frank Brincheiro made a motion to accept the minutes from the meeting.

Lillian Kelly second the motion

Further Discussion: None

Frank Brincheiro– Yes

Carol Ann Licitra – Absent

Lillian Kelly – Yes

PASSED 2-0-1

Follow up discussion about leaf blowers:

Anthony will contact Betsy Garrett who represents Don't Blow It Melrose and explain to her the city does have a noise ordinance. During normal business hours the health department, building department, and police are responsible to enforce. The city's solicitor's office confirmed enforcement after hours DPW and police are responsible.

Anthony Chui's Health Director's Report:

- Announcement of the new inspector Sashawna Gregory. She was a former inspector in Jamaica
- Social Service Coordinator position eliminated because the override did not pass

Public Health Nurse's Report: See Attached

Public Comment:

Frank Brincheiro made a motion to open public comment

Lillian Kelly second the motion

Further Discussion: None

No public comment was made

Frank Brincheiro made a motion to close public comment

Lillian Kelly second the motion

Frank Brincheiro– Yes

Carol Ann Licitra – Absent

Lillian Kelly – Yes

PASSED 2-0-1

Next BOH Meeting in Melrose is September 19, 2024

Frank Brincheiro made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM

Lillian Kelly second the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Further Discussion: None

Frank Brincheiro– Yes

Carol Ann Licitra – Absent

Lillian Kelly – Yes

PASSED 2-0-1

Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 PM



CITY OF MELROSE

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Board of Health

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July 15, 2024

Re: July/August 2024 Regional Public Health Nurse's Report

Melrose Communicable diseases - confirmed, probable cases for June 25, 2024 – August 15, 2024

1 Case	Influenza	Confirmed
1 Case	Lyme disease	Probably
36 Cases	COVID-19	Confirmed
4 Cases	COVID-19	Probable
1 Case	Pertussis (and other Bordetella species)	Confirmed
1 Case	Tuberculosis	Confirmed
1 Case	Vibrio sp.	Probable

Ongoing review and support of Melrose, Wakefield and Stoneham cases in MAVEN. Advised Stoneham public health nurse on MAVEN cases, including Hepatitis B and TB cases. Provided coverage for Winchester Public Health Nurse which included processing vibrio and pertussis cases.

Ongoing BP Screenings at Milano Senior Center – 6-8 residents/session. Individualized counseling regarding diet, exercise and strategies to improve blood pressure. Volunteer, Debbie Powers, RN provides BP screenings on alternate weeks. Provided coverage for Stoneham BP Clinic at Senior Center – 14 residents seen.

Flu vaccine ordered for 2023-24 season: 200 High Dose and 400 QIV Regular dose. Flu vaccine returned for 2023-24 season: 111 High Dose and 135 QIV Regular dose. Lower clinic attendance and fewer vaccines were given due to local pharmacies ramping up vaccine offerings and weekend/evening availability this year. Returned unused vaccine for a partial refund. Fewer flu vaccines ordered for 2024-25 season. Will continue to solicit volunteer assistance for flu clinics. Dracut has decided not to hold clinics due to cost and lack of participation.

Medicare revalidation (required every 5 years) completed by Christy Bolduc to enable Melrose to bill Medicare for flu vaccine cost and administration.