

## BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES – APRIL 13, 2006

The scheduled meeting, as posted at the office of the Town Clerk, was not called to order by Chairman Edmund Kowalski for failure to reach a quorum. In attendance were: Edmund Kowalski, Member; Peter M. Mirandi, Director of Public Health; Mark L. Carleo, Public Health Inspector and Joyce Redford, Director of Tobacco Control.

Absent was Linda Carroll, Member; Dr. Robert Kellard, Member and Leslie Carabello, Public Health Nurse.

### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Present was Stephen Prendergast to provide an update on Emergency Preparedness activities. Currently, all deliverables have been met, and the grant money has been delivered. In addition, an audit recently conducted by the Commonwealth was successful and in Prendergast's opinion, the Board of Health is prepared to respond to a pandemic. Mirandi asked Prendergast to provide an update on preparedness activities with the new Regional LEPC. Prendergast reported that several new communities will be joining from the Cape Ann area and they will begin meeting routinely. Mirandi asked that Prendergast provide quarterly updates to the Board and thanked him for his time.

### TOBACCO CONTROL UPDATE

Included in the Board's meeting packet was the HVAC maintenance report submitted by the Polish, Russian, Lithuanian, American Citizens Club as required by the Board of Health's regulations for Environmental Tobacco Smoke. The report, submitted only after several reminders to the club, was deemed unacceptable by staff. The report was not on company letterhead, nor was it signed by an HVAC engineer. During a telephonic conversation between Mirandi and David Sullivan, the PRLACC club president, Mr. Sullivan expressed interest in voluntarily becoming smoke free. In addition, complaints from club members expressed the same sentiment. Redford recommended to Mirandi that Mr. Sullivan be summoned to appear before the Board at their next meeting and to pursue compliance with the HVAC requirements of the Environmental Tobacco Smoke regulation.

### DISEASE INVESTIGATION REPORT

In Nurse Carabello's absence, Mirandi gave the monthly disease investigation report.

The following diseases have been reported since the February meeting (02/09/06):

	<u>Since Last Meeting</u> (02/09/06)	<u>Year to Date</u> (Beginning July 1, 2005)
Aeromonas Hydrophilia	0	1
Babesiosis	0	0
Campylobacter Enteritis	1	3
Chicken Pox	0	2
Dengue Fever	0	0
Erlichia Chaff.	0	1
Giardiasis	0	1

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	<u>Since Last Meeting</u> (02/09/06)	<u>Year to Date</u> (Beginning July 1, 2005)
Group B Strept	2	6
Hepatitis A	0	0
Hepatitis B	0	1
Hepatitis C	2	3
Influenza	0	0
Legionellosis	0	2
Lyme Disease	1	22
MRSA	0	0
Nisseria Meningitis	0	0
Pertussis	0	0
Salmonellosis	1	2
Shigellosis	0	0
Streptococcus pneumonia	1	3
Toxoplasmosis	0	0
Tuberculosis	0	0
West Nile Virus	0	0
Yersinia Enterocolitica	0	0
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TOTAL =	8	46

At a previous meeting, the Board requested information on Refugee and Immigrant Health protocols. Carleo investigated and reported the following: Upon application for a visa, the Department of State initiates a comprehensive medical screening of the applicant. This includes a check for TB, syphilis and other STD's, HIV, Hansen's Disease, substance abuse, mental disorders, pregnancy, a history of vaccination as well as exams for cardiology, pulmonology, neurological, psychiatric, obstetric endocrinology and hematology, malignancy, chronic renal disease, chronic hepatitis or other liver malfunction and visible disabilities such as loss of limb or paralysis. The physician documents this and qualifies or disqualifies the individual for travel to the United States. The individual will arrive in the US through one of eight-teen airports with CDC quarantine stations. Upon release, the CDC forwards the documentation to the appropriate agency such as a state department of public health.

With no quorum present, the balance of the agenda was postponed at 8:00 P.M and until such time as a quorum can be convened.

Respectfully submitted for your approval,

Mark L. Carleo, CEHT  
Board of Health Clerk