

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES – April 21, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Martha Swindell, at the Danvers Senior and Social Center, Conference Room at 7:00 P.M. with the reading of the public notice, posted by the Town Clerk. Also in attendance were: Edmund Kowalski, Member; Peter Mirandi, Director of Public Health; Mark Carleo, Public Health Inspector; Jean Marcotti, Animal Care Specialist and Tracy Camarro, Public Health Nurse. Excused were; Chairman Robert Kellard and Marian Myers, Epidemiologist.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board recommended amendments to the February 2011 meeting. Agenda item; 60 Adams Street was omitted and Carleo was reported as present.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

LICENSING & PERMITS

No report on the issuance of licenses and permits was available to the Board. After months of wrangling with the Town's Purchasing Director and vendor Full Circle Technologies, staff is still without any system for managing its data. The difficulties with this purchase are not relative to any budgetary difficulty as the funds for this purchase are coming from a trust fund created exclusively for the use of the Board of Health after the sale of the Hunt Hospital.

PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH VIOLATIONS/NUISANCE INVESTIGATIONS

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PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES REPORT

Camarro reported to the Board that she has been preparing plans and drills for the Emergency Dispensing Site. Additionally, she has completed revising the Recreation Divisions health forms and her usual programs at the Senior and Social Center continue to be popular.

EPIDEMIOLOGIST REPORT

Due to overwhelming demand for Veterans' Aid, the Department's budget was overspent. In order to cover this shortfall, the Health Division essentially discontinued services or laid off contractors and other service providers. Included was Epidemiologist Myers. In her absence, Nurse Camarro gave the Board an update on the Disease Investigations conducted since the last meeting.

	Since Last Meeting (02/03/10)	Year to Date (Beginning July 1, 2010)
Aeromonas Hydrophilia	0	0
Babesiosis	0	0
Campylobacter Enteritis	1	1
Chicken Pox	0	0
Clostridium Difficile	0	0
Cryptosporidium	0	3
Dengue Fever	0	0
EColi 0157:H7	0	0
Ehrlichiosis	0	0
Erlichia Chaff.	0	0
Enterovirus	0	0
Giardiasis	0	0
Group A Strept	0	0
Group B Strept	2	2
Hepatitis A	0	0
Hepatitis B	0	1
Hepatitis C	5	9
Influenza	5	5
Latent TB Infection	0	0
Legionellosis	0	0
Lyme Disease	0	3
Malaria	0	2
M.R.S.A.	0	0
Aseptic Meningitis	0	0
Bacterial Meningitis	0	0
Neisseria Meningitis	0	0
Pertussis	0	0
Pneumonia	1	1
Salmonellosis	1	1
Shigellosis	0	1
Streptococcus pneumonia	1	1
Toxoplasma IGG	0	2
Tuberculosis	0	0
Tuberculosis follow up	0	0
West Nile Virus	0	0
Yersinia Enterocolytica	0	0

TOTAL =	13	30

Upon completion of the Epi report, the Board furthered the discussion regarding the layoff of vital contracted assistance and cutbacks to services. Kowalski asked Mirandi why the Health Division was gutted to backfill Veterans Aid. And particularly why were the essential services that we are mandated to provide cut prior to other non-mandated services or other Departments? Swindell expressed her disappointment and suggested that other funding options be investigated such as the funds from the sale of the Hunt Hospital.

SUN SAFETY

Mirandi informed the Board that several candidates have been interviewed and a candidate was chosen. The successful applicant, Ruth Price holds a master's degree in Public Health from Tulane. Mirandi again questions rhetorically, if tanning salons are causing cancer, why are we permitting them? Peter would like to see a re-evaluation of the state regulations 105 CMR 123.000 as well as additional training for Inspectors.

ANIMAL HEALTH

RABIES REPORT

Marcotti reported that one bite had occurred since the last meeting. The animal was quarantined and released without incident.

STRAYS IN NEED

Marcotti reported that Strays in Need is currently housing two dogs and one cat.

LEASH LAW

Marcotti is no longer a secretary for Planning and Human Services, but will continue patrolling for leash law violations.

PEST CONTROL

DPW has picked up payments for the Goose Control Program. Kowalski suggested that since Goose Control was never relative to public health that DPW continue to manage that program and that the money in the BOH line item be used to increase funding for the animal control officer to conduct more leash law patrols.

Carleo informed the Board that we have taken responsibility for conducting pest control services at the High School Construction Project on Cabot Road. Funding for this will come from the construction budget, not from the BOH line item.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Mirandi informed the Board of some funding available for the Town and was looking towards the purchase of a stockpile of surgical masks.

With no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:40PM.

Respectfully submitted for your approval,

Mark L. Carleo, CEHT
Board of Health Clerk