



Board of Health

January 10, 2013 – **Minutes**

1213 Purchase Street, Health Department, Conference Room

****View Agenda****

Present: Patricia Andrade, M.D., Chairperson
Athena Xifaras, M.D., Member (Excused Absence)
Craig Longo, M.D., Member

Also Present: Dr. Brenda K. Weis, Director of Public Health

CALL TO ORDER

1. Dr. Andrade called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m. Dr. Andrade called roll with herself Dr. Craig Longo and Dr. Xifaras had an excused absence. Dr. Andrade called for a motion to accept and place on file the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 29, 2012.

MOTION: by Dr. Longo to accept and place on file the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 29, 2012. **SECONDED:** Dr. Andrade. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIES.**

ACTION

2. **Mass in Motion Update.**

Invitee: Dr. Pauline Hamel, Coordinator/Mass in Motion New Bedford/Mass in Motion Kids
Kim Ferreira, MIM Healthy Living Consultant
Dr. Craig Andrade, Director of Office of Community Health/Div. of Prevention & Wellness, Massachusetts Dept of Public Health (MDPH)
Ms. Jaime Corliss, MDPH Head of Mass in Motion
Ms. Jo-Ann Kwass, MDPH Manager, Mass in Motion Kids/Childhood Obesity

Pauline Hamel introduced all the invitees who spoke shortly after with a PowerPoint presentation about activities and progress with regard to the Mass in Motion program involving New Bedford.

Dr. Craig Andrade appeared before the Board and spoke about dealing with and preventing chronic disease, particularly adult obesity, and how it reflects the level of diabetes in the community. He also mentioned that the Office of Community Health Division at MDPH has developed a hand-out that describes what each of the programs is working on. For example, the Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity program works to provide technical support within communities and sectors like school, work, and clinics to make sure they have the resources to find ways to help people move more, and eat better.

Ms. Jaime Corliss spoke about the state-wide Obesity Prevention initiative concentrated on providing grant funding and technical assistance to 52 communities throughout the state. Ms. Corliss stated some communities are working to increase access to healthier foods at farmers markets through provision of food stamps, healthy dining focusing on children's menus, healthier markets having healthier food, safe routes to schools, and parks making sure crosswalks and intersections are safe.

Ms. Jo-Ann Kwass discussed five key behaviors that they are trying to impact with the Mass in Motion Kids/Child Obesity initiative. Ms Kwass showed the Board a flyer that they are working on in concert with the

Health Center. The school system in New Bedford has gotten increasingly more involved and has collected some data about obesity and wellness in the schools. Within the child care centers, the mentors are working with administrators, and in the afterschool programs, a lot of training of staff is being provided. Lastly, there will be a media competition within the school for children to create public services announcements using posters, songs, or video that address the core component of the program to promote healthy eating and physical activity.

3. 1305 Acushnet Ave., Request for Hearing Re: Minimum Housing Violation Order #27723; Roland Hopwood, Manager, 147 Eighth St., Ste 1A, New Bedford; Duarte Mota, Tenant not present; Renee Stevens, Senior Housing Inspector/Ronald Leger, Inspector.

Renee Stevens appeared before the Board and stated they tried to do a re-inspection at this address which had a received a correction order for non-compliance with minimal housing standards, but the tenant was no longer living there. She will be sending a “Do not rent” letter to the owner that will be in effect until a re-inspection of the property can be conducted to determine whether the corrections have been made. Ms. Stevens stated the property owners do have on file a contract for pest control. Ms. Stevens stated they will be checking back to see if all the violations have been corrected; the owner will not be able to rent the property until they are completed.

MOTION: by Dr. Longo to sustain the violations on 1305 Acushnet Ave. until re-inspection.
SECONDED: Dr. Andrade. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIES.**

4. Discussion on alcohol beverage caterer regarding Judith Lister’s application.

**Invitee: Michael Antaya, Senior Food & Environmental Health Inspector
Mary Freire Kellogg, Sanitarian**

Mary Freire Kellogg appeared before the Board and stated this is a new regulation that has been approved by the state on October 31, 2012. The new regulation states as one of the first requirements that in order to have an alcoholic beverage permit you need to be a licensed food caterer.

Dr. Andrade asked whether we currently have a food caterer permit and license process. Ms. Kellogg responded that we do; however, we will need to amend our notification form to include serving alcohol.

Mr. Antaya stated that the Health Dept. received an application for a beverage caterer from Ms. Lister. Ms. Lister wanted to do the catering out of her home, but without food catering license, she will not be able to because of the new regulations. The Dept. had to deny her application because she does not have a certified kitchen.

5. China Lantern Follow-up (HCCP-like Plan)

Invitee: Michael Antaya, Senior Food & Environmental Health Inspector

Mr. Antaya gave an update of food safety for this establishment which had been required to establish a HCCAP-like plan because of prior critical violations of the food code. The establishment is now under new ownership with a completely new staff. Mr. Antaya did a follow up inspection on December 6, 2012 to check for compliance. Overall, sanitation at the establishment has improved greatly and there was no evidence of roaches or insects at the time of his inspection. They also are covering foods and coolers appropriately. The primary critical violation noted was that the owner did not have a working knowledge of food safety in general, and specifically with respect to time/temperature controls for reheating foods after taking them out of cooler. At the time of the inspection, there were no thermometers at the facility, and dish sanitization was inadequate due to a faulty dishwasher that did not reach the proper sanitization temperature. Mr. Antaya gave the owner several informational pamphlets that came from the Food Handlers Protection ServSafe handbook and instructed him to reacquaint himself with this information. He also gave the owner a time/ temperature control

schedule so he could monitor food temperatures every 4 hours and maintain a log sheet with these temperatures. The owner came into the Health Dept. to file a new food establishment permit application in July or August, 2012.

Dr. Andrade suggested keeping them on a closer inspection schedule until they are in full compliance.

6. Medical Marijuana Law and Ordinances

Invitee: Dr. Brenda K. Weis, Director

Dr. Weis provided a brief overview of the newly passed Massachusetts state law on medical marijuana. She stated that the MDPH has been charged with developing regulations to specify how the law will be implemented since it is so broadly written. The deadline for developing these regulations is 120 days after enactment which would be May 1, 2013; however, an extension may be given which would allow more time for the regulations to be developed. In the interim, cities and towns across the state are looking into what could be done locally until the preceding state regulations are passed. Dr. Weis stated that she is keeping abreast of any new developments and will report back to the Board about possible involvement.

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MOTION TO ADJOURN

The next meeting of the Board of Health will be Thursday, March 21, 2013, at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION: by Dr. Andrade to adjourn the meeting. **SECONDED:** Dr. Longo. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIES.**

Dr. Andrade adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.



A true record attest:

Director of Public Health

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