

# City of Chelsea

## Board of Health Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2017

5:00 PM – Public Library

**Attendance:**

Christopher Miller (Chair), Catherine Maas, Dean Xerras and Madeleine Scammell.  
Luis Prado (Agent/HHS), Paula McHatton (public health nurse/HHS), Bonny Carroll (Tobacco control agent), Strehon Treadway (City Solicitor's office).

Absent: Emmanuel Tellez

Meeting called to order by C. Miller at 5:05pm

**Public Comments:** None.

**Minutes:** May minutes approved.

**Healthy Streets/Syringe Exchange:** The letter to Mass DPH has not been sent by Chris because Luis had questions he wanted the board to discuss, specifically related to the distinction syringe exchange v. syringe access. The letter from the board says only "syringe services." The board expressed the desire for exchange over access, but agreed the letter should be neutral and the details will be worked out in the planning process once the RFR is published. Chris will send the letter.

**Tobacco Control:** Family Dollar came for a hearing with the BOH about the 7-day suspension of business, but we didn't have enough members present. Bonny is waiting to hear from Chelsea District Court for a date of the hearing for their ticket, which Family Dollar appealed.

Bonny had a request to visit a business (undertake enforcement) selling tobacco products without a license. However, Bonny thinks they are a wholesale operation and thought they don't need a license from the city to sell in Chelsea. Her understanding is that wholesaler's sell to distributors only and are licensed by Mass DOR. However, our/Chelsea's regulation does not distinguish wholesale from others.. indicating that all tobacco sales require permitting from Chelsea. Strehon will discuss interpretation of the law with the City Solicitor and let Bonny know.

Brief discussion of permits in Chelsea, cap on permits and permitting process. To be discussed at future meeting.

Bonny went out with a 16 year old on undercover visits and there were no sales. However, our rule is age 21. We could explore ways to get \$ to support an older undercover person.

**Emergency response scenario/May 19, 2017 exercise:** Chris thanked Luis and Paula for their very hard work and success on the emergency response scenario. Many kudos for a job well done! Really well organized, many volunteers, very efficient. Paula commented that the state

was very impressed with Chelsea's plan that Luis put together. The Board acknowledged that his Luis's expertise and he has been working on this for many years. Four different languages were spoken at the event, and all debriefing was in Spanish and English.

**Public Health Nurse Report:** Report discussed by Paula, including the inspection of two restaurants where the Salmonella and Campy case (one person with both) had eaten. One restaurant did have a violation which was corrected. ISD used the form required by the state for inspections driven by diagnosed food-borne illness which Paula submitted to the state food protection program.

Brief discussion followed about the annual report of food establishment inspections due to the state. Last year's report was late and the Board never saw it. Luis received the report from the State.

Mumps continues to be an issue in Chelsea with increasing monthly cases. Mass DPH just sent out an advisory on June 2nd; Mumps outbreaks in Latino communities. Chelsea, Revere and Boston are highly affected.

Luis contacted all schools, childcare centers, CAPIC Headstart to check to be sure all students are vaccinated. If cases continue, we discussed potentially sending a note home to families via students to inform adults that they should be vaccinated if they aren't already.

Paula thanked Chris for participating in the Emergency Dispensing Site scenario.

**Next mtgs:** July 18, 5:00 PM

Agenda items for upcoming mtg:

- Tobacco permit requests
- Farm animal regs

Respectfully submitted,  
Madeleine Scammell