

PRESENT:

Kathleen F. Bishop, Chairman
Joan M Jacobs, Member
Carolyn Riccardi, Member
Sigalle Reiss, Director
Stacey Lane, Assistant Director
Angelo De Luca, Sanitarian
Jennifer Bartucca, Administrative Assistant
Aubrey Ciol, Program Director
Nick Crowninshield, Public Health Nurse
Katie Pelland, Public Health Nurse
Francesca Golighly, Program Director
Rotem Aloni, Program Coordinator
Rachel Brase, Regional Epidemiologist
Amber Mullen, Regional Epidemiologist
Kerry MacKay, Regional Public Health Associate

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF December 14, 2021**

Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of December 14, 2021.

Vote: Unanimous

2. **NEW BUSINESS**

2a) Introduce Amber Mullen, Regional Epidemiologist

Introduce Kerry Mackay, Regional Public Health Associate/Contact Tracer

The Board was introduced to Amber Mullen who is the new Regional Epidemiologist and to Kerry Mackay who is the new Regional Public Health Associate.

2b) Covid19 Data Dashboard

The Regional Epidemiologists put together a Covid19 Data Dashboard that was presented to the Board and it is available for residents to view on the town website. It will be updated every Friday.

3. **OLD BUSINESS**

3a) Public Health Nurse Report

Booster recommendations have been made for all three types of vaccine. Vaccine boosters may be mixed and matched. Next booster clinic will be held this Friday at the Town Hall and residents can register on the Town website. Isolation and Quarantine guidance has changed since the last Board meeting. Blood pressure clinics continue to be held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month at the Senior Center at 11AM.

3b) Impact Norwood Program Director Report

The Program Director is continuing to prepare for the reapplication process of the Drug Free Communities grant. Four Youth Ambassadors will be accompanying the Program Director to the Annual CADCA Leadership Forum in Washington DC. On February 17th the first meeting will be held to being development of a Parent/Guardian Education Campaign. An informational session will be held in March for the community to learn more about prevention and Impact Norwood.

3c) Mental Health Awareness Program Director Report

The Program Director recently developed a 20-page directory of mental health services for the community and for those trained in mental health first aid. The directory includes emergency services, licensed mental health organizations, mental health resources and support and instructions for how to

make a mental health referral. The directory will be translated into commonly-spoken languages in Norwood. It is currently being reviewed by the grant partners for accuracy.

3d) Regional Tobacco Collaborative Report

The first round of inspections took place in Belmont. The Program Coordinator was able to introduce herself, provide signage and education to the retailers. A transfer of ownership inspection took place on Friday in Norwood with no violations.

3e) Environmental Health Inspector Report:

1) Update List

Conrad's: Last inspection had no critical violations; can be removed from Update list.

Wendy's: Last inspection had no critical violations; can be removed from Update list.

Cedar Market: Sanitarian would like to do another update at the next Board Meeting.

Paradise Biryani: Sanitarian would like to do another update at the next Board Meeting.

2) New Food Establishment Report

Norwood Center Pizza and Grill and Sebastian's Cafe have opened since the last Board meeting.

3) Inspection Report

Victoria Haven: Received CFM certificate.

Dunkin Donuts (Nahatan): All items were corrected at re-inspection.

Mizuya: Issue correct on site regarding cooling of raw chicken.

Charlwell House: Email was received from regional manager

After Review of the restaurant inspection report the following establishments are to be placed on the update list: **Paradise Biryani and Cedar Market**

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

4a) COVID Update

Case counts in Norwood are very high; 3-4 times higher than what we saw last winter. Hospitalizations are higher than last winter but not in the same proportions as the increase in case counts but this is still significant hospitalization rates and has huge implications to the health care system. The Director says the key messages of get vaccinated, wear a mask and avoid large indoor gatherings remain the same.

4b) Regional Collaboration

In addition to the new staff introduced today, there will be a second Public Health Associate/Contact Tracer starting January 31st. The final position left to fill is the Community Resource Coordinator.

4c) American Rescue Plan Act Funding

The Director has been working with the Manager's Office to submit a budget for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Items include funding to support second nursing position, and additional social services program including a social worker. Also included is support for cases in isolation and quarantine and clinic supplies as the Department continues to offer vaccine to the community.

5. BOARD'S AGENDA

5a) Director Search Committee

Motion to form internal search committee

The Director will be leaving the Health Department on February 18th to take a new position as the Director of Public Health and Human Services in Brookline. The Board would like to thank Ms. Reiss for her 15 years of service to the Town of Norwood.

Motion made and seconded to form a search committee for the Director position.

Vote: Unanimous

6. NEXT MEETINGS

February 15th @10:30AM

March 15th@10:30 AM

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:31 AM

Vote: Unanimous