

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
Katie Pelland, Public Health Nurse
Francesca Golightly, Program Director
Rotem Cohen Aloni, Program Coordinator

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF September 22, 2021

Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of September 22, 2021.

Vote: Unanimous

2. NEW BUSINESS**2a) COVID Data and Policy Discussion**

The Director updated the Board on the Town's current COVID data and led a policy discussion. The goal is to set data indicators to guide policy and guidance discussions. All parameters are meant to guide discussions on policy changes; not to directly dictate actions. The pandemic response needs to be flexible and adapt to changing situations. If three indicators occur for two weeks in a row (encompassing three weeks of data from state); the Town might want to consider policy change (either mitigation or decrease). Indicators would include two-week case count, percent positive, average two-week daily count, total population vaccination rate, school specific data and statewide hospitalization rates. Other factors to consider would be clusters, boosters, state and/or CDC orders/guidance, breakout infections and variants.

2b) Regional Tobacco Program Coordinator-Rotem Cohen Aloni

The Board was introduced to Rotem Cohen Aloni who is the new Regional Tobacco Program Coordinator.

3. OLD BUSINESS**3a) Flu Clinic Update**

Flu Clinics have been held for residents of the senior housing complexes, first responders, town employees and the Senior Center. Teacher clinics will be taking place this week.

3b) Public Health Nurse Report

An FDA advisory committee recently recommended a booster shot of Moderna for those 65 and older and those vulnerable due to compromising health or occupational conditions. The booster can be received at least 6 months after the second vaccine was received. The advisory committee also recommended J & J for a booster which anyone who received their first dose of J & J can receive two months after the first. The next blood pressure clinic will be Wednesday October 27th from 11-12 at the Senior Center.

3c) Impact Norwood Program Director Report

The Health Department was awarded the Mental Health Awareness Training grant from the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration. The award is for \$125,000 per year, for five years, to implement a mental health awareness training program. Francesca Golighly will be joining the Department full time in this position.

3c) Environmental Health Inspector Report:

New Food Establishment Report

Taco Bell and Hessco at Nahatan Village has opened since the last Board Meeting. Unidine at Moderna has submitted paperwork to the Health Department but has not opened yet.

China Rama: Re-inspection took place on the 15th and one critical violation occurred for improper cooling. Will remain on update list.

Cedar Market: Sanitarian did require an action plan for pest control activity. Fine was issued for repeat infestation. Will remain on update list.

Benchmark Senior Living: PIC is attending CFM course in November. Remove from update list.

Conrad's: Was responsive to corrections needing to be made. Add to update list.

Daddy's Dairy: A fine was issued for a repeat violation and was corrected on site.

Norwood Spice: All issues were corrected at re-inspection.

Mizuya: All items were corrected at re-inspection.

Pizzeria Bruno's: Re-inspection took place yesterday and will be on next month's report. All items were corrected at re-inspection.

Sunrise Breakfast: Re-inspection took place yesterday and will be on next month's report. All items were corrected at re-inspection.

RoJo's: Sanitarian had discussions with cook and PIC. Bare hand contact and improper cold holding were observed. Add to update list.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

4a) COVID Update

The Town currently has 72 Covid cases in a two week period. An updated data sheet is posted on the Town website every Friday. 70% of Norwood residents are fully vaccinated.

4b) Local Contact Tracing & Public Health Excellence Grant Update

We have received resumes for the two grant funded Regional Epidemiologist and the Regional Community Resource Specialist positions. The Public Health Associate/Contact Tracer positions are being reviewed by the Personnel Board to have salaries classified and will be posted soon.

4c) EnerGov Update

All annual license renewals will be done using the new Energov program this year. All establishments have been notified.

4d) Hazardous Waste Day

Household Hazardous Waste Day was held on Saturday September 25th from 8-11AM at the Norwood Composting Facility located at 370 Winter Street. A total of 415 vehicles passed through the site dropping off a variety of materials.

5. BOARD'S AGENDA

6. NEXT MEETINGS

November 16th @ 10:30AM

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

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