

PRESENT:

Kathleen F. Bishop, Chairman
Joan M Jacobs, Member
Carolyn Riccardi, Member
Sigalle Reiss, Director
Angelo De Luca, Sanitarian
Jennifer Bartucca, Administrative Assistant
Aubrey Ciol, Program Director
Katie Pelland, Public Health Nurse
Francesca Golighly, Program Director
Rotem Cohen Aloni, Program Coordinator
Elias Habr, Cedar Market
Aziz Habr, Cedar Market
Adamaris Troncoso, Youth Ambassador
Joann Yamoah, Youth Ambassador
Joanna Joby, Youth Ambassador

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF October 26, 2021

Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of October 26, 2021.

Vote: Unanimous

2. NEW BUSINESS**2a) Impact Norwood, Youth Ambassadors-PhotoVoice Project**

Adamaris Troncoso, Joann Yamoah and Joanna Joby of the Youth Ambassadors appeared before the Board to discuss their Photo Voice Project. This was a project that the group worked on over the summer dealing with advertisements that they see regarding alcohol, vaping and tobacco products. They also presented this project to the Cohasset Youth Ambassador group who is now planning on doing their own PhotoVoice project. The Board thanked them for their hard work and for presenting it to them.

2b) Cedar Market Board Appearance

At the request of the Board, Elias Habr, owner of Cedar Market, appeared before the Board along with his son Aziz Habr, due to repeat critical violations regarding pest activity. The Sanitarian conducted an inspection on the 18th with several rodent droppings found upstairs and downstairs. The Restaurant voluntarily closed that day for an emergency deep cleaning and had a new pest control company come in that day. A fine was issued that day for the repeat pest control activity. The Sanitarian has been twice since then and has seen improvements in decluttering, and general sanitation has been maintained. The Sanitarian is waiting for the action plan from the pest control company which the Board is requiring be submitted by Monday. The Board implored Mr. Habr to take these issues seriously or the Board will close the establishment if improvements are not made.

3. OLD BUSINESS**3a) Public Health Nurse Report**

Booster recommendations have been made for all three types of vaccine at this time. A few clinics have been held but the Department does not anticipate getting more vaccine. Local pharmacies continue to carry the booster vaccine. Starting December 1st the CTC will stop taking cases and the Department will resume contact tracing. Flu vaccine is still available by appointment.

3b) Impact Norwood Program Director Report

Over the winter the Program Director will begin to reapply for years 6-10 of the DFC grant. The Social Norms campaign continues to be broadcasted through a number of media channels including social

media, print media, mobile advertising and billboards. The coalition will be working on two projects over the next year, including an educational campaign for parents/guardians/adults about the social host law, as well as a social norms campaign targeted to adults.

3c) Mental Health Awareness Program Director Report

The Program Director thanked the Board for allowing the Youth Ambassadors to present their work. The Department will train all Town of Norwood employees, Norwood School District teachers, and 10 primary care physicians in Mental Health First Aid. The training will teach staff how to recognize the signs and symptoms of mental illness, how to respond to a situation that requires mental health care and how to refer an individual to care using the community agencies the grant partners with.

3d) Regional Tobacco Collaborative Report

The Program Coordinator had meetings with members of the Collaborative stakeholders and colleges to introduce herself and begin the partnership. The grant comes from the Massachusetts Tobacco Cessation and Prevention Program (MTCP). Trainings about conducting inspections and compliance checks have started. POST (Point of Sale Toolkit) is the web-based platform that provides the tools needed for data collection, management, visualization and analysis relevant to retail outlets where tobacco products are sold and marketed.

3e) Environmental Health Inspector Report:

1) Update List

China Rama: Will remain on the update list. Cooling of specific foods is still an issue.

Cedar Market: Will remain on the update list.

Conrad's: Will remain on the update list.

Rojo's: Can be removed from update list.

2) New Food Establishment Report

Irish Brewing Boston has submitted paperwork to the Health Department but has not opened yet.

3) Inspection Report

North End Deli: Sanitarian would like to add them to the update list.

Hampton Inn: Sanitarian would like to add them to the update list.

McDonald's (1600): The Chairman would like to add them to the update list for one more visit to check on the fruit fly situation.

Crushed Peppers: Sanitarian will be going back for a re-inspection on the 30th.

After Review of the restaurant inspection report the following establishments are to be placed on the update list: **China Rama, Cedar Market, Conrad's, North End Deli, Hampton Inn and McDonalds (1600 Providence Location)**

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

4a) COVID Update

Case counts continue to bounce up and down but overall the trend is down. Vaccination rates are slowing increasing and a jump is expected with the recent approval of 5-11 year olds. Families can get vaccine at a variety of locations including doctor offices, pharmacies, and school-based clinics. The Department has been offering Moderna boosters both in Town Hall and at the Senior Center.

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

The regional hiring subcommittee has interviewed several candidates for the two Regional Epidemiologist positions and the Community Resource Specialist. Offers are expected to go out this week. The Public Health Associate/Contract Tracer job posting closed November 12th. Interviews will

be scheduled in the next few weeks. In addition to hiring staff, the group has been working on grant deliverables including annual work plan, and quarterly activity and expenditure reports.

5. **BOARD'S AGENDA**

6. **NEXT MEETINGS**

December 14th @10:30AM

January 25th @10:30AM

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 12:01 PM