

**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

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF November 16, 2021**

Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of November 16, 2021.

Vote: Unanimous

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

**2a) Rotem Aloni, Tobacco Control Program Coordinator-appointment as agent**

The Board needs to vote to appoint the Tobacco Control Program Coordinator as an agent of the Board of Health.

Motion made and seconded to appoint Rotem Aloni as an agent of the Board of Health.

Vote: Unanimous

**2b) Introduce Rachel Brase, Regional Epidemiologist**

The Board was introduced to Rachel Brase who is the new Regional Epidemiologist.

**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. Norwood Pharmacy, CVS, and Walgreens all continue to host booster clinics as well as the Health Department. Flu shots are still available by appointment only. Blood pressure clinics continue to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month at the Senior Center at 11AM.

**3b) Impact Norwood Program Director Report**

Reapplication for the DFC grant will be in the spring with help from an outside consultant. Impact Norwood will be cohosting a teen night out during the Town's First Night Celebration with the Recreation Department. The coalition will be hosting an event in the New Year for members of the community to learn more about Impact Norwood. Five Youth Ambassadors have been selected to attend the 2022 Annual CADCA Leadership Forum in February.

**3c) Mental Health Awareness Program Director Report**

The Program Director is in the process of contracting with a Mental Health First Aid instructor to schedule trainings for staff. The training will be taught by a certified instructor and will take place over two days. It will also require some pre-and post-classroom work as well as an exam to become certified. Those in departments who interact with the general public the most will receive training in the first year. Subsequent departments will be trained in the second, third, and fourth year.

### 3d) **Regional Tobacco Collaborative Report**

The first collaborative meeting was held with all the Health Departments involved in the grant. The Program Coordinator will be appointed as an agent with all eight towns over the next few weeks. Two or three youth buyers will need to be hired in the coming weeks to conduct compliance checks.

### 3e) **Environmental Health Inspector Report:**

#### 1) **Update List**

**McDonalds:** No fly activity observed at re-inspection; can be removed from update list.

**Hampton Inn:** Issues from previous inspections were corrected; can be removed from update list.

**North End Deli:** Issues from previous inspections were corrected; can be removed from update list.

**China Rama:** Sanitarian says they continue to comply with notes from previous inspections. Will be removed from update list.

**Cedar Market:** Action plan was submitted; will remain on the update list.

**Conrad's:** Two critical violations at re-inspection; will remain on update list.

#### 2) **New Food Establishment Report**

Norwood Center Pizza and Grill has submitted paperwork to the Health Department but has not opened yet.

#### 3) **Inspection Report**

**Cramer:** PIC attended the course and all items were corrected at re-inspection.

**As Good as it Gets:** All items were corrected at re-inspection. Fly issue has been resolved.

**Instron:** All items were corrected at re-inspection.

**Lou and Deb's:** Will order stickers for the dish machine.

**Chateau:** Bi-weekly treatments are taking place for mice activity.

**Paradise Biryani:** Sanitarian would like to add them to the update list.

**Wendy's:** Sanitarian would like to add them to the update list.

**McDonalds's (Broadway):** Renovation is still ongoing; due to open next week.

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

## 4. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### 4a) **COVID Update**

Mitigation strategies will remain the same with the new Omicron variant surge. Norwood has been chosen as one of 102 communities to receive free Covid test kits from the State. They will be distributed at the Town Hall and throughout the community with our partners from the Senior Center, Norwood Housing Authority and the Norwood Food Pantry. The Epidemiologist will work with the Public Health Nurses on a handout describing how to use the tests and a video demonstration with NCM.

### 4b) **Regional Collaboration**

Rachel Brase started on December 6<sup>th</sup> and Amber Mullen begins on January 10<sup>th</sup> as our Regional Epidemiologists. Interviews will be starting next week for the Contact Tracer positions.

## 5. **BOARD'S AGENDA**

**6. NEXT MEETINGS**

January 25<sup>th</sup> @10:30AM

February 15th @10:30AM

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:29 AM