

PRESENT:

Kathleen F. Bishop, Chairman
Joan M Jacobs, Member
Carolyn Riccardi, Member
Sigalle Reiss, Director
Stacey Lane, Asst. Director
Angelo De Luca, Sanitarian
Jennifer Bartucca, Administrative Assistant
Karen Regan, Public Health Nurse
Aubrey Ciol, Program Director

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF November 20, 2019

Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of November 20, 2019

Vote: Unanimous

2. NEW BUSINESS

2a) Alex Berenson Community Presentation

Impact Norwood is hosting an event with author Alex Berenson on January 9th at 7PM at the Norwood High School Auditorium. Childcare will be available and attendees could win a \$100 Bertucci's gift certificate.

2b) FDA Grant awards

The Health Department was recently rewarded 2 grants from the FDA. The first one is for the Sanitarian to attend the MHOA conference in October. The second one is to conduct a risk factor study to come up with a baseline of the critical violations we see in Norwood.

2c) MA Department of Public Health weekly Flu Report

Massachusetts is listed as Low this week. Influenza B is more common now than strain A. A new report is released every Monday.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3a) Nurse's Report:

The Board reviewed the Nurse's Report regarding immunizations, health screenings, blood pressure clinics, communicable diseases, and health education.

All flu vaccine has been administered to the residents of Norwood. Pharmacies and primary care physicians will be able to assist residents who still wish to obtain a flu shot.

3b) Drug-free Communities Grant Program & Impact Norwood

Impact Norwood's Social Norms campaign sub-group held its first meeting on December 4th. At this meeting, the group determined the direction they want to go in with the campaign and drafted questions for youth and community focus groups/interviews. Focus groups have started in the Junior High and High School. They will be completed in January. The information from gathered from these focus groups will help shape the social norms campaign Impact Norwood is working on, which will launch in mid-2020.

The Youth Ambassador's participated in an expressive arts session on December 13th, where they had the chance to "splatter paint" as a way to constructively manage emotions. This was a trial run to see if a similar program would be received well among their peers.

3c) **Food Safety Reports**

1. **Update: Norwood Center Pizza & Grill:** Still temporarily closed.
Crushed Peppers: Re-inspection and no red violations noted. Remove from list.
Cedar Market: No live pest activity observed during re-inspection. Remove from list.
2. **New Food Establishment List**
Benchmark Senior Living has changed ownership since the last Board Meeting.
3. **Food Establishment Inspection Report: November 12, 2019-December 6, 2019**
Victoria's Café: Admin hearing took place with Director and Sanitarian. Add to update list.
Shabu Lee: No language barrier. A lot of issues currently. Add to update list.
IHOP: Certificates have been received.
Shaw's: Sanitarian did not witness any pest activity on the 18th regarding a resident compliant. They are serviced weekly due to construction nearby.

Annual pool inspections have taken place. Holiday Inn's pool is currently closed.

After Review of the restaurant inspection report the following establishments are to be placed on the update list: **Norwood Center Pizza & Grill, Victoria's Café, Shabu Lee**

4. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

4a) **Tobacco Vape Update**

On November 27th the Governor Baker signed *An Act Modernizing Tobacco Control* into law. The new law will include the following:

- Bans the sale of ALL flavored tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, menthol cigarettes and chewing tobacco.
- Adds an excise tax of 75% of wholesale on e-cigarettes, bringing parity with cigarettes in the state. The tax applies to devices as well.
- Requires private insurers, the Group Insurance Commission, and MassHealth to provide coverage for tobacco use cessation counseling and all generic FDA approved tobacco cessation products with at least one product available with no out of pocket costs.
- Restricts the sale of vapes/e-cigarettes with nicotine content greater than 20 mg per ml to adult only retail tobacco stores and smoking bars.
- Increases the retailer fine for sales to minors from \$100, \$200 and \$300 for first, second and third violations respectively to \$1,000, \$2,000 and \$5,000.
- Adds a penalty for retailers who have their vape/e-cigarette or tobacco license suspended or revoked for selling untaxed products requiring the state lottery director to suspend their license to sell lottery tickets or shares issued to the retailer.
- Effective date for flavored vape/e-cigarette ban, increased retailer fines for sales to minors and insurance mandates is immediately upon passage.
- Effective date for flavored tobacco ban is June 1, 2020

5. **BOARD'S AGENDA**

The Board would like to wish Joan Jacobs a happy birthday and the residents of Norwood a happy holiday.

6. NEXT MEETINGS

January 21st @10:30AM

February 24th@10:30AM

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:33 AM