

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
Nick Crowninshield, Public Health Nurse
Francesca Golightly, Program Director
Rachel Brase, Regional Epidemiologist
Conor Bronsan, Regional Public Health Associate

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF January 25, 2022

Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of January 25, 2022.

Vote: Unanimous

2. NEW BUSINESS**2a) Introduce Conor Bronsan, Regional Public Health Associate/Contract Tracer**

The Board was introduced to Conor Bronsan who is the new Regional Public Health Associate.

2b) FY23 Budget Request

The Director presented the FY23 Budget to the Board. Changes to the budget include additional funds for the Regional Animal Control contract with Walpole.

Motion made and seconded to approve the proposed budget.

Vote: Unanimous

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

The next booster clinic will be held this Friday at the Town Hall and residents can register on the Town website. Blood pressure clinics continue to be held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month at the Senior Center at 11AM. Pre-ordering for the 2022-2023 influenza vaccine has opened and the Department has ordered 20% more senior high-dose and 10% more regular dose based on last year's demand.

3b) Impact Norwood Program Director Report

Francesca presented the Impact Norwood Program Director Report to the Board as Aubrey was presenting at the High School. On February 17th, Impact Norwood will host their first meeting to begin development of a Parent/Guardian Education Campaign. The Second Annual Dodgeball Tournament, in collaboration with Norwood Recreation Department, will be held on March 12th from 5-7pm at the Norwood Civic Center. Four Youth Ambassadors traveled to Washington DC from January 31st to February 3rd. Students attended youth-focused sessions to help build their substance use prevention capacity, and presented what they learned to their peers. The information they learned will help to inform the next project they work on.

3c) Mental Health Awareness Program Director Report

The MHAT continuation application for the next budget period has been submitted. The Program Director is working on signing an agreement with Tracey Merrill, a Mental Health First Aid instructor to

lead the trainings for the grant. Norwood received an \$50,000 Earmark to provide mental health awareness and services to Town employees.

3d) Regional Epidemiologist

Covid-19 Update

Community Health Needs Assessment Planning

Cases have been falling steadily along with hospitalization rates. Vaccination data indicates that Norwood residents are slowly, but steadily continuing to complete their vaccination series and get boosted.

The Regional Epidemiologists are working on designing a Community Health Needs Assessment. The assessment is still in the development phase but will be brought to the Board when completed.

3e) Environmental Health Inspector Report:

1) Update List

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

Paradise Biryani: No critical violations found at the re-inspection. They can be removed from the update list.

2) New Food Establishment Report

No updates have occurred since the last meeting.

3) Inspection Report

Boston Tavern: All items were corrected at re-inspection.

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

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

4a) Transition Update

The Director has been working very closely with the Assistant Director so that the Department has a smooth transition when she leaves her position on February 18th. The Director would like to thank the Board for all their support and faith in her over the past fifteen years. The Director would also like to thank NCM for broadcasting all of the Board's meetings and for being a wonderful community partner over her tenure as Director.

5. BOARD'S AGENDA

5a) New Director Search

The Board would like to announce that Stacey Lane, the current Assistant Director, has been chosen as the new Director of the Norwood Health Department.

Motion made and seconded to appoint Stacey Lane as the new Director of the Health Department.

Vote: Unanimous

6. NEXT MEETINGS

March 15th@10:30 AM

7. ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote: Unanimous