

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES – February 7, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Thomas McLaughlin, MD at the Town Managers Meeting Room at 7:00 P.M. Also in attendance were; Edmund Kowalski, Member; Dutrochet Djoko, Member; Joyce Redford, Tobacco Control Director; and, Mark L. Carleo, Assistant Director of Public Health.

TOBACCO CONTROL

RETAILER DENSITY

Joyce Redford was present to discuss tobacco retailer density with the Board of Health. Approximately 119 cities and towns have enacted limits on tobacco permits similar to how alcohol and cannabis sales are regulated. No specific regulatory language was proposed at this time. The Board was simply exploring the concept with staff. Recommendations from staff included a cap on permits where it stands currently which was approximated at 27. They recommended we provide for two additional “adult-only” establishments which would be allowed to carry flavored products.

The discussion of specific language was continued until the March meeting.

ADMINISTRATION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of January 10, 2018

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

PERMITS AND LICENSING UPDATE

Carleo cheerfully reported that all food establishment permitting was completed in record time for 2019; much thanks to the work of Environmental Health Specialist Dennis Palazzo and Administrative Assistance from Alicia Linehan.

Carleo also reported that coincidentally, after the Board’s discussion last month about Body Art Apprenticeship licenses other Boards in the region have been having the same discussion. We’ll be meeting regionally to collaborate on additional language relative to apprenticeships. As this project moves ahead, Carleo will provide updates. At some point in the future, the Board can discuss, hold a hearing, and hold a vote to amend or reject the new language.

NUISANCE REPORT

Carleo provided the Board with a summary of the nuisances investigated since the last meeting. He highlighted some recent issues with Mexicali Grill, a newly opened restaurant at the old British Beer Company location on Andover Street. In sum, several complaints of illness, all unrelated to one another, and some which simply do not fit the incubation periods which match the symptoms had been received. Due to the sheer volume of complaints, EH Specialist Palazzo and Carleo attempted to inspect the establishment. Immediately upon entry, there was no PIC and refrigeration was holding a significant amount of product around 57 degrees Fahrenheit. The store was temporarily closed while repairs were made and the affected product was voluntarily destroyed. A manager arrived during the inspection and was unable to demonstrate effective Active Managerial Control of their food safety risks. They were ordered to retain a food safety consultant and to provide additional training to all staff on food safety as

it relates to their duties.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

NURSE'S REPORT

Nurse Ryan was present to provide her routine updates to the Board.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Judith is in the process of updating the Danvers High School emergency dispensing site flow plan, and is also finalizing plans for our newest EDS location at the Y on Pickering Street.

FLU CLINICS

A regional clinic is in the works and planned to be held at the Liberty Tree Mall on February 13th. This will be for all ages six months and up; and, 5 to 7 area Boards of Health will be supplying Nurses.

COMMUNITY HEALTH

Blood pressure clinics have started at the Fairweather Apartments and will continue to be done on the last Monday of each month.

The memory café will continue to be held at the Senior Center on the second Tuesday of each month from 130 to 3pm and is open to anyone, not just Danvers residents. Programming is designed for those with memory issues and their caregivers.

DISEASE INVESTIGATIONS

Since the last meeting Ryan has investigated 3 cases of Group A Strep, and 33 cases of Influenza have been confirmed. All flu cases are type A and the Group A streps were still under investigation.

ANIMAL CARE

ANIMAL HEALTH PROGRAM

Carleo provided the monthly report from the Animal Health Specialist Jean Marcotti. This report only included 6 complaints, but it is likely there are errors in the database reporting system. He will investigate that possibility and update the Board as needed.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

A request came in for us to develop regulations for the keeping of non-domestic type animals from our Planning Division. Carleo informed the Board he is reviewing other community's regulations and will be working to draft a comprehensive set of requirements that will balance disease control, sanitation, as well as the communities desire to maintain some rural character. He hopes to complete this work for the spring-time. The Board was supportive of the idea and agreed that Carleo should move forward.

NEW BUSINESS

CDC PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATE PROGRAM

Mirandi has begun an application with the CDC for a two-year associateship assignment from a School of Public Health. In sum, we will provide two years of mentorship to an MPH candidate who will perform some project yet to be specified. Carleo requested the Boards' support in a motion. The Board unanimously voted to support Mirandi's application for the PHAP.

With no further business at hand, the Board adjourned at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted for your approval,

Mark L. Carleo
Clerk for the Board of Health