

**Minutes
Board of Health
January 21, 2014**

Attendees:

Chairman John Scullin calls the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Also in attendance are Dr, Christine Carino, Secretary, Peg Drummey, Public Health Nurse, Health Agent, John Fralick and Vice-Chairperson Terry Dean.

Penny Funiolo, MOAPC Grant Coordinator: Massachusetts Opiate Abuse Prevention Coalition.

Ms. Funiolo states as part of being a member of this grant, there many resources that can be provided to the coalition. She is doing an assessment on opiate issues in this region. She states there are 5 focus groups working on assessments. The focus groups formed are users who are still in recovery, active users, treatment survivors, ER staff and family member users. A conversation at a luncheon with doctors at Hallmark Health is being considered. The focus groups are also looking for small conversations with groups of youths at the high school. The main question these groups will be asked is "Do you think sharing prescription drugs is harmful to you?" She also states there is a school nurse gathering that happens in a number of communities. She is trying to gain access to those gatherings. Ms. Funiolo distributes a packet to the Board. Ms. Funiolo lists several statistics associated with drug abuse. She states this grant is primarily a prevention grant. Lengthy discussion follows. She states her goal is to put together a strategic plan on how they will address the issues and that it is affordable. Further discussion includes several routes to further obtain the goals set by the coalition, statistics, and the effects of drugs when mixed or used. Ms. Funiolo exits the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Nurses Report:

Blood Pressure: The Blood Pressure Clinic was held on January 6, 2014. Nine residents were seen. Three residents were seen at the Board of Health for walk-in blood pressures.

Communicables: 6 Influenza,
1 Clostridium Perfringes,
1 Lyme disease,
1 Anaplasmos (tick bite)
1 Pertussis (pending/suspect)
1 Campylobacter
2 LTB

Immunizations: 3 PPD's planted and read at the Board of Health
2 PPD's planted and read at the Fuller House
2 B12 Home visits
3 B12 Office visits
6 Flu injections
7 Flu Mist
1 Tdap
1 Hepatitis B

Other:
Ms. Drummey submitted the monthly column "Ask A Nurse" for the Stoneham Senior Center's Sentinel. This month's topic is "Edema and its Causes." She also made a pacemaker check for resident of Fuller House. On 1/10/14, Ms. Drummey attended the monthly meeting of Public Health Nurses in Tewksbury where a presentation was given by the Arlington Hoarding Task Force.

A public service announcement was sent to the Stoneham Independent and the Stoneham Sun regarding Cold vs. Flu symptoms.

The Stoneham Substance Abuse Coalition has been formed and the Public Health Nurse will be the contact person for residents regarding questions and information.

The Board of Health has depleted its supply of flu vaccine and is referring residents to local CVS or Walgreens for vaccine.

The final Project Report form for the Local Boards of Public Health has been submitted for the mini-grant Program.

Ms. Drummey's plan to attend meeting on 2/10/14 for the newly formed Coalition on Substance Abuse and to continue with the Zostavax Program.

A motion to accept the nurse's report is made by Dr. Carino. The motion is seconded by Vice-Person Dean. With all in favor, the motion passes.

Health Agent's Report:

There were 17 food inspections were conducted and 11 housing fitness inspections conducted.

Complaints:

134 Colonial Court, 55 Calthea Street, 1159 Franklin Street, 7 Parker Chase Road, 202 Franklin Street.

134 Colonial Court

A complaint was received from tenant Fernanda Vergara regarding her unit not having heat. An inspection was conducted on 01/14/12 and at the time of the inspection, it was noted her unit was at 70.4F due to her use of a space heater. She was informed that no violations regarding heat could be noted when the unit is above minimum standard. A new inspection is pending.

55 Calthea Street

A call was received by Officer John Mahoney regarding unsanitary conditions due to animals at a housing authority property on 01/15/14. It was noted that upon permission to enter the unit by tenant Jean Monaghan, the unit was in a condition unfit in by minimum state standard. The unit was covered with dead insects due to a previous fogging by the housing authority earlier that day. The flies manifested from deplorable conditions and animal feces evident throughout the entire unit. It was noted there were four animals in the unit, 2 dogs and 2 cats. The tenant was removed from the unit by ambulance and several photos were taken of the various conditions. The Housing Authority has begun a 30-day notice to quit and the Board of Health has declared no further tenancies will be allowed until the unit has been rehabbed to minimum standards. A re-inspection of the unit is currently pending.

1159 Franklin Street

A call from tenant Kathy Holland regarding carbon monoxide issues due to a malfunctioning stove was received on 01/16/14. Upon further investigation, it was noted that owner Bob McNeil of Stoneham was in the process of repairing the stove. It was suggested to Mr. McNeil that, where continuing to troubleshoot the issues may cause further exposure to carbon monoxide within the unit, it may be a better idea to replace the stove altogether. In speaking with tenant Kathy Holland on 01/17/14, it was revealed that Mr. McNeil came and replaced the stove at the behest of the Board of Health and according to new carbon monoxide readings taken by the Stoneham Fire Department; harmful levels have dropped to 0. No further action has been taken.

7 Parker Chase Road

Calls continue to be received from tenant Josephine Bulman regarding a silverfish infestation in her unit. An inspection on 12/24/13 revealed there to be no active infestation, although evidence of one did exist in the form of two dead silverfish behind the refrigerator of the unit. The Board of Health will continue to monitor the situation.

202 Franklin Street:

A complaint was received from John O'Brien regarding the deposit of broken asbestos-cement piping behind the Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses on an unidentified parcel of land at 202 Franklin Street. Upon further investigation, it was noted the parcel of land belonged to a private owner who sold it to the Congregation in 2008. A representative of the congregation, Randy Rodgers, has recently contacted the Board of Health office to notify us that they have hired an asbestos abatement company to remove the piping, keeping with DEP and EPA standards. The removal is scheduled for 01/29/14.

Other:

Stoneham Disability Commission:

A request has been made by acting chair Suisan Coughlin regarding the use of our EOC as an office for the Stoneham Disability Commission. She has requested use of the EEOC for one hour per week. Response from the Board of Health Chairman has been requested.

Tobacco Control Regulations:

Stoneham's new tobacco control regulations have been drafted and are pending approval from the Board.

12 Hersam Street and 12 Tremont Street Receivership:

With joint efforts from the Stoneham Inspectional Services, Stoneham Fire Department, Town Council and the Board of Health, the process of receivership has begun on the referenced properties. Affidavits have been submitted to Bill Solomon for the purposes of filing for receivership, in hopes that the town can begin to clean up some of the more

problematic properties that have been abandoned and continue to generate complaints around the town. Confirmation of submittal is still pending from Town Counsel.

Chairman Scullin asks for a motion to accept the Health Agent's report. Vice-Chairperson, Terry Dean makes that motion. Secretary Carino seconds the motion. The motion passes with all in favor.

Mr. Fralick opens discussion on the Tobacco Control Regulations. He states he met with the Regional Coordinator Maureen Busby as well as the Regional Counsel, Jay Wilson who came up with a new draft of our current tobacco control regulations as well as some new additions to those regulations. These new additions would bring Stoneham up the speed with our neighboring communities. Mr. Fralick states the regulations will now not only involve tobacco permits but also the sale of blunt wraps. Other additions include Prohibition of Smoking in Parks, Playgrounds, Athletic Fields and Swimming Areas, as well as Prohibition of the Sale of Tobacco Products by Health Care Institutions. Mr. Fralick states at the most recent Emergency Preparedness meeting, discussion included raising the raising the legal age for buying tobacco product from age 18 to age 19.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Professor Dean motions to accept the minutes of November 19, 2013. Dr. Carino seconds the motion and it passes with all in favor.

Old Business:

Chairman Scullin re-opens discussion on paying for help with the flu clinics. Ms. Drummey states that issue has already been taken care of.

Discussion is opened on the replenishing the hand sanitizer refills throughout the town hall. Mr. Fralick states he has been in contact with Allen Boardman regarding new hand sanitizers. Mr. Fralick would like to know if the Board would like to revamp the entire system or look into getting the broken ones repaired or getting the refills for the ones that are already existing versus tearing them off the walls and putting new ones up. Mr. Fralick offers to contact Mr. Boardman to get a quote from him.

Chairman Scullin has been asked to call Susan Coughlin of the Stoneham Disability Commission to initiate further dialog on the proposal to let the commission use the EEOC for one hour per week during the Board of Health normal office hours. Mr. Scullin states he will contact Ms. Coughlin about the issue.

Mr. Fralick states regarding 3 Marble Street, the Building Department will be reaching out to the owners of that property regarding the structural issues such as loose glass and bricks. Those would fall under the building codes.

Set next meeting date:

The Board has set February 18, 2013 as the next meeting date.

Chairman Scullin asks for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Carino seconds the motion. Chairman Scullin seconds the motion and it passes with all in favor.

The meeting is adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted
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