



TOWN OF BURLINGTON, MA
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
Main Meeting Room, Town Hall

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2020

Board Members Present: Ed Weiner, PhD, Chairman; Dr. Wayne Saltsman, MD, PhD; and Maribeth Welch

Not Present: David McSweeney, Vice Chairman and Libby Walendziewicz, RN, MSN

Staff Members Present: Susan Lumenello, REHS/RS, CHMM, Director of Public Health; Christine Mathis, Environmental Engineer and Chris Paulik, Supervising Nurse

Dr. Weiner called the Board of Health meeting to order at 7:01 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: January 28, 2020 and February 11, 2020

Dr. Weiner stated that minutes will be tabled until there is a quorum of members that were present at those meetings.

MOTION: Dr. Saltsman moved to table the approval of minutes until a quorum of members are present that were present at the meetings. The motion was seconded by Ms. Welch and unanimously approved. (3-0-0)

Citizen's Time: No one spoke.

Chairman's Report:

Dr. Weiner thanked Ms. Lumenello, Dr. Saltsman and staff for working in great cooperation with the schools. Dr. Weiner also stated that they will be meeting with the Ways and Means Committee on February 28th and March 4th to discuss the FY21 budget.

Subcommittee Reports: Protocol for Providing Vaccinations to Children in Cooperation with Burlington Public Schools

Dr. Weiner stated that this will be discussed during the agenda item.

Discussion:

● ***2020-2021 Flu Vaccine Purchase Recommendation***

Dr. Weiner stated that he is stepping down for this discussion because his son is a Vice President at one the companies that the Town buys vaccine from. Dr. Weiner left the meeting room.

Ms. Paulik presented a history of the amount of flu vaccine we have used in the past and recommendations for the 2020-2021 flu season. She is recommending the pre-filled syringes instead of the multi-dose since the cost is not that much more. She is recommending 200 doses of quadrivalent vaccine (10-dose multi-dose



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vial) due to the left over syringes they have; 500 pre-filled quadrivalent vaccine and 170 does of the pre-filled High-dose. They will also still receive 180 doses from the State.

Dr. Saltsman stated that he is interested in why we are not getting 19-29 year olds at the clinic and perhaps we can look at other Towns. Ms. Lumenello stated that we are getting some nursing interns to help so we could have them look at this data. Dr. Saltsman suggested looking at creating a survey aimed at high school seniors. Ms. Paulik stated that they still have some flu vaccines in the office.

Dr. Weiner returned to the meeting.

- ***Protocol for Providing Vaccinations to Children in Cooperation with Burlington Public Schools***

Dr. Saltsman stated that the subcommittee met last week to discuss the protocol for providing vaccinations to children in the Burlington public schools. Present at the meeting were himself, Dr. Weiner, Ms. Lumenello, Assistant Superintendent Larkin and Lead School Nurse Ms. Conley. This protocol addresses minors who need vaccines to attend school but have no parent or guardian present. If a parent or guardian signs an approved form, a school employee may act as a temporary agent for the students' healthcare and escort the student to the Board of Health for the required vaccines. An exam would be required before multiple vaccines are administered. The subcommittee voted 2-0 in favor of this updated policy.

Ms. Welch asked if transportation is part of the policy. Dr. Weiner replied no, transportation is not part of this policy. Dr. Saltsman added that the student and temporary agent will come together to the Board of Health. Ms. Welch asked if Town Council has approved the transportation of students. Ms. Lumenello stated that transportation is the sole responsibility of the school department and is not part of this protocol.

MOTION: Dr. Saltsman moved to approve the Protocol for Providing Vaccinations to Children in Cooperation with Burlington Public Schools. The motion was seconded by Ms. Welch and unanimously approved. (3-0-0)

- ***Revision to Board of Health Meeting Schedule***

Dr. Weiner stated that we had inadvertently removed the March 10, 2020 Board of Health meeting and he would like it reinstated.

MOTION: Dr. Saltsman moved to reinstate the Board of Health meeting of March 10, 2020. The motion was seconded by Ms. Welch and unanimously approved. (3-0-0)

Staff Reports

Environmental Engineer

Ms. Mathis presented her report:

- Participated in the food code review discussing chemicals in the workplace. Approximately 80 people attended the event.

Dr. Weiner stated that Stericycle is not going to participate in the Household Hazard Waste Day so we need to investigate other vendors for chemical collections and they expect a significant increase in cost. Ms.



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Mathis stated that the Statewide contract only had 2 vendors but 2 new vendors have opted in. The prices have been held stagnant for 4-5 years even though their costs have increased.

MOTION: Ms. Welch moved to approve the Environmental Engineer's report. The motion was seconded by Dr. Saltsman and unanimously approved. (3-0-0)

Supervisory Nurse

Ms. Paulik presented her report:

- 33 bladder cancer screenings have been done for the firefighters.
- She will be presenting to the Mass. Public Nurses conference on March 13th on how to do bladder cancer screening.
- Held Stop the Bleed and an Emergency Dispensary exercise.
- The Health Fair will be March 28, 2020.
- The rabies clinic will be held on March 14, 2020 at the DPW.
- There have been 57 confirmed cases of influenza this week and we do have vaccines still available.

Dr. Saltsman stated that Mass DPH are having weekly updates on Friday on influenza. As of February 21st, the status for Massachusetts was changed from Very High to High. The good news is that the vaccine is about 45% effective against the strains of this influenza. If someone thinks they have the flu, they should quarantine themselves, if there is a fever stay home, call your health provider, wash your hands and isolate when sneezing.

Dr. Weiner stated that for information on the Coronavirus, residents can go to the CDC website.

Dr. Saltsman stated that as of February 21st, there is one confirmed case in Massachusetts and 15 in the United States. The risk in Massachusetts is Low. The risk of getting influenza is hugely greater than the Coronavirus. The CDC is currently working on a vaccine.

Ms. Paulik stated that there is no vaccine yet and people should avoid close contact with people who are sick. People should avoid touching their nose, mouth and eyes. If people are feeling sick, stay home, clean and disinfect workspaces, phones and areas that get touched a lot. There is no need for face masks on healthy people.

MOTION: Dr. Saltsman moved to approve the Supervisory Nurses' report. The motion was seconded by Mr. McSweeney and unanimously approved. (3-0-0)

Director of Public Health

Ms. Lumenello presented her report:

- The Annual Report has been submitted for 2019.



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- There will be a Region 4AB MRC conference. It will be on a Saturday and will be held in Waltham. Ms. Paulik will be doing a seminar on vaccinating children.

Dr. Saltsman asked how the Health Fair is going. Ms. Lumenello stated that advertisement has started and all 62 tables are full. They have added speakers this year. Dr. Saltsman asked what the cost is to attend. Ms. Lumenello replied that it is free. They will also have a “Touch a Truck” with the Burlington Instant Command vehicle, a fire truck and ambulance.

Dr. Weiner stated that in 2019, Burlington had 234 food establishments and the numbers are growing. The Board of Health staff inspects all of these establishments and does a great job.

MOTION: Dr. Saltsman moved to approve the Director of Public Health’s report. The motion was seconded by Ms. Welch and unanimously approved. (3-0-0)

Adjourn

MOTION: Dr. Saltsman moved to adjourn the Board of Health meeting at 7:45 PM. The motion was seconded by Ms. Welch and unanimously approved. (3-0-0)

*Respectfully Submitted by Dawn Cathcart,
Recording Clerk*



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DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AT MEETING – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2020

Agenda

Minutes: January 28, 2020 & February 11, 2020 (Tabled)

Chairman's Report: None

Subcommittee Reports: Protocol for Providing Vaccinations to Children in Cooperation with Burlington Public Schools minutes

Discussion:

● **2020 – 2021 Flu Vaccine Purchase Recommendation**

Flu Vaccine Purchase Memo by Christine Paulik dated February 25, 2020.

● ***Protocol for Providing Vaccinations to Children in Cooperation with Burlington Public Schools***

Draft Protocol

● ***Revision to Board of Health Meeting Schedule:*** None

Staff Reports: Environmental Engineer Report; Supervisory Nurse; Director of Public Health's Report