



CITY OF REVERE – Board of Health

Meeting Notes March 28, 2024

Call of Members: Dr. Drew Bunker, Kathy Savage, Michael Wells, Lauren Buck, Paula Sepulveda

Topic Discussed: Introduction to new Board Member

- Kathy Savage introduced herself as a new board member.

Topic Discussed: Review and accept meeting minutes from February 22, 2024. Minutes presented to Board members; minutes approved.

Topic Discussed: Communicable Monthly report as of 3/28/2024 (Lauren Buck)

- Highlights influenza cases at 168, Covid cases are declining.
- One case of brucellosis in the city, a rare bacterial disease which is contracted by consuming unpasteurized dairy products.
- CDC issued a Health Alert Network (HAN) Health Advisory to alert health providers to the global and domestic increase in measles cases and to provide recommendations about how to reduce the occurrence of new measles cases and outbreaks in the U.S
- DPH launched a healthy equity plan to address racism as a serious public health threat.
- CDC data revealed that Norovirus has been surging in the Northeastern part of the United States.

Topic Discussed: Presentation Legal Authority of Boards of Health (Cheryl Sbarra)

- Attorney Sbarra explain that the presentation provided for educational purposes only. It is not intended to constitute legal advice.
- Legal Authority to Regulate Public Health and Safety – G.L. c. 111, § 31.
- Boards of health have authority to “make reasonable health regulations.” Tri-Nel Management, Inc. v. Board of Health of Barnstable, 433 Mass 217 (2001).
- “The protection of public health is within the police power of the municipality to protect the health, safety and welfare of its residents.” Druzik et al v. Board of Health of Haverhill, 324 Mass. 129 (1949).

- It is a widely accepted function of government to protect public health, even at the expense of an individual's freedom. (Id.)
- Attorney Sbarra provides examples of how of cases in different municipalities and their outcomes.
- Sbarra explains the Nuisance Law Chapter 111, §§122, 123 and obligations and provides examples.
- Concludes presentation providing board information on inspections and enforcement.

Topic Discussed: Opioid Abatement Working Group Presentation (CarrieAnn Salemme, Nicole Palermo, Lauren Buck)

- Opioid Abatement Funding Overview. Encouraged to pool funding using the Shared Services Model, must be appropriated each year by the City Council, JSI contracted to oversee reporting.
- Must be used for the following buckets: Opioid Use Disorder Treatment, Support people in Treatment and Recovery, Connections to Care, Harm Reduction, Address the Needs of Criminal-Justice-Involved Persons, Support Pregnant or Parenting Women and Families, including babies with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome, Prevent Misuse of Opioids, and Implement Prevention Strategies
- Revere has been awarded funds and will continue for several years.
- Revere did not spend any money FY 23 and FY 24 has spent on salary benefits and goods services.
- Opioid Abatement Working was established in October 2023. Determine FY24 Spending Priorities- Outdoor Nalox- Boxes and Indoor Nalox-Boxes for business
- Outdoor boxes will be placed in different locations in the city using data from a heat map.

Topic Discussed: Licensing

- Renewal for Chicken Keeping License -Iphigenie Victorin
- Renewal for Bee Keeping License- Damian DeMarco
- Bee keeping License- Aldo G. De Oliveir
 - **All license approved by Dr Bunker and Kathy Savage**

