



Town of Danvers Board of Health

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Meeting Minutes of September 7, 2023

All members of the Board were in attendance and staff members Judith Ryan, Public Health Nurse; Frank Giacalone, Director of Public Health and Breanna Livingstone, Health Sanitarian/Inspector. Absent was Alicia Linehan, Clerk.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE

- 1.1 Notice of the meeting as posted by the Town Clerk.
- 1.2 Minutes from June 1, 2023, were approved as written.

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 Plastic Ban comments to the Select Board

Two residents seeking to abolish Styrofoam asked the Town Manager for his support. This will need to be an agenda item for the Select Board or Town Meeting. The Select Board has for the Board's stance on this. The Board checked on alternatives for the restaurants and there is a lack of options that wouldn't cause an expense increase to the businesses. And banning in local restaurants is only a small part of a much larger problem. Giacalone will draft feedback of the Board from prior meetings. Such a ban may require State involvement.

2.2 Migrant Families

There are fifty-five families, eighty-five adults and ninety-two children, not all are school age, being housed in Danvers. Centerboard is the agency providing medical services. Not all cities/towns housing the migrants have a service like Centerboard, they are relying on state services. Peabody, Salem, and Danvers are housing most of the families. Cataldo has done screening to find out who needs what, and they will also give the vaccines. According to the Benevento Law, these children can start school without being vaccinated. But they do have to be vaccinated within a 60-day period. The breakdown is seventeen children in grade K- 5, four children in grade 6 through 8, five children in grade 9 through 12. There have been dates and times in September scheduled for Cataldo to give vaccines, and conduct TB and lead testing.

The Human Rights and Inclusion Committee will be sponsoring an onsite social with Italian ice, popcorn, and Haitian music. They have also been invited to attend the Celebration of Latin America, Caribbean, and Hispanic event on September 23rd. The Committee is planning a dinner in the Fall. The goal is to make them feel more comfortable by building a relationship.

Services such as vouchers for Market Basket, the Food Pantry and transportation have been offered.

Nurse Ryan met with Dan Bowers, Superintendent, asking what he may need from Public Health. An offsite afterschool program was discussed which will allow these children to interact with other children and allow the parents adult time. Emails were sent to student families in the Town by the Superintendent. If the



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Superintendent receives email responses with concerns or questions, Nurse Ryan has volunteered to educate them on the process for these migrants.

2.2 Tobacco Control Compliance results

The North Shore/Cape Ann Tobacco Policy Program conducted compliance checks. Twenty-Five (25) permitted establishments were checked and four (4) violations, sale to underage youth, occurred. Giacalone will issue the fine and the Board agreed to allow him to set the suspension dates.

Establishment:	Address:	Offense:	Fine
Gibbs	100 Maple St	1 st	\$ 1000.00 + 3-Day suspension
Mobil Danvers Fuel	91 Maple St	1 st	\$ 1000.00 + 3-Day suspension
Total Tobacco	85 Andover St	1 st	\$ 1000.00 + 3-Day suspension
Cumberland Farm	76 Newbury St	2 nd	\$ 2000.00 + 7-Day suspension

3. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

3.1 Public Health Nurse Update

Infectious Diseases – July to August 4th

- Hepatitis C – 2 cases
- Campylobacteriosis – 2 cases
- Coronavirus – 30 cases
- Encephalitis – 1 case
- Giardiasis – 1 case
- Influenza – 1 case
- Lyme Disease – 13 cases
- Salmonellosis – 1 case
- Tuberculosis – 3 confirmed cases, 1 suspected case

Infectious Diseases – August 4th – Sept 7th

- Hepatitis B – 1 case
- Human Granulocytic Anaplasmosis – 1 case
- Coronavirus – 70 cases
- Influenza – 1 case
- Lyme Disease – 4 cases
- Salmonellosis – 1 case
- Tuberculosis – 4 cases



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The number of Covid cases has increased. Symptoms are nasal congestion and a headache. Those who test the first day with symptoms and receive negative results should test again 24 hours later.

Arbovirus surveillance - There were two (2) West Nile human cases; 96 mosquitos came back positive. None in Essex County. EEE four (4) mosquitos with positive, none in humans or animals.

Community Involvement:

Nurse Ryan will be distributing naloxone. Postcards and flyers will be distributed and hung to inform residents that they can request naloxone with training. Communication has also been added to the website. Giacalone and Ryan will discuss conducting a demonstration for employees. Once Public Health can spend the Opioid Grant, Nurse Ryan would like to conduct trainings at hotels and restaurants and provide them with naloxone and fentanyl strips.

Flu Clinics will begin soon.

WeCare Program is a 4-week call program to older adults. If older adults are interested, they will reach out to the Senior Center. The purpose is to decrease the isolation, loneliness feelings that these individuals have coming out of Covid. The calls will be placed by those who are working under the grant. If something needs to be escalated, the group will reach out to Nurse Ryan. A survey is conducted at the beginning and end of the program to determine if there is a change of feelings and mental health.

The North Shore Mother visits have been held up due to errors in literature.

Covid test kits are available with an expiration date of November. If Danvers runs low, Nurse Ryan will replenish with another community's supply.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

4.1 Sanitarian Update

4.2 Beach Testing

Breanna Livingstone provided an update:

- October 21st is a gluten free show with over 100 vendors and has been challenging working with the event coordinator. As of now there are only 33 vendors who have completed applications.
- Inspections reports will be switching over from paper to electronic through WinWam. Livingstone is working with IT to hopefully begin use next month.
- Just opened a new tanning salon at Crunch Fitness.



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- IPazzi is open.
- In the process of drafting a reinspection policy. Will distribute next month for the Board to review. Livingston is working with the establishments who have had several inspection violations.

Beach Water Sampling

This summer samples were bad due to the rain because it washes animal feces into the storm drains. A lot of communities have had the same problem this year.

5. HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATE

5.1 General Discussion

6. GENERAL BOARED OF HEALTH DISCUSSION

7. OTHER MATTERS

8. ADJORNMENT

With no further business at hand, the Board adjourned at 7:35pm

Respectfully submitted for your approval,

Frank Giacalone
Director of Public Health