

**Health Department
Monthly Regular Meeting Minutes
Location: Everett City Hall, Health Department, Rm 20
Monday, June 24, 2024**

Attendees: Dr. Sean Connolly, Joan LaVecchio, Deanne Mullett, Rana Wehbe, Keith Slattery, Alec Winocour, Mark Gottlieb, Maureen Buzby, Anthony Ishak, Rosiena Silva, Bonny Carroll

Minutes Taken by: Caitlin Norden

Motion to Open Meeting 6:00 PM

- **Motion moved by:** Dr. Sean Connolly
- **Seconded by:** Joan LaVecchio, Deanne Mullett
- **All in favor – None Opposed**
- **Motion Carried**

Motion to Accept Minutes from the May, 2024 Meeting

- **Motion moved:** Dr. Sean Connolly
- **Seconded by:** Joan LaVecchio, Deanne Mullett
- **All in favor – None Opposed**
- **Motion Carried**

Motion to Open and Close Citizens Time 6:01 PM

- **Motion moved by:** Dr. Sean Connolly
- **Seconded by:** Joan LaVecchio, Deanne Mullett
- **All in favor – None Opposed**
- **Motion Carried**

Tattoo: Legal Update:

- Keith Slattery, the Asst. city solicitor for the city brings to the board methods to enforce in home tattooing.
- CMR Health code.
- MGL 26534 criminal statue. Applies to those who are not licensed artists.
- The solicitor's office will handle complaints which will be referred to the attorney general's office. There would be a police report that would get sent to the district attorney's office and they would decide charges from there.
- Inspectional services can fine in home tattoo artists from \$100 - \$300 as well as the board given the option to deny future permit applications.

Health Department Director's Report: Rana Wehbe Presenting for Sabrina Firicano

- We continue to have at home covid tests available in the health department.
- Summer program - crimson kids will begin on July 8th at the rec center.
- We are currently reviewing all the medical records and gathering supplies needed for camp.
- We are still looking to fill school nursing positions.
- A cooling center was opened at the Connolly center Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8 AM to 7 PM due to the extreme temperatures.
- Splash pad hours were extended until 9PM.
- We will continue to monitor the temps and reopen when and as needed.
- We are continuing to meet weekly in regard to the opiate settlement funding.
- We are working with the substance abuse coordinators to set up programming.

Tobacco initiative Update – Nicotine Free Generation:

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- Our tobacco control officer Bonny Carroll and her colleagues Maureen Buzby tobacco prevention coordinator, Mark Gottleib from Northeastern Public Health, and Anthony Ishak present the board with a new policy that some communities have already adopted.
- The Nicotine Free Generation Policy is a gradual phase out of all tobacco product sales in the jurisdiction starting with everyone born on a particular date.
- The idea is that no current retailer loses a single customer, it only affects people who have not yet become old enough to purchase tobacco products, in the hopes to eventually eliminate all tobacco product sales.
- Seven communities in the commonwealth have adopted these amendments to their regulations thus far.
- Maureen presents the board with photo examples of how the tobacco companies are advertising and can be appealing to the younger generation including cheaper products as well. For example, “Newport non menthol” using the same green packaging and flavoring with chemicals that trick the brain into thinking it is menthol. There are also vapes that are sleek and or discreet to make them easier to hide, some are made to look as highlighters and kids are using in schools. Zins are new, very affordable. They are small pouches that contain much higher amounts of nicotine than traditional cigarettes. 15 pouches contain the same amount as 2 and a half packs of cigarettes but cost only around \$4 where as two packs of cigarettes cost around \$35. They too can be easily hidden.
- The board has concerns about the smaller stores who depend on sales to stay in business.
- The board will receive more information before moving forward with any decisions and public hearings on this matter.

Business which has arisen since the posting of the meeting:

Donna in Bronze Tanning Application

- Rosiene Silva has submitted an application for a tanning salon.
- Application is in order and Sarbina will set up an inspection.

Motion to Accept Tanning Application Pending Inspection 6:50 PM

- **Motion moved:** Dr. Sean Connolly
- **Seconded by:** Joan LaVecchio, Deanne Mullett
- **All in favor – None Opposed**
- **Motion Carried**

Motion: To Adjourn at 6:57 PM

- **Motion moved by:** Dr. Connolly
- **Seconded by:** Joan LaVecchio, Deanne Mullett
- **All in favor – None Opposed**
- **Motion Carried**

The next scheduled Board Meeting will be on Monday, September 16th, 2024 in the Health Conference Room, Second Floor, Rm. 20 City Hall.