



City of Nashua

Division of Public Health & Community Services
18 Mulberry Street, Nashua, NH 03060

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

August 12, 2020

12:30 PM

Minutes

Attendees:

Board of Health: Dr. Anthony Storage, Dr. Charles Cappetta, Dr. Stephanie Wolf-Rosenblum

Board of Aldermen: Elizabeth Lu, Jan Schmidt, Patricia Klee

City Employees: Sandra DeLosa Angela Consentino, Nicole Viau, Ren Beaudoin, Flavia Martin, Heidi Peek and Bobbie D. Bagley.

Guests: Alex Granok, MD (DPHCS Medical Director)

Call to Order: By Board Chair – Dr. Storage

In continued compliance with the Governor's Safe at Home Order, announcement made of the meeting held via Zoom. Phone numbers provided to call and for support. Meeting ID and number shared with attendees. Zoom meeting recorded.

Role call made by Director- Bobbie D Bagley

Approval July, 2020 Minutes: Minutes approved by board members: Moved by Dr. Wolf-Rosenblum and 2nd by Dr. Cappetta. All in favor.

Director's Report.

Overview of report provided by Division Director. Highlights of ongoing initiatives included:

- Update on construction of 18 Mulberry Street and plans for temporary move scheduled for August 28, 2020. DPHCS will be relocated for up to one year. Construction work to begin on September 8th.
- Completion of activities related to Governor's COVID-19 Equity Response Team and deliverable of report with recommendations submitted on July 10, 2020.
- Participation of Director as advisor to the School District Reopening Task Force

Updates/Upcoming Events:

- Director announced new UNE Medical Student beginning with DPHCS August 18, 2020

- Update on supplemental additions to Face Covering Ordinance was assigned to BOH for review and recommendations
 - Main discussion focused on the supplemental changes added to the ordinance on face coverings. Having non-inflammatory scripting for frontline workers to de-escalate issue of non-compliance
 - Information on use of masks in different languages. Q: How many languages do we have information on masks? A: DHHS has information in 15 languages that DPHCS uses. We currently staffing capacity to translate information to Spanish.
 - Address misinformation of mask wearing during exercising, for people with respiratory issues.
 - Having a FAQ on use of face coverings for business owners and legislators
- Additions to ordinance were discussed thoroughly in a meeting with DPHCS staff, Legal, Nashua PD and Mayor's office.
 - Concerns addressed clarity on removal of face coverings in fitness facilities
 - Clarification on whose responsible when violation occurs.
- BOH members felt the changes were well written and balanced. BOH felt it was important to get the additions to the ordinance approved to protect citizens. BOH recommended approval of the supplemental requirements to the ordinance.
- BOA confirmed the process of BOH approval of the changes before BOA votes.

**Director's full report can be found on City Website under August 2020 BOH Meeting Reports*

Department Summaries

1. Community Health

- Update of current cases to date provided: 285 confirmed cases in Nashua with close to 500 contacts investigated.
- Staffing: CDC Foundation staff on board (1 FTE and three .5 FTEs); 3 new per diem nurses hired and 1 Community Health Worker. Theresa Calope, PHN resigned.
- Outreach services finalized with St. Joseph contract for partnership with Mobile Health Van for implementation of school-based clinics and Immunization clinics.
 - Q: How does information get communicated to public
 - A: outreach schedule on website; social media messaging and community can call 589-4500 with questions.
 - Q; What provisions are being made for Fall Clinics?
 - A: CH providing drive through clinics and plan to host school-based clinics in partnership with St. Joseph using their mobile health van. Flu vaccine will be offered to the students.

**Community Health 's full report can be found on the City Website under August 2020 BOH meeting reports.*

2. Community Services:

- i. Providing clinic testing to the greater Nashua Community.
 - ii. Clinic testing being provided for the under-privilege Nashua NH community.
 - iii. DPHCS Continues with ongoing testing within the Greater Nashua community.
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- i. DPHCS staffing working remotely and at work (building).

3. Welfare

- Overview of summary for July provided. There has been less shelter support needed this past July in comparison to this time last year due to the unemployment benefit provided individuals.
- Applications down by 50%
- Vouchers down by about 50%
- 5 families were assisted and 8 individuals received support for emergency motel/housing placement
- 2 families and 4 individuals were referred to public shelters
 - Q: Do we think that with the ending of the unemployment benefit and loss of the moratorium, that housing and security needs will rebound and there will be a surge in need for individuals?
 - A: Local CAP Agencies received 8,000 applications for additional money received. We do expect to see a rise.

Other Discussion/Questions

- Q: How are the building updates going?
- A: We are on track for construction to begin on September 8, 2020. The construction contract was approved by the BOA on August 11, 2020.
- Q: What needs to staff have for utilizing personal communication devices?
- A: Staff are using internet and cell phones (jabber lines) for communication. Slack for ongoing communication. Google docs via web.
- Q: What are our contingency plans for PPE and do we have EP Plans that are shelf –ready?
- A: Additional PPE has been received. A supply list has been submitted by the PHEP and PHNS Coordinators. The PHEP and PHNS Coordinators have been working with regional Emergency Medical Directors to update their POD plans. All but one town has replied and sent in their updated POD plans. Staff have been attending weekly meetings with DHHS, which is working closely with the regions in preparation for Flu Clinic preparations. Additional funding has been provided to the regions for flu vaccine report.

Request for PHEP Coordinator to be available at the next BOH Meeting with an update added to the September 9, 2020 agenda.

Public Comment: Hearing none – Meeting adjourned at 1:36 PM. Motion to adjourn made by Dr. Storace. Moved by Dr. Cappetta - 2nd by Dr. Wolf-Rosenblum.

Next Meeting: September 9, 2020