



City of Nashua

Division of Public Health & Community Services

18 Mulberry Street, Nashua, NH 03060

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

December 12, 2018

12:30 PM

Minutes

Call to Order at 12:30 by Chair Dr. Storace

November meeting minutes approved by board.

Director's Report

1. Operational:

- a. Moving into planning for our budget year. Budget guidance was sent for board's review. The managers and Bobbie Bagley will be working the Mayor's Chief of Staff and Finance Director Janet Graziano to put together our budget for this fiscal year. There are a few different phases to it; there's a report that we put out that gives an update of our accomplishments and goals.
- b. ELPH (Emerging Leaders in Public Health) - help develop our leadership capacity as public health prevention strategists that will also support some of the ways we work with our community partners to address public health issues.
- c. We continue to work and engage with our (IDN) Integrated Delivery Network activities, participate on the Mayor's Opioid Task Force (MOTF) and all the other specific work for each of our departments as well.
- d. Working to put together a Legislative Breakfast on January 28th; with a theme of "Creating A Healthy Community through Prevention."
- e. Staffing updates: Each department has been interviewing for open positions. The Chief Public Health Nurse position has been filled and the new staff will start on December 14th.
- f. Staff Development: We continue to work with students and have a nice group coming in the spring that will be working on a few projects throughout the Division.



- g. Legislative Update: Smoking ordinance meeting was held in November. Chief of Police provided his feedback. His recommendations for the ordinance was to keep things light; the group agreed to submit some bullets to Alderman Schmidt that can then be presented to Dory Clark who is our legal counsel. The bullets will focus on prohibiting smoking within a certain # of feet from the building, but not be too restrictive that police will need to follow up with enforcement.
- h. Other Highlights:
 - i. Meeting was held with architect for the building renovations.
 - ii. The Mobile Health Van is on the road again. It has been registered and we are working to get the lab license.
 - iii. Also working on an additional grant for Environmental Health Tracking to enhance our capacity for Lead Poisoning Prevention.

Department Summaries

2. Community Health:

- a. The month of December shows overall numbers of counseling and testing and positive cases that have been reported through the clinic and outreach. Thus far there has been 1 positive syphilis and chlamydia and we are excited that these numbers are low especially because in other places these numbers are higher. The most significant is the Hep A vaccine rate has gone up and the work that has been done with the syringe services and outreach.
- b. Infectious Disease: we continue to follow 1 active TB case and 1 directly observed therapy.
- c. Flu vaccinations went well
- d. Outreach continues with Luis, Heather, & other community partners.

3. Community Services

a. Epi Report

- i. For the month of November the Nashua Public Schools will be monitored for number of absenteeism and reported out any trend that might be happening.
- ii. Continue working on the CHIP.
- iii. Compiled social vulnerability by the census tract for Greater Nashua Public Health Region to inform the Emergency Preparedness Awareness Campaign.
- iv. Began working on the Environmental Health Capacity Grant evaluation plan to enhance our capacity for Lead Poisoning Prevention
- v. Updated Asthma home visiting program



- vi. Census 2020 committee is developing a list of barriers, groups, and concerns that might impede the process
- vii. Attended and presented at APHA Annual Meeting
- viii. IRB was sent out and awaiting approval

b. Emergency Preparedness

- i. Greater Nashua Jurisdictional Risk Assessment invites have been sent out to partner organizations to attend a meeting that will take place in January to give them the feedback from the survey
- ii. Multiple classes have been conducted for Until Help Arrives
- iii. Submitted our work plan and updates to the State.
- iv. There have been a couple of different initiatives that the EP coordinator and Patty have attended.
- v. The Manchester Mass Casualty incident drill went well
- vi. Participated with the Holiday Stroll

c. Health Promotion Specialist

- i. Nashua Food Council strategic planning for 2019 has begun
- ii. Revamping of the Home Visiting Program for Asthma
- iii. SSANA is now a part of our website
- iv. HUB: working with the team on developing ideas, worked together to design a flow of services and presented it to Granite Pathways.
- v. Working on info graphics to change up the visuals in the 2018-2019 CHIP

4. Welfare

- a. Slight decrease in our expenditures for shelter and rental assistance due to fewer vouchers issued.
- b. Assisted 5 homeless families in emergency motel placement, unable to refer them to a family shelter for the month.
- c. Continue to work with the local shelters, provider agencies and those participating in the coordinated entry.
- d. Have second interview for the open technician position.

Public Comments: None

Adjourn: 1:30 PM

Next Meeting: January 9, 2019