

LOWELL BOARD OF HEALTH
341 Pine Street
Lowell, Massachusetts 01851

May 2, 2018

A meeting of the Lowell Board of Health as held on Wednesday May 2, 2018 in the Mayor's Reception Room, City Hall, 375 Merrimack St., Lowell, MA 01852. Chairwoman Jo-Ann Keegan called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM

Present:

Jo-Ann Keegan, RN, MSN Chairperson
John Donovan Board Member
Kerry Hall, Board Member
William Galvin, MD Board Member
Lisa Golden Board Member

1. New Business

1.I. For Acceptance: Minutes of the April 4, 2018 Meeting Of the Board of Health

Motion: To accept the minutes of the April 4, 2018 meeting of the Board of Health made by Kerry Hall, seconded by Lisa Golden. All in favor.

1. II. Tobacco Control Monthly Report Submitted By Cesar Pungirum, Program Director.

Program Director Cesar Pungirum reviewed the report with the Board. The Board accepted and placed on file.

1. III. Tobacco Permit Suspension Public Hearing - Hei Elvis 698 Merrimack St. Lowell, MA 01854

Program Director Cesar Pungirum reviewed the violation documentation for Sale of a Minor - Second Offense issued to the establishment Hei Elvis. No representative of Hei Elvis attended the hearing.

VOTE: To suspend the establishment's Sale of Tobacco Products license for a period of seven consecutive business days beginning May 14, 2018 made by Kerry Hall, seconded by William Galvin.

Roll Call:

Jo-Ann Keegan - yes
Lisa Golden - yes
Kerry Hall - yes
John Donovan - yes
William Galvin - yes

1. IV. Monthly Development Services Report Submitted By Senior Sanitary Code Inspector David Ouellette

Senior Sanitary Code Inspector David Ouellette was not present. The Board reviewed the reports and placed on file.

1. V. For Review: Trinity EMS, Inc Reports.

Inclusive of Monthly Opioid/Hometown Reports

Hometown Opioid Reports - Mr. Jon Kelley and Mr. Kirk Brigham reviewed the March and April reports with the Board. Causes of overdoses were discussed. It was noted that the Boston hospitals with other stakeholders including UMASS/Lowell did a rapid survey with people that had overdosed.

Quarterly Report - The Board reviewed the report with Mr. Kelley and Mr. Brigham. The Board noted that page 4 in lower right of page should be corrected to Q1 2018. Mr. Kelley had an updated report with the correction which was passed out to the Board.

Board Member William Galvin asked that on page 5 Outliers section that Mr. Kelley include how many first calls there are, the percentage of those calls that were outliers, and how many were outside of the range. Member Galvin also asked if Trinity could program their system to track the number of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. calls. Also the EMD-Delta figures were discussed and the use of lights and sirens for these calls vs. 911 calls. The Board asked for proposals regarding the use of lights and sirens on calls and routes to hospitals for low priority calls.

Page 7 - the Board noted the increase in volume and asked what the appropriate number of trucks for the volume would be. Member Galvin asked for the number of outliers for each number of trucks. Mr. Kelley noted there are not less than 8 trucks during the day in Lowell.

Page 8 - Intubation numbers, intubation training, and King tube intubations were discussed. The Board had no further questions.

Motion: to take Agenda Item VIII out of order made by William Galvin, seconded by Lisa Golden. All in favor.

1. VIII. Communication - Dr. Jonathan Drake (EMS Medical Dir. Lowell General Hospital).

The Board reviewed and discussed the communication received from Dr. Jonathan Drake. The Board indicated that the intent of the report was to track trends over time. The Board asked that Mr. Kelley include any figures received from Lowell General Hospital to the Quarterly Reports.

Motion: To return to the Agenda made by Kerry Hall, seconded by Lisa Golden. All in favor.

1. VI. Communication: From DPW Commissioner James Donison, P.E.

Communication regarding the City of Lowell herbicide 2018 Yearly Operation Plan in accordance with the Massachusetts Rights-of-Way Management Regulations (333 CMR 11.00).

The Board reviewed the submitted Annual Operation Plan and placed on file.

1. VII. Nomination of Animal Inspector: 2017-2018: Pending completed certified Nomination of Inspector of Animals- Darleen Wood.

Ms. Wood's completed certified nomination form was received prior to the meeting.

Motion: To nominate Darleen Wood as Animal Inspector made by William Galvin, seconded by Lisa Golden. All in favor.

2. Old Business

2. I. Update: Lowell High School

PENDING AVAILABILITY: Mr. James Green, Deputy Commissioner of DPW, and Mr. Rick Underwood, Director of Facilities for Lowell Public Schools to update the Board about Lowell High School on any ongoing/completed repairs or issues Mr. Green and Mr. Underwood were not present to update the Board. Chairwoman Jo-Ann Keegan informed the Board that she had met with City Manager Eileen Donoghue regarding the Board's concerns. Manager Donoghue will obtain a report from DPW on the status of the Critical Health Report ongoing repairs and CO2 levels.

The Board asked that DPW Commissioner James Donison, Mr. Green and Mr. Underwood be invited to the June 6, 2018 to give an update.

Chairwoman Keegan recognized Mrs. Laura Ortiz to speak. Mrs. Ortiz discussed with the Board the recently held City Council meeting and the possible inspection of other schools for gas leaks.

3. Director's Report

3.I. Status Update: Service Zone Plan Review

HHS Director Kerran Vigroux updated the Board on the current status of the Service Zone plan and the planned visit of Mr. John Brickett who will review the redlined plan with Ms. Vigroux and Mrs. Colleen da Silva, Public Health Nurse Coordinator.

3.II. Update: Divisional and Department Reports and Updates.

Ms. Vigroux reviewed the divisional reports with the Board. Member Galvin inquired why STD's were not included on the Public Health Division report and was informed that they are not reportable at the Local Board of Health level.

Ms. Vigroux updated the Board on the ongoing CDC in depth investigation on the increase of HIV cases.

Ms. Vigroux informed the Board of the resignation of Mr. Daniel Witts, PFS Outreach Health Educator.

Chairwoman Keegan asked that the Public Health Division Report to have the columns in the same order as the School Health Division Report by moving the third column to the second column location.

Motion: To adjourn at 7:46 PM made by William Galvin, seconded by John Donovan. All in Favor.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CITY OF LOWELL BOARD OF HEALTH WILL BE HELD
ON JUNE 6, 2018 AT 6:00PM IN THE MAYOR'S RECEPTION ROOM.**