



CITY OF LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF HEALTH

June 6, 2018

A meeting of the Lowell Board of Health was held on Wednesday June 6, 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 6:06 PM.

Present:

Jo-Ann Keegan, R.N., M.S.N., Chairperson
John Donovan, D.C., Board Member
Kerry Hall, M.Ed., Board Member
William Galvin, M.D., Board Member

6/6/2018 - Minutes

1. New Business

1. I. For Acceptance: Minutes of the July 17, 2013 Executive Session of the Lowell Board of Health.

Motion: To approve for release the minutes of the July 17, 2013 Executive Session of the Lowell Board of Health as the purpose for the Executive Session has ceased made by William Galvin, seconded by John Donovan. All in favor.

1. I.i. For Acceptance: Minutes Of The May 2, 2018 Meeting Of The Board Of Health.

Motion: To approve and accept the minutes of the May 2, 2018 meeting of the Board of Health as corrected made by John Donovan, seconded by William Galvin. All in favor.

1. II. For Review: Application for 2018 Beach Permit for the Rynne Beach submitted by Peter Faticanti, Program Director, Recreation Department.

The Board inquired about lifeguards and staffing of the Splash Pads.

Motion: To approve the 2018 Beach Permit application as submitted by Peter Faticanti, Program Director, Recreation Department made by William Galvin, seconded by John Donovan. All in favor.

1. III. Tobacco Control Monthly Report submitted by Cesar Pungirum, Program Director.
The Board accepted and placed on file.

1. IV. For Review: Monthly Development Services Report submitted by Donald Murphy, Sanitary Code Inspector.

Sanitary Code Inspector Donald Murphy reviewed the reports with the Board. Mr. Murphy informed the Board that Arthur's Paradise Diner has not been able to complete the requested cleaning due to rain preventing use of the lift. Discussion on the needed cleaning occurred.

Motion: The establishment will have until the July 18, 2018 meeting to clean the area with the grease dropping into the river made by William Galvin, seconded by Kerry Hall. All in favor.

The Board requested that Mr. Murphy let the owner know that the Board is supportive of the proposed mushroom cap vent if he decides to pursue it with the Historic Board.

Motion: To revise the date the cleaning needs to be completed by July 11, 2018 made by William Galvin, seconded by Kerry Hall. All in favor.

The Board requests that Steve Stowell, Historic Board Administrator, attend the July 18, 2018 if the issue is not resolved by July 11, 2018.

The Board had no further questions.

1. V. For Review: Trinity EMS, Inc Reports inclusive of monthly Opioid/Hometown Reports. Discussion occurred regarding the day of the month section of the overdose report. The Board accepted and placed on file.

1. VI. Informational: Lowell Sun Article: "Lowell Officials: Fentanyl Turning up in Cocaine" by Aaron Curtis, published 5.22.18. The Board accepted and placed on file.

1. VII. Informational: Lowell Health Department Substance Abuse & Prevention Division Community Outreach educational packet regarding Cocaine laced with Fentanyl.

The Board inquired as to the locations the flyers are distributed. Health and Human Services Director Kerran Vigroux informed the Board that the goal is to target known drug users. The Board accepted and placed on file.

1. VIII. For Review and Signature: Syringe Services Program. Review of the letter of support for the proposed Syringe Services Program within the City.

HHS Director Kerran Vigroux explained the proposed program parameters and funding to the Board and the need for a vote to proceed. The draft letter of support (handout) was reviewed. The Board requested to receive reports on the process of the program. Ms. Vigroux will give updates the Board.

Motion: To approve Health and Human Services Director Kerran Vigroux to sign the letter of support to the Department of Public Health regarding the Syringe Services Program made by William Galvin, seconded by Kerry Hall.

Vote:

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

Ms. Vigroux also updated the Board on the status of the used syringe pickup by City employees. Trinity EMS, Inc. has agreed to take the calls at this time. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2018 to discuss outreach on what to do if a dirty needle is found. The Board supports the City coming up with an alternative solution to Trinity EMS, Inc. picking up the used needles.

1. IX. Communication: Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project Re: Upcoming Mosquito Spraying Schedule.

The Board accepted and placed on file.

1. X. For Review & Signature: Consulting Physician Contract between the City of Lowell and Dr. Peter Connolly, MD.
Board Member William Galvin inquired if the Health Department Public Health Nurses were satisfied with Dr. Connolly's services. Ms. Vigroux indicated that they were satisfied.

Motion: to approve and sign the contract made by John Donovan, seconded by William Galvin. All in favor.

1. XI. Informational: Department Of Public Works Commissioner James Donison.
Introduction of DPW Commissioner James Donison.
DPW Commissioner Donison was present and introduced himself to the Board.

2. Old Business

2. I. Update: Lowell Public School Repairs.
Commissioner Donison spoke to the Board regarding on-going public school repairs and the status of the RFP for the Lowell High School's roof repairs.

Prioritizing the list of repairs was discussed and the possibility of using the City's MUNIS program for work orders. Carbon dioxide levels in Lowell High School were discussed. Ms. Vigroux will forward the DPH Air Quality Report to Mr. Donison. Discussion about the carpet removal and rechecking the CO2 levels occurred as well as the cleaning of the venting system. Board Member Kerry Hall requested that Mr. Donison check the outside faucet near the Pyne Arts gymnasium be repairs as it is leaking.

Ms. Laura Ortiz addressed the Board regarding the heating units at Lowell High School and asked if the gas leak had been repaired. Mr. Donison addressed her concerns. Ms. Ortiz also asked about the reported ages of overdose patients on the Trinity Overdose and Hometown report and was informed those overdoses were not necessarily from an opioid.

3. Director's Report

3. I. Status Update: Service Zone Plan Review
The Board had no questions.

3. II. Update: Divisional and Department Reports and Updates.
Board Member Hall asked HHS Director Vigroux about the School Nurses and if there is an exit interview conducted when they left employment and if one could be done. Ms. Vigroux indicated that the Nurse Managers are usually aware of what is going on. Salaries for the School Nurses were discussed.

Motion: To adjourn made at 7:32 PM by John Donovan, seconded by Kerry Hall. All in favor.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CITY OF LOWELL BOARD OF HEALTH WILL BE HELD
ON JULY 18, 2018 AT 6:00 PM IN THE MAYOR'S RECEPTION ROOM.**