Minutes from meeting of the Board of Health

June 15, 2022

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5:30 meeting was called to order by Adrienne DeSantis, secretary. Present are Adrienne DeSantis, Secretary, and Tony Tavares, Member. Kelly Lamas, Chairperson called in remotely.

Pledge of Allegiance preformed.

Board signed departmental bills, and signed minutes of 4/26/22 and 5/4/22.

There were no visitations at this meeting.

A request was made for a permit for chickens at 53 Blanchard Ave, but since the board had no information at this meeting on this request, this discussion was differed to the next Board of Health meeting.

Angela Kramer RN requested to join APHA. We discussed possible whole department joining APHA so this topic will be placed on next meeting's agenda.

Covid updates were reviewed from report from Angela Kramer RN. Kelly Lamas to discuss with Angela Kramer RN about encouraging moving away from aggregate covid numbers in reporting this data.

Discussion pursued on utilizing out of grade to perform inspections. After several emails from Carrie Ribeiro, Marc Strange, Amy Kurtz, and Marshall Moriarty from the union, it was shown that as Timothy Fontaine, administrative assistant, is already being paid for Out of Grade administrative services that he would be permitted to proceed with being able to start performing town inspections. The Board recognizes that food inspections are a priority for the department, and as we have a vacant position for a full-time inspector, it would be very helpful for Timothy Fontaine, administrative assistant, to start right away performing inspections. He is agreeable and can start catching us up on behind inspections. Kelly Lamas will remain point person from the Board to assist with department management and Carrie Ribeiro HR will continue to assist with any employee or personnel issues. Tim Fontaine stated he will schedule inspections based on the office needs and coverage. He states Monday and Fridays will be his best days to leave the office. No vote was needed to proceed on this plan once all board members agreed.

Board decided to defer further discussion on addressing department head job at this time.

No applicants as of this date for full time inspector position. It remains open.

Board anticipates being awarded the shared grant on July 1, 2022 which will allot for trainings, grants and skill building, along with shared inspector.

Tony Tavares brought up past request made by Ludlow fire chief Ryan Pease to add an additional person to be trained in CPR to assist Paulina with CPR trainings. Adrienne DeSantis reviewed our last discussion with recommendations that this is not the time to add an additional non-clinical task to Angela Kramer RN work load. Board decided we need to address RN role and services as we get away from Covid tracing, look at the nurse's day to day responsibilities and her public health nursing roles. Discussions will continue on this topic. Board mentioned we have other areas of services around stop the bleed, Narcan, fall prevention just to name a few of clinical topics.

Next meeting will be 7/6/2022 at 5:30. We will most likely not be meeting again in July 2022.

A motion was made to close the meeting. Meeting ended at 6:02.

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Kindly submitted by,

Adrienne DeSantis LICSW, Secretary