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Members:
William Doyle, M.D. (2020)
Tammy Mosher (2018)
Steve Adam (2019)

**Board of Health – Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2017**

Members:

- Present: **Dr. William Doyle** (Elected), Chair. (June, 2020)
- Present: **Steven Adam**. (June, 2019)
- Present: **Nicole Zabko**, Successor Qualified.
- Present: **Tammy Mosher**. (June, 2018)

Also Present:

- Liz Whynott- Tapestry Health
- Pedro- Tapestry Health
- Aviva Luttrell- Greenfield Recorder

1) Meeting Called to order: 6:31PM

2) Tapestry – Needle Exchange

Site, Issue – tenant concerns; 278 Main Street – Not appropriate site
Pedro – NE mgr

Alternative ideas

-wants stationary site

But in the mean time – use large RV to provide services; most appropriate place to park RV and start services

-eager to start services

-Manger hired and councilor

Dr. Doyle – What is the problem?

Liz- perception issue more than anything

-Had tenant Meeting @ 278 Main Street – Virtual School has concerns

Dr. Doyle- Van in Boston

TM- Close to downtown area, social service; better stationary? – Liz Yes!

TM- How often?

Liz- Certain days of week to start

Dr. Doyle- Down town store front is the way to go?

TM- Facilities in RV? Liz- fully equipped with everything- need no resources

Liz- be here ASAP?

Dr. Doyle- Restrictions, medical? Hurdles?

Liz- use van in Holyoke & Springfield; No issues this far using van;

NZ- DPH approved? Liz – Shouldn't be problem

Liz- Still looking for space while using RV, Tapestry in ready

Dr. Doyle- – brief discussion about Virtual school

SA- Consider talking with churches?" Liz – No; 2nd coug, SA- Socially cautious organization,

NZ- Outreach?

Liz- Working, talking with recover project, Pedro is going around and introducing himself; relationships building, opioid task force, testing, Counseling and Narcan

NZ- Liz to stay in touch & Provide updates to Board.

Pedro- Street outreach

All Members and NZ support and want program to open ASAP

3) NZ introduced Aviva from the Recorder Newspaper to the Board

Brief discussion: regarding Tom's departure and replacement

4) Fluoridation- wrap up

Dr. Doyle-

Summary:

Voted not to support on 1/11/2017 Board of Health meeting; Vote taken after 2 public meetings 10/13/16 and 12/07/2017; Heard expert opinion from John Fisher, DDS Former president, who spoke in favor; Dr. Mark who opposed

Featured Speakers: Sayer, Holley, Jessica Ca-FCCHC, C.Volpe RN BSN, Rosenberg, numerous citizens who voiced concerns

**BOH reviewed tons of info studies, letters, most citizens opposed; background- repeated last 40 years; CHIP identified poor oral health; Ed Sayer- requested BOH to look into water fluoridation; BOH has authority.

Hotly debated in 1968, 1976, &1996

3 Times since late 60's; defeated by citizen vote in

2017- Current BOH voted against 2-0; Board Strongly voted against.

- Why? – Dr. Doyle relied heavily on CDC – Community Preventative Task Force Study 2013 – Fluoridation is effective and carries no harm
 - Uptick in fluorosis
 - 15% effectiveness of fluoridation – Underwhelming and lower in other studies; limited data, effectiveness of other fluoride sources (i.e. toothpaste)
 - Tabled
 - -not enough evidence to determine effectiveness of water fluoridation in disparities (poor vs rich, ect); Studies lacked consistencies
 - -\$ price, Mr. Holley = \$750,000 – lot of \$
 - Public Comments – those against came out in force
- Public should not be medicated “lack of informed consent” should not mass medicate to benefit the few” educate the parents and kids

Dr. Doyle- Has doubts

TM- Overwhelming cost, huge factor; believer in informed consent; 15% very underwhelming vs. cost to implement program

SA- states didn't add up to equal a benefit to town; opinion at 1st in favor; but perspective changed as board researched; open meetings were helpful

NZ- food processors; wasn't on radar

Aviva- Boards role to look @ alternatives

Dr. Doyle- Board very supportive of CHC oral health program; new patient sources, rinses, pills; new technology with sealants, work on adult teeth add 8-10 years – prevent cavities; BOH look at how to help. Bring procedures into schools via qualified people. Thank everyone – professional and residents; appreciate of all the letters hopefully vote is justified.

5) Agenda Items -Tabled until next meeting – TM Motioned; #3 (Title 5 Inspections) & #4 (BFMC 2016 Community Health Needs Assessment)

6) Parking Applications

7) Housing Hearing: 170 Davis Street

Property Owner: Pamela Lerch

- Copy of report to BOH
- BOH reviewed order

SA: *Motion to open "housing hearing"*; TM: 2nd

Bri – reviewed order; FC assisted with smokes

- Water heater still an immediate

Pamela-

- water heater purchased and is in the basement; scheduled with Hubbard for Friday install
- gave background; inexperienced with buildings, and only lived in the area for a couple of years.
- Spent inheritance buying the house; 5-8 inspectors misses a lot, put \$15,000 to improve house
- In process of getting items together to apply for block grant
- Martin electric is scheduled to come out on Friday
- Issue with tenant for repairs; attorney working things out; tenant threatening with dog; been there for about 2 months.

SA- Beautiful Victorian – converted to a 2 family

NZ- what are you requesting of the Board

Pamela- work on application to help improve

TM- some 30-day fixed

Board – Review list item by item; See Order for timelines; Bri Eichstaedt to rewrite

Timeline to file income taxes 2014-2015; and apply within 30 days.

TM- what has already been done and tapping into IRA speaks volumes

SA- Progress is key and looked favorably by Board

SA- close hearing, TM- 2nd

8) BFMC 2016

9) Updates:

d. member updates
Steve- Job

10) Business not reasonably anticipated

- MIH Regulations

11) Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved: BOH Chair Dr. William Doyle

W. Doyle

Date *NOV 15-2017*

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