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 Luttrel- 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 mg

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-FCCCHC, 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 at 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

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a designated Green Community and a recipient of the “Leading by Example” Award
9) Updates:
d. member updates
   Steve- Job

10) Business not reasonably anticipated
    - MIH Regulations

11) Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]
Approved: BOH Chair Dr. William Doyle

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