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Steve Adam (2019)

**Board of Health – Meeting Minutes  
May 10, 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
- Mary Kate
- Debra McLaughlin – Opioid task force Coordinator
- Madan – Indian by Nature

1) Meeting Called to order: 5:33 PM

**2) Opioid Task Force – Meet & Greet with the Board**

3 Months in; Deb discussed her background – work for FC gout in the past; lots of prevention and education committee; working with young, starting early, Task force interested in looking into more.

- Always to-do more with prevention (Iceland); Impact of opioid so profound, communities are struggling.

- 5 committees and task force; re-evaluating committees

- schools involved; kids with trauma due to substance abuse in the home; opportunities for student support.

-Prevention more informed at earlier stage

TM- Governor Baker task force, does local interface with state TF? DM State used info and data and inspired and interested in goals; Co-Chairs in regular contact with state admin and legislators

-12 million to Mass from Fed Government; DPH –request to proposals; local task force plans to respond to proposal.

Doyle- how much of 12 million to prevention?

Deb- No sure will have more info when DPH issues RFP Gov and house have increase opioid funding; senate not yet.

Doyle- Discussed medical professions involvement RE: why still issue; where is it coming from?

Deb- History of Tobacco; intentional elimination of data; Maker- legitimate and non-legitimate; cheap fentanyl - very frightening; use of testing strips for users; 91 people/ day- us; most do not know they are taking additional substances.

*Insurance-* Doyle – does mass health provide care/support?

– Some insurances provide coverage/ re-imburement- different dependent on need; difficult system to navigate for providers and users. Insurance committee – NO, but discuss at healthcare committee.

Doyle – relationship with BHN recover center? Deb- met with some; much demand for young people and women with young children; 32 beds at center;

Housing- Sober housing- met today; inventory of available beds in area- both in direct care and sober housing; certified sober housing- encourage standards; looking at models to implement in area. G.A.M.M.A. exciting work around sober housing.

Doyle- vets - soldier on – looking at sober housing also.

Doyle – what can BOH do? Forum

-Bright spots; people do recover

TM- Church with robust recover membership – do you incorporate spiritual component?

Deb- outreach in inter-faith community.

### **3) Tapestry Health: update to Board re: permanent site for harm reduction services program**

Doyle- provided history of needle exchange; Board very involved.

Doyle- little disappointed that program is not up and running here in Greenfield:

Liz- 1<sup>st</sup> community to approve after new law -North Adams- mayor allowed program to use town building space; Greenfield – wanted to move in same space as clinic – supported by landlord but Mass Virtual School was against.

-Lots of effort to find space; started to use RV @ GCC; Public.

-Liz on verge of using RV on private property. Working without a site; connecting with people on streets and agencies.

-Liz- Forming agreement to the private lots- community actions, CSA, CHD, Salvation Army.

-Needs permanent location – continuing to look for site; stationary sites- store fronts are pricey and other obstacles in finding space that's ADA compliant.

TM- documentation of work being preformed? Yes, we can type something up.

Pedro- Past 3 weeks on streets doing outreach

TM- Salvation Army good place

Pedro- No needle exchange yet; have given out narkan

Liz- increased capacity - @ detox center

TM- how much is allocated for rent? \$1000- \$1200

NZ- DPH in the know about struggle; LW yes – will ask for more money in the next budget cycle

Doyle- if mayor doesn't give permission, can go to other places – yes, it's a start; this is not permanent solution.

Doyle- one of the major concerns is longevity

LW- grass roots presence is there

LW- Vacant building (North Adams – Town)

- Mayor offered to rent for 1 yr; rent being paid to city hall; open since November

LW- very communicative with DPH

Doyle- BOH Supportive

#### 4) Indian by Nature: Food Establishment Inspection progress report

NZ- provided board info

Bri reviewed her memo to BOH- see memo

Bri- reviewed most recent inspection reports

JK- commented on her inspection

Bri- Observations – short staffed; Bri explaining basic food safety process/ requirements too often

Dr. Doyle- reviewed Madan's letter to the board

Madan- Nessbaum got too busy in Boston; keeping staff is difficult; commented first month & a half;

Nessbaum – never happened; financial struggles.

Bri- Nessbaum still on Board if Indian by Nature wants

TM- understand tough spot; but BOH is responsible for safety of community; basic items not getting done; cant say won't happen with customers getting sick; feels reading what she read last year

SA- hardships of business should not affect public's health; if can't serve safety, then that puts the BOH in a bad spot; kind of speechless

JK- we are snap shot

Bri- Short staff, not often excuse

Madan- kind of speechless; started off good, knew of issues

Doyle- Concerned with public's health

NZ management issue

Madan- yes you are right

TM- management effecting the ability to serve public safe food  
Voluntary close if problems

Bri- manager oversee is their job

SA- snapshot only; what is happening when inspectors are not there; why allow business to continue

NZ- voluntary close till issues are dealt with. Hire Nessbaum; weekly inspections

TM- Say actively involved then not 2-3 months

Doyle- Few options?

- Consider voluntary closure

Doyle – very angry; not a lie, cut close

Madan – very angry too, fix items if Madan is on site issues would not have happened

Madan – in debt

Tm- more issues if someone died from food poisoning

JK- Chander understands basics, but not following logs and temperature checks

Madan- doesn't answer at this time

SA- Suggestion- more agenda items

-go out of room and come back

Continued:

Madan – close for week – voluntarily; will have plan in week;

SA- willing to meet

TM- week to decided to stay open or close

SA- Motion to accept voluntary week long closure, and board to meet next week; Plan in writing;

5) **Health Quest** – Tabled

6) Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM

**Respectfully Submitted,**

  
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Approved: BOH Chair Dr. William Doyle

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Nov 15 2017

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