

Board of Health  
Meeting Minutes  
20 Sanderson St.  
Greenfield, MA 01301

June 4th 2020

Present: Kelly Dixon (Chair), Jennifer Hoffman, Dr. Doyle

Health Dept- Valerie Bird, Nicole Glabach (Timothy Newton not present)

Other Guests: Kara and Jane CFO (YMCA), Heidi Gebo(Stoneleigh Burnham), Christy Moore (Greenfield Rec), Kelly Jenkins (Greenfield Rec)

**Meeting Opened 10:00am**

Kelly Dixon opened the meeting, performed roll call and chairs statement.

BOH- June 1<sup>st</sup>, EEC released guidance on recreation camps and childcare. Asked the group if they had a chance to review the new guidance against their plans? What are your biggest concerns?

YMCA- We did have a chance to look at those, and for indoor camps those are a lot of regulations to follow and consider.

BOH- Many children who depend on breakfast, I would like to see that continue and not cease. My decision will depend on emergency childcare.

Kara- I did ask the State if the meal program would continue and they said that it would.

Pleased about that decision and agrees with the Board member.

Heidi- reports that all of Stoneleigh Burnham's camps will be online only.

Valerie- Will the YMCA camp be using the pool?

YMCA- They will not be using the pool, because the gym will be opening in phase 3 and it will become a community pool.

Christy- Our summer camp is usually at the Greenfield Swimming Pool. They would not be able to use the pool this year.

YMCA- A whole summer without swimming for kids will be hard.

Christy- Apex still will have swimming.

BOH- Have you heard from the Shelburne Falls Board of Health?

YMCA- They do not know yet if they are going to be open in Shelburne or not.

Christy- The Montague Board of Health and Rec Department have not made a decision as of yet.

BOH- When is the emergency childcare meeting?

Kelly J.- We don't know when the meeting is going to be as of yet.

Christy- They call them Town Hall meetings, We do not know when emergency childcare will be extended until after June 29th. I will try to get better clarification on this.

Heidi- Speaking as a parent, I would say a decision in the next couple of weeks is going to be helpful. Any decision at this point may not be the best. Parents are going to end up finding teenagers to watch their children and they might be following the social distancing guidelines as well as we would like them to. And other guidelines that have been established.

BOH- Agrees.

Christy- asked Kelly J to review the list of questions they had for the Board as it relates to the new guidance.

Kelly J- What is the requirement for the two healthcare supervisors?

BOH- They just need to be on Staff. I do not believe they have to be onsite at all times.

Kelly J- There is a long list of screening questions, nausea, headache, bellyache. So if a child presents one of these symptoms we are told to send them home? When can they return?

BOH- Three days symptom free? Unsure as it will be based on assessment.

Christy M- But there are differences for bellyaches in children. A child who eats too much food but then rests and drinks water and perks up in a half hour is ok?

BOH- That is my understanding as to why the 2nd health care supervisor is needed. To help assess whether this is covid related or something like overeating or an emotional response to something. That is no different than what you would do as a school nurse, you would have to assess multiple variables.

Valerie- I am leaning more towards emergency childcare than camp. (Valerie had to leave the meeting for a previously scheduled inspection).

BOH- Are you able to follow the standards with gloves on children, and to change often? No response.

BOH- You will have to screen everyone who comes there, including staff and children.

BOH- The checklist is pretty thorough. After listening to the weekly DPH calls, they keep reiterating about track 1 and track 2. Track 1 is the normal requirements that a Health Department reviews to provide permits/licensing. Track 2 is specific to COVID 19 plans and asks camps, like any local businesses, to self assess using the checklist and then self attest that they meet all the requirements before opening. It is not up to the local BOH or Health Department to review those plans in advance, unless requested. I don't think the Board should make a decision one way or the other. Dr. Doyle- were you able to speak with Cheryl Sbarra at MAHB?

Dr. Doyle- no, I contacted her but have not heard back yet. I wanted to ask her about LBOHs making decisions across the board for the municipalities.

BOH- other members agree that no decision should be made today.

YMCA- We would want you to look at our plans, only because the general public has access to the building.

BOH- Kids need to be separate from the public.

Kelly J- Do physicals and immunizations need to be up to date. A lot of children are now behind.

BOH- The immunizations need to be up to date.

YMCA- if we opened we would be looking at June 29<sup>th</sup> because phase 3 would be starting around July 7<sup>th</sup>.

BOH- Is this doable for the people of the Y?

YMCA- we don't think that we will be able to do indoor camps at this time..

Christy- Agrees.

YMCA- we don't think we could do indoor camp for phases two and three.

Christy- Community things cannot be moved to accommodate camp.

BOH- Appreciates everyone's honesty on trying to make a decision.

Kelly J- There is not a possibility to have 100% just outdoor camp.

YMCA- was looking at pavilions to rent.

BOH- you have our support, with whatever decision you make. You are the experts in camp and know what you are capable of and are not capable of.

YMCA- Can we do more towards the beginning of the week for a decision? After discussion, group did not feel ready to meet sooner than Thursday.

BOH- next meeting will be held on Thursday June 11<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00am.

Nicole- brought up the issue that Gary Conte was looking to organize a softball tournament for July 7th (tentative start of Phase III) and was told by the state that he needed to present his request to the Greenfield Board of Health.

BOH- please forward any documentation and invite him to the next meeting. However, per the state guidance, we are not in favor of having a tournament on the very first day of the potential phase III opening, but we can discuss that with him next week.

BOH- May 21<sup>st</sup> minutes review and approved by members, as written.

Meeting motioned and adjourned at 11:06 am.

