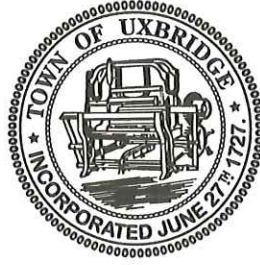


*Michael Morrisette, Chairman  
David Tapscott, Vice Chair  
Joann Lindenmayer, Member  
Nancy Centrella, Administrative Assistant  
Dr. Kristin Black, Health Agent*



TOWN OF UXBRIDGE  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
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**Minutes of the Uxbridge Board of Health meeting held on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 5:00 pm in the Board of Selectmen Meeting Room, 21 South Main Street, Uxbridge, MA**

**Present:** Michael Morrisette, Chair, and Joann Lindenmayer, Member  
Also present, Kristin Black, Health Agent and Nancy Centrella, Admin. Assistant  
David Tapscott, Vice Chair (absent)

REC'D UXB TOWN CLERK  
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**Meeting called to order:** The time being 5:05 pm and the meeting duly posted with a quorum present, Chairman Morrisette called the meeting to order.

Mike opened the meeting by recognizing and congratulating Kristin Black on the "Keep Massachusetts Beautiful Municipal Partner of the Year" award. Kristin said that it is really an award for the entire community. Mike also wished David Tapscott a speedy recovery after falling ill over the weekend.

**1. Salmon VNA Contract Renewal**

We have been contracting with them for several years. They provide nursing services, wellness checks, blood pressure and flu clinics. They send us quarterly reports regarding clinics and any infectious disease information. Joann asked if we would be notified in the event of an infectious disease outbreak. We will follow up with them to see what their protocol is in the event of an extreme situation. The FY2020 contract came in with a price increase of \$500. Our budget was already approved at the old price, so the VNA graciously agreed to keep the price as is for this next fiscal year and we will ask for a budget increase for FY2021.

**2. Discussion on Revisions of Animal Keeping Regulations**

Joann prepared a document as an overview of some of the revisions she would like to make. The BOH currently has a permit for erecting a stable and a permit for keeping agricultural animals. The Town Clerk has permits for kennels. She would like to have regulations that include all animals, dogs included. She has some questions for both Moe Guilbault, BOH Barn Inspector and Kevin Sullivan, Animal Control Officer. Currently, inspections are being done much later than the permits are being obtained or renewed. She would like change the schedule of inspections to be part of the permitting process. She will work on a final draft that we could ask Town Counsel to review. All forms for applications will need to be updated once the new regulations go into effect.

**3. Update on MDPH Intern Shannon Gray**

Shannon started working with the BOH in early May. She has been working closely with all staff and gone on several inspections (food, housing, etc.). Her main focus so far has been on our current drinking water standards and the state's guidelines as well. She has been working on a summary of some possible revisions to our current well regulations, and will hopefully have something ready to present at our next meeting. She will eventually be working with another intern, Shane, who works with Michael Gallerani, assisting him with emergency planning for the town. Joann informed Kristin that there is a CMRPC grant available for emergency planning. Kristin will follow up with Michael Gallerani.

**4. RSC Status**

Since the BOH last voted on the article to make the RSC a standing committee, several changes were made to the warrant for Town Meeting. Given the changes and the unfavorable votes from the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen, the committee will remain as a temporary committee for now. It will be discussed in the

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future once we have a new Town Manager and we can better understand what role they will have with Green  
Communities and other town depts.

**CITIZEN'S FORUM**

No public comment

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

Approval of Meeting Minutes: 4/24/2019

*Motion: Joann Lindenmayer moved to accept the April 24, 2019 minutes as written. Michael Morrissette  
seconded and the motion was passed unanimously with a vote of 2-0-0.*

**ANY OTHER MATTER THAT MAY LAWFULLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD**

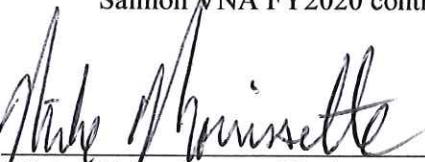
Mike congratulated Joann on winning the election for a 3 year seat on the BOH.

**ADJOURNMENT 5:35 pm**


*Motion: Joann Lindenmayer moved to adjourn the meeting. Michael Morrissette seconded and the motion was  
passed unanimously with a vote of 2-0-0.*

**Attachments:**

Salmon VNA FY2020 contract

  
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Michael Morrissette, Chairman

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David Tapscott, Vice Chairman (absent)

  
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Joann Lindenmayer, Member

## **BOARD OF HEALTH AGREEMENT**

### **TOWN of UXBRIDGE**

**Fiscal Year: 2020**

Agreement dated June 1, 2019 between the SALMON Home Care, LLC d.b.a. the VNA & Hospice of Greater Milford, (Agency) and the Town of Uxbridge (Town), acting by and through its duly authorized Board of Health.

### **WITNESSETH:**

#### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this Agreement is to arrange for the Agency to provide public health nursing duties to the Town as specified by this agreement. Additional activities or duties must be discussed and agreed upon by both parties and will be subject to additional cost(s).

#### **Mutual Responsibilities:**

A liaison person shall be designated by the Town and by the Agency to meet as necessary to review the program, discuss the services provided, and to be available as needed to consider both specific and general problems which may arise.

**Town Representative:** Michael Morrisette **Agency Representative:** Michele McGovern

#### **Responsibilities of the Agency:**

##### **A. Communicable Disease Investigations:**

1. The Agency shall be responsible for all required communicable disease follow-up investigations, including the completion and submission of the investigation reports to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH), counseling and education, testing, and screening for communicable diseases as identified by the DPH. All communicable diseases will be reported via the MAVEN system.
2. The agreement with the VNA includes unrestricted telephone access to knowledgeable public health nurses 365 days per year for information and guidance concerning public health issues at no additional charge. The agreement provides a resource to Town residents and businesses to answer questions regarding communicable diseases and prevention
3. Immunization, other than at the annual, seasonal influenza clinics, will be limited to individuals exposed to applicable communicable diseases, such as Hepatitis A, in instances when the vaccine is made available from DPH. All other requests for preventative immunization and/or TB screening for departments of the Town will be considered on a private pay basis.
4. In the event of the need for a significant number of home visits in order to conduct direct observed therapy (DOT) for confirmed, active tuberculosis cases or children under five on prophylaxis, consideration for an amendment may be requested.

**B. Clinic Program:**

The Agency shall provide a health promotion clinic program to the Town, which includes the following:

1. Health Screening/Health Education Clinics: Vital sign and health education clinics will be held nine times per year at times and at location(s) established in conjunction with the Town, e.g., Senior Centers. The objective of this program is to provide health screening, preventive health education and health awareness, as well as information on local health resources.
2. Annual Seasonal Influenza Clinics: three seasonal immunization clinics will be held for persons who are identified by the Massachusetts DPH as eligible for receipt of State provided vaccine. Vaccine availability and supply will be determined by the number of doses provided by DPH. Medical supplies, including disposal of the hazardous waste, will be provided and handled by the Agency and is included in the Agreement.
3. Maternal-Child Health Services:
  1. Accepting referrals for any child abuse or neglect concerns, visiting family and following through as necessary with mandated reporting, counseling, education and support.
  2. Assisting pregnant women to secure early and continuous medical and dental care.
  3. Visiting the homes of premature babies to assist parents with instruction in the care of infant.
  4. Visiting the homes of other new babies where there is a need for health promotion education and resource identification.
  5. Encouraging medical supervision and early immunization by the family physician. Working cooperatively with other community agencies and making referrals to them as indicated.


**C. General**

Patient health care records shall be maintained at the Agency. All necessary reports shall be completed by the designated Agency personnel via MAVEN. Immunization records will be stored offsite for the required number of years.

**Responsibilities of the Board of Health:**

- A. The Board of Health will make available a representative for the purpose of consultation and/or home visitation, should environmental conditions warrant such action.
- B. Consideration of additional reimbursement to the Agency should a significant number of home visits in order to conduct direct observed therapy (DOT) occur.

**Terms of the Agreement:**

This Agreement shall remain in effect from **July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020** and shall be reviewed at least annually or more frequently if necessary by both parties for the purpose of amending, terminating or renewing the terms of the contract for the next fiscal year. The terms of this agreement may be amended by written consent and mutual agreement of both parties and all amendments shall be attached to and become part of the original Agreement. *5/22/19* 

Payment: For Fiscal Year 2020 the Town of Uxbridge agrees to pay the Agency, \$6,500:00 for the services listed in this Agreement. The Town will be billed on a monthly basis.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have duly executed this Agreement as of the day and year first written above.

SALMON Home Care, LLC

TOWN OF UXBRIDGE

BY:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Executive Director

BY:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson, Board of Health

DATE: 5/15/2019 \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: 5/21/19 \_\_\_\_\_