

Board of Health minutes
November 18, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Thomas Klem (TK), chair, members Cynthia Hill (CH) and Elisabeth Brewer (EB) M.D. Also present were Julia Junghanns (JJ), Director of Public Health and Patti White, Department Assistant.

7:00 p.m. Public Comment- there were none

7:05 p.m. Budget line item discussion- School Mental Health Services (Human Relations Service)- Rob Evans, Executive Director, HRS ; Mark Kline, Clinical Director, HRS; Marlene Dodyk, Director of Student Services, Guest- Finance Committee Liaison- David Gutschenritter; Ruth Mori, Public Health Nurse/School Nurse Leader

The Board wants to get a better understanding of the breakdown of the hours of services provided to students and Wayland residents (school and non-school services). There are questions regarding where the services are provided through this line item which has been in the Board of Health budget for many years yet the Health Department and Board of Health really has no involvement or oversight of HRS. the only time we interact is when we provide payment for services and when we request information for the annual report when it is being prepared and we are provided with numbers and information. There are questions as to whether the Board of Health's budget is the best home for this line item or whether another town department's budget would be a better fit (School Department? Youth and Family Services?). There was lengthy discussion. Comments were made regarding the fact that school budget would not work because non-school services are provided by HRS, school budget could be for only school related activities. HRS works with school department staff, students and parents of students, and some residents that have no connection to schools. Residents can be provided with services from HRS on a sliding pay scale. Schools are required through sped programs to provide mental health services, HRS is involved with providing these services and works with school staff.

Dr. Evans indicated that he would be willing to visit the Board or submit written reports on a quarterly basis to keep us in the loop of what is going on during the year. Health Department staff will provide a link on the website to the HRS website.

The board will entertain continuing the discussion at a future date with the full board to see if there are any additional suggestions or questions from the members not present. At this time this line item is approved/included by the Board in the Board of Health budget for FY15. There are no changes being made at this time.

December meeting date will be December 9th
The bills have been approved

8:45 TK: motion to adjourn CH second

Respectfully submitted
Patti White
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