

Winthrop Board of Health

January 31, 2013

Meeting held in the Emergency Operation Center

Convened at 6:03 PM

Adjourned at 7:40 PM

Attending:

James L. Little, Chairman

Nicholas LoConte, member

Bridget Mulerrin, member

Eric Moore, Director of Public Health

Jeanne Maggio, Medical Reserve Coordinator

Ro Sarro, RN, Public Health Nurse

GUESTS;

D.J. Wilson, Mass. Municipal Association

Patricia Milano, CASA

Liz Tanefis, Health Resources in Action

Nick Delvento, Town Councilor

Laura Bagnatoir, RN, Regis College Nursing Student Observer

Minutes of December 27., 2012 were accepted as read. Motion by Nicholas LoConte and seconded by James Little to accept minutes of December 27. 2012.

Motion approved .

New Business :

Tobacco Presentation- Liz Tanefis, Health Resources in Action

The presentation featured other tobacco products being marketed to young consumers and sold widely. These products bear the same health effects as cigarettes. The products are sold in a wide range of flavors and often packaged in bright or metallic wrappers that evoke images of candy. These products

are marketed by the tobacco industry as a product that can be used where smoking is prohibited. These products are cheaper than a pack of cigarettes. And sold individually , tempting to young consumers.

Liz also pointed out that products used in Hookah smoking have the same health effects as smoking cigarettes.. She also cited sanitation and germ problems with the mouthpiece of the pipe and tubing.

Correspondence:

Atty. Joseph Boncore requesting a postponement of the Kasbah restaurant and Hookah smoking to February 28, 2013 meeting.

Motion by Nick LoConte seconded by Bridget Mulkerrin to postpone meeting with the Kasbah until the Feb, 28, meeting.

Motion approved unanimously.

#### DIRECTORS REPORT:

1. Regional North Shore Opiate Overdose Summit held on January 31, 2013 at Kowloon restaurant Saugus. Cities of Revere, Saugus, Chelsea, Lynn and the town of Winthrop gathered to discuss the opiate epidemic affecting the region. The Winthrop Health Department was involved in preparatory meetings for the summit. The next summit planned for Feb. 28, 2013.
2. Revere and Winthrop representatives met with Speaker DeLeo at the State House on January 15, 2013, to discuss substance abuse affecting the communities. There will be a follow up meeting date not determined to continue follow up.
3. Meeting with Superintendent John Macero to follow up on Winthrop Middle School air quality study by the Mass. DPH Bureau of Environmental Health Indoor Quality Program. Results of the findings are available in the Board of Health Office.
4. Mr. Moore served as a trial witness I Suffolk Superior Court for body found on 429 Winthrop St.
5. Sanitation inspections are ongoing.
6. Nuisance and complaints coming into office have generally been heat related.

#### Public Health Nurse Report

Flu vaccine received this year did not cover a strain that is prevalent this year. however flu shots are still recommended as they are 62% effective.

200-250 flu shots have been administered thus far this season.

Ro reports a conference call from a Community outreach program on Hepatitis C. Ro. as a facilitator for MRC Region 4B has set up an inservice February 20, 2013 a Hepatitis C Seminar. Ro reports no active cases of Hepatitis C in the town. She emphasized at present there is no vaccine available for Hepatitis C.

#### MRC REPORT:

Jeanne reports an MRC volunteer administered 18 flu shots in the Board Office while Ro was on vacation.

Jeanne is working with day care centers, schools, and home day care on emergency planning. A survey has been sent out , and group meetings have been planned.

Jeanne is working with the Housing Authority on emergency planning.

The MRC meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month.

Shelter training is ongoing.

A shelter drill is planned for the spring.

Jeanne has received a grant to work as a consultant to the Board of Health. The board welcomes her expertise.

Motion to adjourn at 7:40 PM . Motion by Nicholas LoConte and seconded by Bridget Mulkerrin.

Motion approved. Unanimously.

Next Meeting February 28, 2013 in the Emergency Operating Center at 6:PM.

NOTE: In the event a person with disability wishing to attend meeting, the meeting can be moved. Please notify Board Office of intent to attend the meeting at 617-846-1740.

ALL DOCUMENTS USED AT THIS MEETING ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST AT THE BOARD OF HEALTH OFFICE.