

East Longmeadow Board of Health Agenda

Wednesday, February 20, 2019; 6:00 p.m. at East Longmeadow Public Library Community Room, 60 Center Square, East Longmeadow

Board of Health Members Present: Dr. Sarah Perez McAdoo, Karen Robitaille, R.N., and Dr. Kevin Hinchey
Health Department Staff Present: Aimee Petrosky, Donna Bowman, and Alix Shipman
Visitor:

Topic	Discussion/Action Taken/Decision Made
Call to order and Chair Announcements	Meeting called to order by Chair, Dr. Sarah Perez McAdoo at 6:00 p.m.
Approve minutes of previous meetings: November 28, 2018	Vote Motion to approve minutes from November 28, 2019, was made by Karen Robitaille and seconded by Dr. Kevin Hinchey. Motion passes 3-0.
Public Comment	
New Business	
Body Art Establishment Public Hearing	Motion to open the hearing made by Karen Robitaille and seconded by Dr. Kevin Hinchey. Motion passes 3-0. Sarah read the process of the hearing and explained the public hearing was to discuss proposed tattoo regulations for East Longmeadow. Copies of the proposed regulations were made available at the meeting, the Health Department Office, online, and Town Hall. Jim Fortier, owner of a tattoo shop at 176 North Main Street. The only concerns Jim had are the number of sinks required in each stations. Jim also notes tattoo establishments are able to purchase tubes that are attached to the machine that do not need to be changed and will only be wrapped as something for inspectors to be aware of while inspecting tattoo shops. Motion to close the public hearing made by Karen Robitaille and seconded by Dr. Kevin Hinchey. Motion passes 3-0.
Body Art Establishment Regulations	Vote Motion to approve the regulations as presented with an effective date of April 1 st was made by Karen Robitaille and seconded by Dr. Kevin Hinchey. Motion passes 3-0.
Tobacco Non Compliance	Aimee briefs the Board that two tobacco shops were invited by them to the meeting to discuss tobacco non-compliance violations. Sarah discusses the importance of tobacco compliance and tells Zain's they were invited today to come in front of the Board to discuss what they plan to do in order to address the non-compliance. Zain's thought this was a hearing to contest the notice they received on February 14, 2019. Zain's was informed he needs to

	<p>request a public hearing to contest the tobacco non-compliance in writing within seven days from February 14, 2019. Representatives from Zain's ask if they are allowed to have a water bubbler to provide water for customers, as well as a vending machine for food and drinks for employees only. Aimee tells them that they can have a water fountain or bubbler for free, but there can be no incidental sales for anything other than tobacco at their establishment. Sarah shares with them the tobacco retailer training coming up in East Longmeadow.</p> <p>Umar, co-owner of Planet Vape was present for tobacco non-compliance for a sale to a minor as reported by the FDA. Inspections also documents selling cigars for the price under the state minimum, as well as self-service items present from Donna's inspection and state inspection. Sarah asks Umar how he plans to correct any tobacco non-compliance from occurring in the future and what steps Umar plans on taking to prevent any issues from occurring. Umar tells the board he plans on adding new counters that are larger than the current counters to prevent customers from being able to reach and grab tobacco products, which will prevent self-service. Sarah asks Donna when she plans on following up. Donna plans on doing a reinspection next week after the new counters are installed. Aimee notes for the record that Planet Vape will not be receiving anymore warnings regarding Tobacco Violations and will be fined moving forward if anymore violations occur. Umar requests signage that no one is grandfathered in for the 21 plus regulation because East Longmeadow went 21 plus before the January 2019.</p> <p>Karen asks about a violation in the packet for Countryside. Aimee tells the board that Countryside was not invited to come in front of the board because the only violation was received from the FDA and the board doesn't have any authority to fine based on the inspection. However, the board can invite Countryside to come in front of the board to discuss the violation of sale to a minor because the board is the permitting authority. Karen requests Countryside to come in front of the board at the March meeting to discuss tobacco non-compliance.</p>
Tobacco Enforcement Office	<p>Vote</p> <p>Motion to appoint Dennis Lacourse and Merridith O'Leary as agents of the board to conduct tobacco enforcement in town as part of our participation in Pioneer Valley Tobacco Coalition made by Dr. Kevin Hinchey and seconded by Karen Robitaille. Motion passes 3-0.</p>
Old Business	<p>The board signs the letter that will be sent to Governor Charlie Baker.</p>
2019 Action Plan	<p>Karen requests to add tobacco training to tobacco compliance outreach and training and add alcohol sale compliance checks that include working with internal resources to provide alcohol compliance checks to and retailer education.</p> <p>Other highlights include the merging of MRC and CERT teams, allowing us to be able to pull volunteers from a larger group of people and provide monthly trainings for volunteers.</p> <p>Karen suggests a joint meeting with Youth Safety Committee to review the data from the online survey that will be going out in the next couple of weeks for high school grades 10, 11 and 12, as well as to discuss</p>

<p>grants that are available for the Youth Safety Committee to apply for.</p> <p>Aimee updates the Board of what the Health Department has been working on including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applying through DPH for an intern to complete tick research and provide tick education to our residents • Submitted an E&R Grant application for shared health services to help fund the process of developing an MOU for \$40,000 of the grant will go towards a health needs assessment • The Department as awarded a mattress recycling grant • Donna applied for a grant to receive 125 car seats and 25 boosters to replace car seats to residents for free • Aimee was accepted into a state wide health equity cohort • Aimee will be completing the FY20 budget. Town Council is asking for a 0% increase. • Aimee also updates the Board on the success of Simple Recycling and that they've collected the full tonnage from the year before in only two months. • Enforcement of the trash has saved the town a total of \$9,000 in the first two months. Once we get a three month trend, Aimee will send the data to Town Council. 	<p>Department Updates</p>
<p>Decide Next BOH Meeting Dates</p>	<p>The next meeting will be on March 20, 2019.</p>

Motion to adjourn made by Karen Robitaille and seconded by Dr. Kevin Hinchey at 7:01PM. **Motion passed 3-0.**

Upcoming Meetings / Events

This listing is reasonably anticipated by the Chair to be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.


Dr. Kevin Hinchey

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