The emergency BOH meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Dr. Robert Rappaport, Chair, who remotely dialed in to the meeting. BOH members present were Dr. Barry Izenstein and Maripat Toye, MS, RN. Beverly Hirschhorn, CHO, Longmeadow, Health Director, was also in attendance. Dr. Robert Baevsky and Dr. Richard Steingart were excused.

I. An emergency situation was brought to the attention of the Longmeadow CHO when information came in that a gentleman was found living in a trailer without any utilities (heat, running water, operable toilet fixtures or electricity) at 50 West Road in Longmeadow. The CHO and Longmeadow Fire Department have been involved in investigating the situation. Mobile trailers must meet the minimum standards of the Code if they serve as a dwelling for more than 30 days. The situation was of an emergency nature given the current weather conditions and that there is a propane heater with possible exposure to high CO emissions. The CHO is working with Senior Services personnel, Erin Keebler, to set up services as potential housing and resources for this individual. They have set up appointments for the gentleman to meet with them and assess his situation with him. The fire department is working to provide smoke and CO detectors for the trailer as well.

The BOH voted on the urgent issues regarding this situation.

1) Having received the report of the Health Director regarding the conditions inside the trailer on the property of 50 West Road, Longmeadow, the BOH deems the conditions reported do not meet minimum standards for human habitation (105 CMR 410.00) and pose an immediate threat to health and safety of the occupant (per 105 CMR 410.020). This trailer is “unfit for human habitation” as defined by 105 CMR 750 and 105 CMR 410.831. The BOH voted unanimously to deem the conditions within the trailer at 50 West Road, Longmeadow as “Unfit for Human Habitation” on the grounds that the conditions (1) fail to comply with minimum standards for human habitation (105 CMR 410.000) and (2) pose an imminent threat to human health and safety (105 CMR 410.020,.750, and .831).

2) The BOH in accordance with 105 CMR 410.831 votes to issue to David Ledwith, occupant of the trailer located on the property of 50 West Road, Longmeadow, an “Order to Vacate” such trailer by 5 pm on December 1, 2019. This trailer may not be reoccupied until a BOH Inspection verifies that it meets minimum standards of habitation (105 CMR 410.000). The BOH voted unanimously to issue the occupant of the trailer an “Order to vacate” per 105 CMR 410.831.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Longmeadow Board of Health