

LONGMEADOW BOARD OF HEALTH

*Minutes of Meeting*

Tuesday, October 27, 2009      7:00A.M.    Longmeadow Fire Dept.Training Rm.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 A.M. by the Chair.

BOH members present were: Dr. Michael Coppola, Dr. Richard Steingart, Maripat Toye, RN, MS, Dr. Robert Rappaport, and associate member to the BOH, Dr. Robert Baevsky. Beverly Hirschhorn, CHO, Longmeadow Health Director, was also present.

1) No Public comment was available at the beginning of this meeting.

2) H1N1 Influenza Vaccination Program

The H1N1 Influenza and the Longmeadow BOH and plans for implementation of a school H1N1 vaccine program were discussed. The BOH reviewed all documents relative to H1N1 vaccination program for the Longmeadow Middle and High School, where the town will conduct school vaccination clinics for students. Documents reviewed included: Standing Orders H1N1, Standing Orders Emergencies H1N1, Combination Consent form, VIS H1N1 Live Attenuated nasal spray, VIS H1N1 inactivated vaccine injection, H1N1 Letter to parents, H1N1 Screening form injectable, H1N1 Screening Questionnaire LAIV. The BOH members reviewed the MA DPH “models” for the standing orders and the consents. Edits and recommendations were made and these forms will be customized to meet the required recommendation of the DPH and the BOH. The BOH will continue to closely follow and monitor the implementation of the H1N1 vaccination program for the schools.

3) Inground Pool Nuisance-104 Tecumseh Drive

The BOH reviewed the violations regarding the inground pool at this abandoned property and the violations of safety and health codes. The issues revolve around a backyard swimming pool and standing water. The emission of noxious odor, an air contaminant, had caused a nuisance condition in violation of 310 CMR 7.0 and Chapter 111, Section 122 and 123. The situation also created stagnant water which can breed mosquitoes, and as carriers of West Nile Virus, could have caused a threat to public health. This condition served as a public health nuisance in violation of Chapter 111, Section 122 and 123 and could have an affect on the general public ( 105CMR 410.601). The CHO has attempted to work with this owner for over 4 months on these violations. BOH unanimously voted to serve the owner via the Sheriff’s office with a notification to reply to this demand for resolution to these issues. The owner is to inform the BOH within 5 days of receiving the notification of the owners plan to address the violations. The owner will have 14 days to complete the clean-up efforts. After this time period, if the nuisance has not been abated ,Town Counsel is to be instructed to take legal action to allow the abatement of the nuisance (using private contractors or public employees, consistent with normal procedures in similar situations) at the owners expense. The cost of the abatement would constitute a debt owed to the municipality.

The BOH meeting was adjourned at 7:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted, Maripat Toye, RN, MS,  
For the Longmeadow BOH