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**MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF
BURLINGTON BOARD OF HEALTH
CONTOIS AUDITORIUM
TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2012 5:30 PM**

Attending: Austin Sumner, David Casey, Ian Galbraith, Caroline Tassey, William Ward, Linda Ayer

Absent: Mary Hart, Emma Hevey, Grace Hevey

Public: Catherine Suiter- Special Projects, Julie Cole: Project for Coordinator – Community Health Improvement

Meeting called to order by Chair, Austin Sumner at 5:35 PM

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Approval of Agenda and Minutes of Prior Meeting	Agenda w/ modifications (Staff Reports moved before Chair’s Report) David Casey’s wrote an excellent response of BOH discussion and action regarding hospital drug disposal practices.	Approved amended agenda Approved July 12, 2012 Minutes

	<p>NALBOH conference report postponed to next meeting. Staff reports to follow Public Forum before Chair's report.</p>	
2. Public Forum	<p>Strategic Plan Speakers: FAHC – Catherine Suiter and Julie Cole</p> <p>Community Health Assessment is required by the Affordable Care Act. It is almost completed; ongoing project which brings up more questions than it answers.</p> <p>Health Status of Residents:(Attachment A) Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traditional assessment conducted incorporating, interviews, focus groups, robust on-line survey (on-1500 opened, 1200 answered survey w/ more educated, employed females responding with the 50-69 age group responding not much differently than the younger populations. • Key leader interviews were done with those working with older populations and refugees. Geographic areas included Chittenden Co & Grand Isle, Burlington, Charlotte, Shelburne Focus groups in Milton and Hinesburg had minimal response. • >50% of those surveyed lived in Burlington. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kids main health care issue is mental health support. Slow response of DCF re: abuse of children exacerbating substance abuse issues. Prescription drug use needs better controls. Reducing youth binge drinking is a priority. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>BOH: Pain specialists are a way to decrease the prescription med issue with more careful pain management. Service providers need to provide better discharge planning.</i> ○ <i>FAHC: Clinics are limited in amount of patients in drug treatment for Suboxone. Howard Centers attempting to address this.</i> • Seniors have a high need of transportation; affordable home care, long term health care, understanding medical components. • Children and families are the largest population in need of health services and information. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ “Good Schools” was not defined <p><i>Question: Does BOH want to examine what makes a “good” school?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Obesity prevention/access to healthy foods, nutrition education, exercise – livable city. <p><i>BOH – small children to find activities/ outdoor and indoor activities – Parks and Rec programs - \$\$ Afterschool and weekend programs in school</i></p>	
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	<p><i>gyms.</i></p> <p>Priority issues: < \$50,000 - affordable housing > \$50,000 - employment opportunities Barriers to care: service providers and locations - HIPPA barriers - amounts of documentations... Burlington Community Benefit Committee - Health Foundation comprised of (6) citizens and (6) FAHC people: <i>Steve Lafleur – CFO – FA committee.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer work and giving dollars to community total \$700,000 • Other assessments mirror FAHC: Howard Mental Health Burlington Legacy ECOS – Chittenden Co. Regional Planning Commission – Environment (stable communities, health). <p>Next Steps: Get all partners together to address issues related to: new Americans, dental/mental health services specifically detections for young people).</p>	<p>BOH will continue involvement with issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug Take Back • Safe Schools <p>David Casey to follow up with Julie Cole and Mariah Sanderson - Burlington Partnership for Healthy Communities to address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dental Health • Obesity prevention and access to nutritious foods • Urban Ag policies around sustainable food sources.
<p>3. Staff Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code Enforcement Updates 	<p>Code Enforcement: Health Officer W. Ward reported two of three uninhabitable buildings are now occupied. All beaches are currently open and are being monitored weekly</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditures: • NALBOH • Web Updates/Front Porch Forum 	<p>Video production, FPF</p> <p>NALBOH conference materials distributed for review – continue discussion at next meeting.</p> <p>Immunization Posting?</p>	<p>Approved \$250.00 payment for video production. Approved FPF quarterly expenditure.</p> <p>Agenda item for next meeting.</p> <p>David Casey and Caroline Tassey to draft posting for immunization.</p>
<p>4. Chair's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burlington Lead Program - Health Protected Information • Farmers Market 	<p>HIPPA - Commissioner of Health has contacted the Mayor; attorney needs clarity from Mayor's office before continuing communications with the VDH.</p> <p>Discussion: Unknown as to whether the Mayor has been in correspondence with Dr. Chen. Previous Chair, Alan Sousie, met with the Mayor once a month. Agreement among BOH members that it is important to educate the Mayor and elicit his support.</p> <p>Austin Sumner reported on the follow up on Farmer's Market concerns with the State Agricultural Dept which is developing materials to screen potential vendors. Goal for next season is to have a program manager in place to address concerns.</p>	<p>BOH approved the motion that Chair, Austin Sumner, Health Officer Bill Ward, and CEDO Brian Pine will approach Mayor Weinberger to inform him of the efforts of the BOH to protect children from lead poisoning in Burlington.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOH Public Health Assessment 	<p>BOH is still gathering information from monthly Speaker's Forums and it makes sense to consider the information gleaned in assessment.</p> <p>Healthy Vermonters 2020 --- http://healthvermont.gov/pubs/hv2020/index.aspx– Suggestion to post on FPF letting readers know that BOH is reviewing it. Public comments are to be directed to the state via the message link.</p>	<p>Approved postponing BOH Assessment until January 2013.</p> <p>BOH members to review VDH Healthy Vermonters 2020 draft and send recommendations to Austin Sumner as to whether BOH or individual members should provide feedback.</p>
<p>5. Members' Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P.O.P.E. (Pesticide Ordinance Public Education) • School Inspections • Urban Agriculture Task Force • F-35 	<p>P.O.P.E. presence at Greenworks Event sponsored by Vermont Nursery and Landscape Association at Horsford's Nursery, August 23, 2012. (Attachment B)</p> <p>New Property Manager in School District: Who is Chris Giard's replacement?</p> <p>Schedule October, November, December w/ 3 remaining schools.</p> <p>Urban Agriculture Task Force is completing report. http://burlingtonfoodcouncil.org/our-projects/uatf/.</p> <p>There is a community effort to block stationing the F-35 at BTV. City Councilors have signed a resolution.</p>	<p>Appointed Health Officer, W. Ward as the primary lead for on-going school inspections and to initiate communications with the new property maintenance manager for the school district.</p> <p>Approved that a BOH member be identified as the liaison to the Health Officer for inspections.</p> <p>Tabled F-35 discussion to next month's meeting.</p>

	<p>David Casey presented health issues' impact on the city of Burlington:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fuel Dumping, • Crashes, • Housing migration, • Noise. <p>What should BOH's course of action be?</p>	
6. Agenda Items/Next Meeting	<p>Agenda change to Staff Reports positioned before Chair's Report. F-35 Discussion HIPPA/Lead Paint NALBOH Conference Emergency Preparedness – September 13- Robt Miller - Bill. Food and Lodging - October 11 - DPW- Austin Public Safety – Police Chief – December 13 – City Hall -Bill</p>	<p>W. Ward to invite speaker for Emergency Preparedness speaker's forum.</p>
7. Adjournment	8:00 PM	<p>NEXT MEETING: 5:30 PM, Thursday, September 13, 2012 – Robert Miller</p>

Attachment A:

[FAHC ASSESSMENT 2012.pdf](#)

Attachment B:

P.O.P.E.
August 14, 2012 Report to BOH

David Casey, BOH/P.O.P.E. member, Jurij Homziak – UVM Seagrant, Lisa Hoare, FAHC Grounds Maintenance Director, Jay Vos, Former BOH and P.O.P.E. co-chair, William Ward, Health Officer/Director Code, and Linda Ayer, Health/Code Administrator met on Aug. 2, 2012 as a working group for annual Greenworks Event sponsored by the Vermont Nursery and Landscape Association at Horsfords Nursery.

Discussed logistics of donated table set up, the audience and focus of our materials and assigned various tasks to those of P.O.P.E. able to attend the event: (Jay, Jurij, Lisa and Linda) on Thursday, August 23, 2012 from 8:30 – 4:30 (set up at 6:30 – 8:30). Message is focused on alternatives to pesticides and invasive species control. Looking to generate some partnerships with lawn maintenance and landscapers to work with lawn labs project to gather some cost comparison data. Meeting again on Thursday, August 16 @ 10:00 AM at DPW to finalize presentation.

Next meeting of the entire P.O.P.E. group (new and regular members) scheduled for Thursday, August 30, 2012 (time and place TBD) to plan Lawn Labs Phase III Seminar to be offered at 5:30 PM at Robert Miller on September 10th for past and new participants. Sid Bosworth will be presenting on Fall Turf Maintenance and P.O.P.E. is hoping to continue the partnership with DR Mowers for Aerator use.

P.O.P.E. now has a domain name PesticideOrdinance.org through the city's website. Currently seeking volunteer input from web-experienced designer for our page and to then upload our data, programs, activities, etc. on-line.

Presentation of evolution of P.O.P.E. to NALBOH Conference August 8, 2012 by William Ward and Linda Ayer was well received. Powerpoint will be uploaded to both the BOH Website and the pesticideeducation.org website.

Submitted by Linda Ayer