

The January 19, 2001 Board of Health meeting was called to order at 4:29 pm by Donna S. David, R.N., M.N., Chair.

Those present were Donna S. David, R.N., M.N., Chair, Robert M. Eisendrath, M.D., Vice Chair, David B. Alper, D.P.M., Member, Stefan A. Russakow, M.A., R.S., Director, John Maguranis, Animal Control Officer, Ellen O'Doherty, Clerk.

The December 2010 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

During Public Participation documents and photos were submitted by Jarina Shrestha, 63 Slade Street relative to an incident she had with a dog on September 1, 2010. The resident stated she still is dealing with a fear of dogs and it is her belief that the dog "is not safe for the community". The Board listened to the presentation by Ms. Shrestha and stated that there had been a public hearing and that the dog owner had complied with the orders of the Board and the training was complete. The Board also stated that under the circumstances they could not order the dog to be removed from Belmont. The Board thanked Ms. Shrestha and closed Public Participation.

Belmont Police Chief Richard McLaughlin arrived to discuss the findings of the Youth Risk survey and programs already in place through the Belmont Police Department. One very important issue is how to find funding to replace the Student Resource Officer at the High School and perhaps multiple departments to share the expense. The Belmont Police Department is actively involved in the "Diversion" program in combination with the Schools and the District Attorney's Office. The Board thanked Chief McLaughlin for coming and providing information on the various programs already in place.

The Youth & Family Services report was discussed as well as the data from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey. J. Amdur was present to discuss her report as well as the upcoming Girls Group. Dr. Alper requested that the basic template for the Girls Group be given to the Religious Council for their utilization and he volunteered to bring it to the next meeting. The booklet "7 Ways To Protect Your Teen From Alcohol and Other Drugs" will be give to Mike Harvey, Belmont High School Principal, for distribution. The cost of mailing may be funded by DARE. There was lengthy discussion about the stress students are facing today and a need to relieve that stress, either by some social activities and/or free time.

The Disease, Receipts, and Financial Reports were reviewed noting a very large increase in Animal Citations.

The Director's Report (on file in the Health Department) was discussed and the Director gave an explanation of what the "Digital Health Department" software is and what it does.

The Assistant Director's Report (on file in the Health Department) and the Food Inspection Reports were reviewed and the Board would like to commend the Assistant Director, Angela Braun, on a great report.

The Animal Control Officer's Report and the Veteran's Service Officer's Reports were discussed.

The complaints were reviewed.

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2011 at 5:15 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna S. David, R.N., M.N., Chair