

The October 19, 2011 meeting of the Belmont Board of Health was called to order at 5:16 pm by David B. Alper, D.P.M., Chair.

Those present were David B. Alper, D.P.M., Chair, Robert M. Eisendrath, M.D., Vice Chair, Donna S. David, R.N., M.N., Member, Stefan A. Russakow, M.A., R.S., Director, Angela Braun, R.S., Assistant Director, Ellen O'Doherty, Clerk.

The Hearing for Keith Metrano, Mobile Food, was opened at 5:17 pm. Mr. Metrano was present. The Board inquired as to why the change in Mr. Metrano's method of operation, Mr. Metrano stated that he had indeed been avoiding the Assistant Director but that would not continue as he would comply with all requirements. The Board was pleased with the response as there has been a very long good working relationship between Mr. Metrano and the Health Department. The Assistant Director requested a date and time for re-inspection and it was agreed that October 20, 2011 at 9:30 am would work for everyone. The Board thanked Mr. Metrano and closed the Hearing at 5:29 pm.

Wesley Chin, Regional Tobacco Control Coordinator was welcomed by the Board and gave a presentation as to what he would be doing relative to tobacco and some of the goals set by the Regional Group. A discussion was held regarding banning tobacco sales in pharmacies and the Board was not unanimous in support of this and inquired as to the effectiveness, etc. Wesley also explained about the "84" group which is made up of high school students opposed to tobacco use and the number eighty four represents the number of high school students who do not use tobacco. (according to surveys) The Board thanked Wesley for his presentation.

*5:50 pm: a student from Regis College majoring in Health Administration arrived to observe the Board meeting.

The Meeting Minutes from September 14, 2011 were approved unanimously.

The Disease Report was discussed and the Board would like David Neylon, Public Health Nurse to come to a meeting to discuss some of the trends in communicable disease.

The Receipts Report and the Budget Report were discussed.

The Director's Report (on file in the Health Department) was discussed as well as the Assistant Director's Report (on file in the Health Department).

The Animal Control Officer's Report and Veterans Service Officer's Reports were reviewed and the Board commented that the 911 Memorial Ceremony was great.

The Youth and Family Services Report was discussed and the format of it is good, easier to understand.

Complaints were reviewed without comment.

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The Director brought up the history of the Fee Schedule and some components that are missing. Catering Registrations are increasing dramatically and the fact that there is no fee doesn't make sense. The work still has to be done and it shouldn't be the burden of the tax payers to fund it. The Board agreed and set the fee at \$25.00 effective January 1, 2012, all in favor. The other licensing/fee issue is Wholesale/Processors/Distribution. The current fee schedule has no clear definition of the above process and it should be its own category, The Board voted unanimously to add the category to the Fee Schedule beginning January 1, 2012 with a \$100 licensing fee.

Another issue that has come up is the Abrasive Blasting Regulation and the fact that it is very hard to understand. The Board voted to amend the language to make it more clear and concise and the \$50 licensing fee included (already in the regulation) should be enforced effective March 1, 2012. All in favor, unanimous.

The next Board of Health meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 17, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

David B. Alper, D.P.M., Chair