



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Board of Health
Health Services Conference Room

September 9, 2019
6:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from June 25, 2019

IV. REPORTS

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Adult-Use Cannabis

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Village Board Direction on Boards and Commissions

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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**Board of Health
9/9/2019**

Item: Minutes from June 25, 2019

Department: Health & Human Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Minutes from June 25, 2019

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Minutes



**Village of Arlington Heights
Board of Health
Minutes from June 25, 2019**

I. Call to Order

Acting Chair Meservey called the meeting to order at 6:34pm.

II. Roll Call

Present:

Thomas Harris, DDS
Jerome Meservey, MD
Karen VanLandeghem

Absent:

Chair Timothy Laurie, MD
Sean Barnett, MD

Also Present:

James McCalister, Director of Health & Human Services
Mary Sterrenberg, RN
Lindsay Dohse, Community Health Nurse
Nathan Hayes, Deputy Chief Arlington Heights Police Department
Melissa Cayer, Resident

III. Approval of Minutes

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY DR. HARRIS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES
FROM THE APRIL 1, 2019 MEETING, SECONDED BY MS.
VANLANDEGHEM AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

IV. Reports

A. Community Health Nurse Update

Ms. Sterrenberg introduced Lindsay Dohse, the newly hired part-time Community Health Nurse. Ms. Dohse comes with 15 years of nursing experience and 6 years as an Acute Care Nurse Practitioner.

V. Old Business

A. Gun Control

Deputy Chief Hayes shared that gun involvement is rare as it relates to crime within the community. The National Shooter Sports Association outlines a program that offers gun education and safety kits, and the Police Department will review to determine if they will collaborate with the association to increase outreach to residents.

Dr. Meservey asked what is a safety kit? Deputy Chief Hayes explained the gun safety kit, and that the purpose of the kit is to prevent a gun from functioning. He said the goal is educating the public how to keep a gun locked in a safe manner and preventing someone from getting hurt. Dr. Meservey stated what good are guns if someone breaks into your house and the gun is locked-up? Deputy Chief Hayes explained there are biometric gun safes that have finger recognition and open immediately. He said how people choose to store weapons, whether the weapon is fire ready or not fire ready, is up to the individual. Legislation regarding how to store a gun does not exist and it is about education to ensure people are safe.

Ms. VanLandeghem asked about the role of the Arlington Heights Police Department in schools as it relates to security and gun safety. Deputy Chief Hayes stated Police Officers are stationed at all high schools, and officers are assigned to Forest View and Timber Ridge. Officers are not only policing the schools, but they are mentors, counselors, and can intervene in the early stages of potential issues. He said they have one Officer assigned to all middle schools and is a dedicated resource to assist with issues.

B. Community Addiction and Recovery Effort (CARE)

Deputy Chief Hayes explained the history of the Community Addiction and Recovery Effort (CARE) program and that the program is two years in the making. The program is coming to the end of its grant, and starting July 1, 2019 funding increased from \$75,000 to \$116,000. The program offers an intake process and a voucher program for transportation and counseling. He said grant funding enables them to create two coordinator positions through Live4Lali and Omni Youth Services. A 24/7 hotline was established and within one hour a counselor can meet with the person seeking assistance. He said educating the public is necessary, and a Public Service Announcement was made to increase awareness of the program. He said all Officers are given brochures to share with the community if the need arises while out on a call and to date, officers have given out 27 brochures. Brightside Clinic is also collaborating with the CARE team and four people have entered the program since August 2018. He reported that Nicole Espinoza, Social Services Coordinator, receives a report of all overdose situations so that she can follow-up and offer further assistance. He stated that window stickers were made to distribute to businesses with the brochures, so that if people ask, they can refer them to the Police Department.

Dr. Meservey asked if the Police have interactions with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)? Deputy Chief Hayes stated they do interact with DCFS. The Police Department continues to dedicate time to working with DCFS to see through situations that arise and close the loop.

VI. New Business

A. Recreational Marijuana

Deputy Chief Hayes reviewed the legalization of recreational marijuana, which will take effect on January 1, 2020 in Illinois. He said residents will be able to purchase and possess up to 1 ounce, must be an adult 21 years or older at approved dispensaries and \$800 million to \$1 billion a year in revenue is estimated. He states Law Enforcement is very concerned because they do not have a test for marijuana. Impaired driving for alcohol is supported in court with a breathalyzer, and he is concerned impaired driving for marijuana will not hold up in court. He said a second concern is the number of plants grown in a house. He said he went to a legislative meeting and information was discussed concerning crime rates and absenteeism rates for schools. The concern is the lack of quality control, and that the extract or edible marijuana products contain 95% of the chemical tetrahydrocannabinol (THC). He said the social costs are a concern.

Ms. VanLandeghem said the Illinois State Police Association was against the Bill. Deputy Chief Hayes agreed and said they were trying to fight the legalization of marijuana but realized through other Police Departments that they will need to focus on modifying the requirements, such as allowing five plants per residence instead of five plants per person. Ms. VanLandeghem asked if the Bill permits smoking marijuana in public. Deputy Chief Hayes stated he was not sure. Mr. McCalister stated the Legal Department is reviewing the 600 page Bill and will be discussing the requirements at a later date with the Village Board. Ms. VanLandeghem said the Board of Health might need to re-look at the smoking ordinance and make modifications pending Legal's review of the Bill.

Ms. VanLandeghem asked if the Police Department tracks the impact on the community. Deputy Chief Hayes stated they track through arrests but it will be hard if no one is arrested for marijuana. Ms. VanLandeghem said it could be the hospitals. Deputy Chief Hayes said it would be people going to the Emergency Department and an increase in accidents. Dr. Meservey asked about testing for marijuana. Deputy Chief Hayes stated a blood test is the current method. Unless someone is in a very serious accident, the Police cannot compel the person to take a blood test. Deputy Chief Hayes stated another issue is that THC can stay in the body for up to 30 days. If a fatality occurs due to reckless homicide, the Police will not be able to tell if marijuana was used one hour ago or 23 days ago. When it comes to reckless homicide there is not an acceptable level. Deputy Chief Hayes stated they are training to be Drug Recognition Experts (DRE). The training is medical-based and includes probing tests to discern impairment level. Deputy Chief Hayes said the DRE testimony is heavily weighted in court.

Ms. VanLandeghem said the Board of Health should add recreational marijuana to the agenda at the next meeting to discuss further challenges and issues presented to the community. Mr. McCalister said he would notify the Board when the initial Village Board meeting will take place to discuss the Bill.

VII. Other Business

A. Health & Human Services Strategic Report 2019

Mr. McCalister said he presented the department's 2019 Strategic Report to the Village Board and the televised presentation can be found on the Village website. The Village Board is meeting July 9, 2019 to discuss Village-wide strategic goals for the upcoming two years. He said the Village Board takes information from all departments in consideration for the strategic goals. Mr. McCalister said the department report reviews changes to the Social Services Division, including the Community Needs Assessment and changes within Nursing Services. Environmental Health reached the one-year mark enforcing the new state food code, including a new digital platform for inspections. He said the Village is in the fourth year of a five-year contract with Groot. Recycling is a problem nationwide. Some haulers are charging for contaminated loads because end users do not want contaminated products. He said the Senior Center is a 20-year-old building and they are looking to update the building. Afternoon and evening programming is a focus to draw different demographics to the Senior Center, and the process to be nationally accredited by March 2020 is underway. Technology is changing and we will be evaluating the opportunity to allow people to register online for classes at the Senior Center, as well as considering computer Kiosks and the acceptance of credit cards for programming.

Dr. Meservey asked about the Medical Reserve Core (MRC). Mr. McCalister said there are currently approximately 12 members. He said David Robb has been attending regional meetings where they have been discussing a unified and collaborative approach with the communities making up the Cook County MRC. A Point of Dispense (POD) walk through of our Pharmaceutical Distribution Plan will occur on July 17, 2019 at 10:00 AM at the Racetrack.

B. Nursing Update

Ms. Sterrenberg reported Nursing Services has focused on community events, such as the Salute Race, National Senior Health and Fitness Day, Frontier Days and Mane Event. Ms. Sterrenberg attended a four-day training for FEMA that met in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to practice a scenario focused on severe weather. She said the EOC group worked on command and control, disposal of debris, and utilizing the Senior Center as shelter. A debriefing of the exercise will be held at a later date, and will include Mick Fleming who provided the leadership for this exercise.

VIII. Adjournment

**WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, A MOTION WAS MADE BY
ACTING CHAIR MESERVEY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:47PM,
SECONDED BY DR. HARRIS AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS
CONSENT.**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 9, 2019 at 6:30pm in the Health & Human Services Conference Room.