



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

April 1, 2019
6:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from 9/24/18

IV. REPORTS

- A. Health & Human Services Director
- B. Nursing Services

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

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Board of Health
4/1/2019

Item: Minutes from 9/24/18

Department: Health & Human Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
September BOH Minutes	Minutes

**Village of Arlington Heights
Board of Health
Minutes from September 24, 2018**

I. Call to Order

Chair Laurie called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

II. Roll Call

Present:

Chair Timothy Laurie, MD
Thomas Harris, DDS
Karen VanLandeghem
Jerome Meservey, MD
Sean Barnett, MD

Also Present:

James McCalister, Health & Human Services Director
Mary Sterrenberg, RN
Chief Gerald Mourning, Arlington Heights Police Department
Julie Mirostaw, American Heart Association
Kris Zerfass, Link Together Coalition
Jorie Ouimet, Link Together Coalition
Hanna Caselton, Link Together Coalition

III. Approval of Minutes

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY DR. BARNETT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES
FROM THE JUNE 11, 2018 MEETING, SECONDED BY DR. HARRIS AND
APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

IV. Reports

V. Old Business

A. Tobacco21

Mr. McCalister said that Governor Rauner vetoed Senate Bill 2332, Tobacco21 on August 25, 2018. Mr. McCalister said there was a motion presented at the last meeting and if the Board of Health wanted to go forward, the motion would need to be amended.

Dr. Laurie asked that information be shared regarding the veto and where we stand today. He asked Mr. McCalister if there was a sense from your prospective why the governor vetoed this. He said he knows what he read in the paper and did his own research, but he asked for Ms. Mirostaw's thoughts on this issue.

Ms. Mirostaw said she was happy to share what she knows. She asked if everyone reviewed the veto statement issued by the Governor, which mentions two particular things – one would limit choice causing people to cross the border and the second issue he did not think that the language as written would be effective because it removed the penalties for possession. She thought that is partially true. The hardest decisional element for any major health advocacy partners is not to support penalizing youth for possession of tobacco products for different reasons. She also thinks after speaking with Governor Rauner's staff, that in his political realm, there was a lack of wanting to regulate this bill via the government. At the end of the day, it was the anti-regulation portion that probably caused the veto despite what the veto message said which might have played a small part in it.

Dr. Meservey asked for an explanation on savings. Ms. Mirostaw said the staff person she spoke to said there was support from the Illinois Department of Public Health and never really got an indication one way or another from the Governor's office. The staff person and some of her partners she had been speaking with looked favorably upon the legislation because of the long-term cost savings for the state. The billions of dollars incurred in health care costs and Medicaid costs from tobacco related illnesses.

Dr. Laurie had an opportunity to talk to the Mayor about Tobacco21 regarding the veto and he tried to get a perspective from his point of view and the Village of Arlington Heights. It was a great conversation, a meaningful conversation. He said that we have an opportunity to make a difference, but moving forward we must be very specific in how we want to present and craft this. The Mayor said he is just one member of the Village Board and cannot tell him what the others think, but he referenced to similar situations and how the Village Board voted in those particular situations when it comes to State related issues and laws for prohibition. If the Board of Health moves forward with the proposition, there needs to be sufficient data. I am sure a lot of that has already been presented to us. Dr. Laurie said that they need to decide if this is the direction they want to go. There are two options: Move forward with Tobacco21 and everything it stands for and present the case with support from Police, and local school districts. If they come together, the unified vision can present with unequivocal data of the benefits of this. The other option instead of going straight for prohibition in the law is to then mention some sort of educational campaign – trying to reach out to the financial district and gain support for Tobacco21 even though there is no Bill in place, but voluntarily support Tobacco21. We do not want to sell to anyone under 21 years old. He felt that would be option 2 if they cannot move forward with the proposal for a change in law.

Dr. Meservey thought they looked at all sides and that they came forward with a meaningful proposal. Dr. Laurie said that what is different now is that the Governor had said was that he was worried that it would push business outside our borders and a good deal of push back from the vendors lobbying saying it would not be good for them.

Ms. Ouimet wanted to point out that while the State failed to pass it this time, it started out as a local initiative in Evanston in 2014, and then has passed in 26-27 places around the State. She understands the border issue, but now we are creating a patchwork border issue within our own state. She said no one more than her would love to see this pass statewide, but it started out in a municipality. Dr. Laurie said that he wants to

be able to show that the businesses in Evanston, for example, did not lose any capital after this was passed – that is what he is looking for.

Dr. Meservey thought the capital gain of businesses was only 2% of their total business. Ms. Mirostaw said nationwide tobacco sales to 18-20 year olds make up about 2% total tobacco sales. She requested data from Chicago and Evanston who have had this in place long enough to get us that data... the response from Evanston was that everyone is still in business. She said the Chicago Department of Public Health has some information, but she will have to request again. They were dealing with an increase in their e-cigarette tax as they are trying further to decrease the usage there. She said that since the ordinance was passed in Evanston, high schoolers use of tobacco products decreased by 37.5% from 2015-2017. She said the Skokie Chamber of Commerce surveyed their numbers and came out and spoke in support of the ordinance. She will reach out to them also. Dr. Laurie agreed.

Ms. VanLandeghem said she was not on the Board of Health at the time, but when this Board passed the no smoking ordinance was not that ahead of the State legislation. Mr. McCalister responded, yes. She said she thinks precedence for the Village of Arlington Heights doing things that are for the health of the community ahead of the State is an important talking point for the meeting. This is very much in keeping with what the leadership of the Village of Arlington Heights has done in the past. This would not be the first time the Board of Health has made a recommendation to the Village Board on a smoking matter that had not been approved at the State level. Similarly, there are other states that go ahead of the Federal government on various issues.

Dr. Meservey said, “we are the Board of Health, not the Board of businesses so he really didn’t care what it did to the businesses as their concern is the health of the children in Arlington Heights.” He also said that is all they can do on the Board of Health, not figure out what will happen to businesses, that is someone else’s job. Dr. Laurie said that the Board of Health are the experts when it comes to health policy and that is what we need to present. We can partner with the business leaders that are in favor of this to join us and present our proposal.

Dr. Laurie said that they would need to craft a meaningful ordinance, mirroring some of the things that have already been done. Mr. McCalister said that typically our Legal Department would create a draft ordinance if the Village Board decided to move forward. The Legal department would take what we have in Code and adjust it to meet the new requirements that are being recommended. Prior to that, Mr. McCalister said he would create a memo to the Village Manager explaining the Board of Health’s position and attach both sets of Board of Health minutes. At the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting, which allows for more dialogue, you would be able to express why you think this is the right direction.

Ms. Mirostaw added that ongoing throughout the summer as well as now, municipalities around the state are doing exactly what this Board of Health is doing. Whether they are doing this for the first time, or whether waiting to see what happened, this is not coming to a halt because the Governor vetoed it. They hope that more communities pass this and that the State eventually will, but the American Heart

Association will not be waiting for that, they will continue to work with communities to move forward.

Ms. VanLandeghem thought it helpful to know which communities, especially nearby, that are considering this issue as this would be another persuasive argument.

Dr. Harris said the financial aspect of the secondhand smoke issue; we had studies of communities, which had shown that the sales tax revenue had indeed not decreased when the smoking ban was outlawed in certain communities. He did not know if those statistics were available for Tobacco21, but that really holds credence when you have sales tax revenue statistics that reinforce your position. Ms. Mirostow said she has not seen this from the City of Chicago, but has national numbers. She will try to get that information. Dr. Harris said they have a motion that was made and passed at the last meeting; he said it is clear where we stand. He asked about rescinding part of the motion in terms of the timing. Mr. McCalister said that in the previous motion after the Tobacco21 initiative – the rest of the wording would no longer be necessary.

Ms. Sterrenberg said when she thinks back to the angst and fear of the restaurants 20 years ago, they were all sure that their business would go under after the ban, the tables moved faster and that was not the case. She said this is such a small percentage, 2%, compared to our last ban. Dr. Harris said it is a small percentage of a small sale amount also.

The Board of Health agreed to delete the sentence regarding the school year from the motion made in June.

The question was asked about vaping in restaurants. Ms. VanLandeghem responded that Arlington Heights did include no vaping along with their smoking ban. Palatine just included that in their tobacco ban. She said this should also be included in the “forward thinking” done in Arlington Heights and being “ahead of the game.”

DR. LAURIE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE JUNE MOTION WITH CORRECTIONS. SECONDED BY DR. BARNETT AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

A motion was made by Dr. Harris ... as tobacco products, electronic cigarettes, and alternative nicotine products are a major public health concern and studies have shown that increasing the minimum age from 18 to 21 for sale and use of these products dramatically decreases the usage in the adolescent group, the Board of Health declare it's unanimous support of the Tobacco21 Initiative and encourages the Village Board to craft an ordinance with the Tobacco21 Initiative. ~~and that it would coincide with the 2018 school year as the proposed legislation down not take effect until January, 2019.~~ This was seconded by Dr. Meservey and approved by unanimous consent.

Police Chief Mourning said the Police Department is in total support of this initiative and is prepared to enforce it tomorrow, if necessary. This is not an additional burden to the Police Department. The compliance rate for tobacco sales for those individuals over 18 is fairly high as they do check several times per year. That increases the rate.

He also said the Police Department would be available at the Village Board meeting to speak in support.

Mr. McCalister said he would share the motion with the Village Manager and would let them know the date of the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting. He asked for any information that they would like included in the memo. Dr. Laurie said, “the more data and support gathered, the stronger the proposal to the Village Board.”

B. Gun Control

James McCalister shared that he went to the Illinois Public Health Association (IPHA) Conference and they had a discussion on gun violence. He shared information he obtained from the conference with the Board. The IPHA rep at the meeting said this was a 12-week process to give these recommendations and that it was the tip of the iceberg and it would take IPHA several years to properly study all the data, but they wanted to get something out right away.

He also included the presentation from the Children’s Hospital of Chicago and Gun Violence Public Health issue tools and policies for advocacy. He asked that they review the material and that they could discuss in more detail at the next meeting.

Ms. VanLandeghem asked if the Police Chief or one of his staff could come to a Future meeting so the Board of Health can hear their opinion on this topic. Chief Mourning said he would have someone from his department attend.

Dr. Laurie said he also talked to the Mayor on gun control and gun violence and the Board of Health’s perspective.

VI. New Business

James McCalister said that the C.A.R.E. Program launched in July. It is just getting off the ground and they are planning a meeting with key stakeholders in November at the new Police Station.

Ms. VanLandeghem mentioned an article in the Daily Herald that Glueckert Funeral Home was hosting trainings. Mr. McCalister mentioned that Ms. Sterrenberg took the training at Glueckerts. Ms. Sterrenberg noted they were the first funeral home to purchase AEDs.

Ms. Sterrenberg shared about an after school backpack program at Dryden that Cynthia will be helping with on Thursday because she speaks Spanish. There is a Senior Health Fair that morning. Brats and Shots is offered to Village employees along with Village Board Members on October 18th at Public Works in the garage. This is followed with a Family Flu Clinic in the afternoon/early evening where we provide flu shots to immediate family members at a discounted rate.

Ms. Sterrenberg also said they are also meeting with NWCD to further talk about working on a POD program.

Mr. McCalister said they might have a POD exercise at the Racetrack depending on the outcome of the meeting. They would be distributing candy and having a walk through of the Pharmaceutical Distribution Plan. If that happens, it would be nice if any of the Board could attend. Ms. Sterrenberg had hoped to get flu shots from the Respiratory Foundation but that did not work out. The dates will be shared with the Board of Health when finalized.

Mr. McCalister also shared that the SWANCC Document Destruction Event will be held at the racetrack on October 13th and Health & Human Services staff will oversee the event. The Village Blood Drive is scheduled for November 7th.

Ms. Sterrenberg said the Vision and Hearing Screenings would start in November at Our Lady of the Wayside school. The other two schools will be in 2019.

Mr. McCalister said that Nicole Espinoza added a resource hour at the Library each month and anyone in the community who has questions regarding Social Services can attend. This is a nice collaboration between the Village & Library. Nursing Services hosts blood pressure clinics at the Library and occasionally at the Park District.

VII. Other Business

VIII. Adjournment

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. VANLANDEGHEM TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:56PM, SECONDED BY DR. MESERVEY AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 10, 2018 at 6:30pm in the Health & Human Services Conference Room.