

Winthrop Board of Health Meeting
Meeting Minutes for November 12, 2024
Harvey Hearing Room, Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 3:30 PM

Members Present:

Christine Reilly, Jeanne Maggio, Mary Lou Cooney

Minutes from the BOH meeting of November 12, 2004, were read and unanimously approved 3-0

There were no public comments.

Reports:

Winthrop Zero Waste Committee Update: Wendy Millar

Ms. Millar works for the Department of Public Works but is the sole member of the Zero Waste Committee. She presented an informative and comprehensive slide show outlining residential trash collection and recycling rules. Members' questions were answered clearly, including queries about the items that can be recycled in Winthrop, the trash overflow program.

Director of Public Health and Clinical Services Update: See attached email from Meredith Hurley.

Adjournment at 5:54; approved unanimously 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Reilly, Chair

To: Winthrop Board of Health

From: Meredith Hurley, RN, MPH
Date: November 12, 2024
Re: WDPH&CS Updates

C.L.E.A.R. Program

- We are seeing an increase of fatalities related to opioids this year. We are already more than double last year and 2 months still remain. All of these fatalities involved fentanyl and most were in counterfeit Oxycontin pills.
- We are working on more materials in different languages to promote the resources available, while also increasing outreach and also Narcan availability.
- We submitted a cost match grant to the Opioid Mitigation Funds for \$50,000. We hope to hear in 6-8 weeks.

Immunizations

- We continue to host flu clinics on Tuesdays in the Office

Other

- The Dana Farber Mammography Van will be returning in December. We will start promoting once we have the date finalized.
- We are launching our community health needs assessment this week, both online and paper copies.
- We are planning focus groups and community listening sessions with our evaluation team.
- MassGeneralBrigham is releasing \$3M of Determination of Need money in 2025 and are asking Winthrop, Revere, and Chelsea to work on a regional program to improve food security.