



CITY OF LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS
BOARD OF HEALTH

PRESENT:

Erin Gendron, BOH Member
Kathleen Cullen-Lutter, BOH Member
Alison Keegan, BOH Member
Lisa Golden, HHS Director

ABSENT:

Jo-Ann Keegan, Chairperson, BOH
William Galvin, BOH Member

Erin Gendron called the meeting to order at 6:00PM

2/4/2026 - Minutes

1. NEW BUSINESS

1.I. For Approval: Minutes of the January 7, 2026 meeting of the Board of Health

Motion: To approve the minutes of the January 7, 2026 meeting of the Board of Health made by Alison Keegan, seconded by Kathleen Cullen-Lutter. All in favor.

1.II. For Review: Tobacco Control Division Monthly Report submitted by Tobacco Control Director Cesar Pungirum
The Board had no questions and place on file.

1.III. For Review: Development Services Monthly Reports submitted by Matthew Sheehan, Sr. Sanitary Code Inspector

Sr. Sanitary Code Inspector Matthew Sheehan reviewed the reports with the Board. Discussion regarding the violations at Northwood Rehab, 1010 Varnum Ave. occurred.

1.IV. For Review: Pridestar EMS Inc. Monthly Reports and Notifications
HHS Director Lisa Golden reviewed the reports with the Board and placed on file.

2. OLD BUSINESS

3. Departmental and Divisional Reports and Updates

HHS Director Lisa Golden reviewed the reports with the Board. Director Golden noted that the testing of Wastewater for COVID and Influenza has started again and show that the COVID cases are rising and falling. These numbers will be included next month. Member Cullen-Lutter inquired on the vaccination rates. Director Golden indicated that Massachusetts is above the country-wide average regarding vaccinations and she will obtain a comparison regarding the influenza vaccination percentages.

Director Golden informed the Board that the Public Health nurses and Community Health Coordinator are doing outreach for February's National Heart Month activities. Additionally, the MassCall3 Grant Coordinator has been conducting outreach in the schools regarding substance use, and the new Youth Outreach Coordinator will be starting in the position soon.

Syringe Pickup Coordinator Andres Gonzalez submitted an end-of-year report showing that the numbers are increasing. Member Cullen-Lutter expressed interest in the number of people calling to request pickups and the areas they try to do. Director Golden indicated that the Department receives a lot of requests via the 311 system, especially for pickups along walking trails and the parks. Director Golden will obtain a comparison between the previous year's numbers and this past year for comparison.

Director Golden updated the Board regarding School Health staffing. Also, Director Golden informed the Board that the format of this report will be changing so a month-to-month comparison can occur. Member Gendron inquired if all the schools have AED machines. Director Golden confirmed that they do and actually had them in place prior to a law that now requires they be present. The service for these AED's is paid for by the School Department; however, the School Nurses do the daily check that the machines are okay.

4. MOTION TO ADJOURN

4.I. Motion: To adjourn the February 4, 2026 meeting of the Lowell Board of Health

Motion: to adjourn the February 4, 2026 meeting of the Lowell Board of Health at 6:20PM was made by Kathleen Cullen-Lutter, seconded by Alison Keegan. All in favor.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE LOWELL BOARD OF HEALTH
WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 4, 2026 AT 6:00 PM
IN THE MAYOR'S RECEPTION ROOM, CITY HALL, 375 MERRIMACK ST 2ND FLOOR**