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BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 8, 2003

4:00 p.m., Fox Community Center

Board Members in Attendance: Dr. Carole Allen (Chair), Mr. Gregory Leonardos, Mr. Mark Fingerle

Staff in Attendance: Christine Connolly, (Director of Public Health)

- I. Minutes of November 12, 2002 meeting accepted as written.
- II. Christine Connolly updated Board members on the state of the budget for the Town and what that means for the Board of Health.
- III. Christine Connolly announced that Arlington has been designated a Heart Safe Community by The Department of Public Health and The Office of Emergency Medical Services. Fire Chief Rich Maimone applied for this distinction last summer and received notification in December. The designation was granted to Arlington because all of the first line fire apparatus are equipped with automatic external cardiac defibrillators, in addition, paramedics are dispatched to all priority emergency calls and The Arlington Fire Department plans to have an ongoing process to evaluate and improve the "Chain of Survival" in Arlington. The Board of Health assisted with this designation by offering CPR instruction to the Community and First Responders.
- IV. Update: Local Emergency Planning Committee: Christine Connolly presented information on what the L.E.P.C. is and what it does.
- V. Christine Connolly presented information regarding the grant application for state funding for Emergency Preparedness. The amount available for local cities and towns for fiscal year 2003 is a small amount, although a larger amount has been promised for fiscal year 2004. The Local Emergency Planning Committee will apply for this funding.
- VI. Ms. Connolly updated the Board Members on the Annual Permitting process. All food, tobacco, massage, tanning and hauling permits have been renewed for an additional year.
- VII. Dr. Carole Allen presented information on the most recent American Lung Association Tobacco Control Report. In the report, ALA gave each state a grade for the tobacco control. Massachusetts received an F for tobacco prevention and spending, an F for smoke-free air, a C for youth access and an A for the cigarette tax. Dr. Allen, using the grading system used by ALA, graded Arlington, she stated that Arlington received an overall A+ according to the point system used by the American Lung Association grading system.
- VII. Next Meeting Wednesday March 5, 2003 at 3:30pm