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ADVISORY COUNCIL ON PUBLIC HEALTH

Board Meeting Date: HEARING, January 24, 2019

Location: Brookline Public Health (Denny Room)

Members: Anthony L. Schlaff, MD, MPH, Chair
Cheryl Lefman, MA
Patricia Maher, APRN, MA MS
Peter Moyer, MD MPH
Nalina Narain, Ph.D.
Gretchen Stoddard, MPH
Dr. Swannie Jett, DrPH, MSc

Agenda Item

Call to Order

6:00 PM

1. Welcome

Members present:

- Anthony L. Schlaff, MD, MPH, Chair
- Patricia Maher, APRN, MA MS
- Peter Moyer, MD MPH
- Gretchen Stoddard, MPH
- Dr. Swannie Jett, DrPH, MSc
 - Dr. Jett opened the meeting by introducing the board members and welcoming The Leaf Collaborative.

2. Action Items

- **CBDs**
 - Presentation of business and products by **The Leaf Collaborative (TLC)**, a holistic health center located in Brookline Village (503B to offer care for those who cannot afford it otherwise)
 - TLC Team Members present: Ben James, Mike Fitzgerald, Ruth Horowitz, Dr. Sara Shuman
 - Target group for services: 40-65 y/o, head of
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- households who make health decisions
 - 3 types of services provided: educational services, healing services and non-profit work
 - Educational services would include 3 hour, 8 week classes and 2 hour workshops to inform consumers and caregivers on topics such as CBDs, essential oils, teas and Ayurvedic products.
 - Healing services would provide products for caregiving. All products are 100% FIDO tested, strict labeling policy
 - Mike Fitzgerald, co-founder, provided an overview of the business and 503B contributions (starting with 1% of profits going towards educating the community)
 - Ben James, co-founder, attested to the personal benefits the use of CBD products have had in his health recoveries and provides educational insight
 - Ruth Horowitz, an associate, presented all products, topical and ingestibles, including vape pens, chews, honey, water soluble for beverages, cough syrup and capsules (all products contain less than 3% THC)
 - TLC hopes to open their business in March 2019
 - Members of ACPH asked questions regarding the success of CBDs in treatment and how they plan to educate caregivers and consumers; discussed future studies on CBDs to provide data
 - Dr. Jett requested the Chief provide the Advisory Council with an overview and recommendations for CBDs
 - Pat Maloney, Chief of Environmental Health, provided information on what his team is finding during inspections as well as colleagues across the state (items containing CBDs in stores, unregulated). He would like to have consistent protocols and standards, age limit for consumers and is concerned with use among youth, the amount of vaping incidents in schools.
 - Public was offered opportunity to pose questions: statement was made about the heavy metals found in vaping devices, TLC's Ruth Horowitz assured her that their products have addressed that issue and do not contain toxins that would pose a threat to consumers
 - Dr. Jett added that the Department will work with applicants of the proposed establishment to address the Department's requirements
 - The council discussed details of the advisory and revisions before it was put to a vote
 - Motion: Anthony Schlaff moved to approve the advisory.
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3. Other Business

The motion carried with 5 yeas in favor, 0 nays against.

Meeting Adjourned

7:15 PM
