

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MARBLEHEAD
OBSERVER CORPS REPORT FORM

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Benjamin Day, executive director of the Marblehead Counseling Center, presented his annual report, including the following:

- Sources of revenue consist of monetary support from the Board of Health, insurance, copays, private donations and fund raisers. Services are open to town employees and residents. If anyone runs out of insurance, the center continues treatment. Fortunately, most town departments chip in when needed.
- Right now they need more staff because they are having to triage, giving treatment to those most in need.
- Most people who have to wait do so. Even a small amount of revenue goes a long way.
- Nowadays children are facing more challenges and are often left to their own devices after school. There is a real need for after school programs.

Pam Roberts reported from the recycling committee.

- There's a new federal educational program about recycling that the State of Massachusetts is involved in. Its website is recyclesmartma.org. The Board of Health highly recommends it to people wanting to learn more regarding recycling. The recycling committee is using it in its public presentations and plans to use it at the farmer's market this coming season.
- One of her main concerns was that people need more
- education about cleaning the recycling materials prior
- to putting them in the bin.

Andrew Petty, director of the Health Department, presented an update regarding COVID19.

- The governor has reported 92 cases with 70 known to come from the Biogen conference.
- Mr. Petty presented recommendations regarding prevention for the general population, for those over 60, for nursing homes and various facilities.
- The Health Department is currently inundated with questions. The staff encourage people to go to the Health Department's website where information is being updated daily. Available tests are woefully scarce at this point. Therefore, it is hard to know the real situation. So far there are no known cases in Marblehead. One person is known to have been exposed.