

BOH: Minutes from the Meeting of the Board Members on November 5, 2020

This was a virtual Board meeting. This meeting was called to order by the Board Chairperson, Dr. Mary Brophy at 4:30 PM.

Attendees: Dr. Craig Andrade, Mr. George Fiske, Dr. Mary Brophy, Mayor Robert F. Sullivan (Ex-Officio), Eno Mondesir, Executive Health Officer.

Promptly after opening the meeting, the Board Members moved through the agenda of the day, and proceeded to approve the minutes for the month of October. Subsequently, the Board voted unanimously to approve the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) between the Board of Health for the City of Brockton and MHOA (Massachusetts Health Officers Association)

The next item on the agenda had to do with the holiday celebrations in Brockton. Mayor Sullivan briefed the Board on his stand to mitigate the pandemic and keep Brockton safe. He encouraged the residents to celebrate cautiously, given the upsurge in COVID-19 cases.

We have discussed the flu vaccine clinics: a number of them have already taken place for City employees, and some more are scheduled throughout November.

In terms of COVID-19 cases, the dashboard was discussed with the current statistics available for Brockton at the time. We further presented action plans envisioned by BOH to create “Ambassador” positions. Individuals hired under this initiative will be trained to carry out ethnically targeted Health Promotion, Health Education, and Outreach Interventions in the City, in an effort to educate Brockton residents on the threat of the pandemic. Consequently, corporately and individually, we will continue to play our part to keep our family safe and bring the number of COVID cases down in the City of Brockton.

We also discussed the hiring of 2 additional Public Health Nurses. This has been in the plan of the BOH, but with significant stress being placed on our existing staff, we are determined to hiring the new nurses as soon as possible. The Board Members applauded this initiative.

Lastly, but definitely not least, we raised the issue on partnering with various stakeholders throughout the City of Brockton so as to continue in our efforts to address the overall wellbeing of all the residents of Brockton.

Next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 3, 2020. The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully,

Eno Mondesir, Executive Health Officer
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City of Brockton