

BOH: Minutes from the Meeting of the Board Members on December 3, 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, Eno Mondesir, Executive Health Officer.

Promptly after opening the meeting, the Board Members moved through the agenda of the day. The minutes for the December meeting were approved.

The next item on the agenda had to do with New Year's celebrations in Brockton. Dr. Brophy has supported efforts equivalent to CDC & MDPH in the protocol to mitigate the pandemic and keep Brockton safe. Mayor Sullivan has mentioned that he favors in passing some executive order to help stop the spread of COVID-19 in the City.

The Board has addressed the increasing number of COVID cases in Brockton and the impact on the overall health of the City, including the hospitals' capacity to handle the ongoing surge.

Vaccination against COVID: there was an initial discussion on the level of preparedness at the BOH to be involved in the vaccination campaign whenever a vaccine would be available. At that meeting, the 2 possible vaccines (Pfizer and Moderna) in the pipeline were considered in anticipation of an EUA (Emergency Use Authorization) by FDA and CDC.

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. It was further mentioned that interest was extremely low. Just a few applicants showed interest. It was suggested to look into the venues where the positions were being advertised, and after further consideration with HR, the posting date was extended.

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

Respectfully,

Eno Mondesir, Executive Health Officer
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City of Brockton