

**CITY OF BROCKTON
BOARD OF HEALTH (BOH) MEETING NOTICE
THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2021 AT 4:30 PM**

This public hearing will be held as a virtual meeting over ZOOM.

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This meeting is being held in accordance with Governor Charlie Baker's signed Open Meeting Law dated March 12, 2020, which relieves a public body from the requirement of Section 20 of Chapter 30A that it conduct its meetings in a public place that is open and physically accessible to the public, provided that the public body makes provision to ensure public access to the deliberations of the public body for interested members of the public through adequate, alternative means.

AGENDA

- I- Welcome/Introduction of Dr. Mary Brophy, Board Chairperson
- II- Minutes are available for April's Board meeting.....
- III- BAMS I is requesting 2 modifications in the current Memorandum Of Agreement (MOA) that they have with the City of Brockton Board Of Health (BOH). First, as they collaborate with Brockton Neighborhood Health Center (BNHC) to provide Substance Abuse Program in Brockton, they are seeking authorization to station a mobile unit at various locations in the City so as to offer their services. Second, they also seek to remove the restrictions that they have in their existing MOA with respect to Needle exchange program, which allows them to do 1-to-1 syringe exchange. They want to do unlimited exchange. Both agencies have been invited to this meeting to further discuss their petition with the Board.
- IV- COVID-19 Vaccination remains a substantial initiative of the Board of Health. In the effort to help vaccinate residents of Brockton, as well as individuals who do business or work in in the City, BOH has expanded its partnership with MDPH and receives a weekly allocation of a minimum of 600 doses of vaccines (Moderna, Pfizer, J & J) per week. In collaboration with the Mayor's Office, Council On Aging (COA),

BEMA, Brewster Ambulance, BNHC, School Nurses (to name these few), BOH has been able to offer vaccination clinics regularly to multiple venues. From January when vaccines have become available, to present, BOH has administered over 12,000 doses of vaccine to Brocktonians and residents of Massachusetts. We continue to see vaccine hesitancy among our population

- V- Dashboard on COVID-19: the current statistics on the pandemic show some cautious signs of relief. We are currently in the Red with an average of over 20 case per day per 100,000, and over 4% in the positive rate of COVID tests for Brockton.
- VI- A- Health Promotion & Public Health Education: Partnership between the City of Brockton and various stakeholders: we work closely with many Clergy groups, with different media outlets.
- VII- Nursing hiring update: we have advertised the Public Health Nurse position. We had 2 applicants who submitted applications. One of the two candidates was well qualified, we have extended an job offer to her, which she accepted. She will start in the coming week.
- VIII- FY21: BOH has received a significant amount of money from the State to spend on COVID-19 work. We are in the process of purchasing a van for the Department. We plan on using the vehicle to carry out our Public Health work, and utilizing it as an Outreach and Educational unit as well.
- IX- Miscellaneous:
- X- Our Next Board Meeting: Thursday, June 3, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Eno Mondesir, Executive Health Officer
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City of Brockton