

CITY OF BROCKTON
BOARD OF HEALTH (BOH) MEETING NOTICE
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd, 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 July Board meeting.....
- III- The Board has requested statistical data on COVID19 cases for Brockton, and on vaccination updates, the percent of the population being vaccinated.
 - Current cases (as of 8/31-----): N=224 (last month, N=8)
 - Cumulative cases (from the beginning to date): N=15,200 (July, N=14,193)
 - Total Deaths due to COVID-19: N=437, (July, N=435)
- IV- Dashboard on COVID-19: the current statistics on the pandemic show Brockton in a more favorable position. The color designation on the COVID-19 Dashboard has been dropped. In Brockton, currently our daily average of COVID-19 cases is 28.6 per 100,000, (from 1.9 cases as of July), and about 3.86% is the positive rate, (up from 0.71% in July).
- V- COVID-19 Vaccination continues to be a major component of the Board of Health day-to-day endeavors. As BNHC officially left out of the Shaw's Center, BOH assumes the task holding a vaccination clinic there on Thursdays, 12 noon to 7:30 PM, at least through 9/23). Also BOH maintains 2 other standing vax clinics: A-one on Thursdays, from 2:00 to 7:00 PM, at the Cape Verdean Association, and B-one on Saturdays, at

the Shaw's Center, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. We continue to work diligently with the Mayor's Office, our Liaison at MDPH, and our PIH Partners to identify other locations, organizations, and businesses that need our help to get their populations vaccinated.

- VI- PIH (Partners In Health) contract phasing out: the MDPH contract with PIH to help doing COVID-19 Contact Tracing is phasing out by November, which will create a gap in this important work. To help fill the gap, BOH was made aware of a grant available through MDPH that we could apply for. We did and over a week ago, we received word that we have been considered to receive a \$1 million grant (\$500,000/yr for 2 years. Included in the conditions for the award is for BOH to hire 2 Epidemiologists, 3 Community Health Workers (CHWs), and 1 Administrative Assistant. We are working with the City HR Department, so that, once we receive the award letter, we may launch the ads for these positions.
- VII- BOH Van Project: The delivery of our Brand New Van is about to happen. The final part needed to add the especial features on the Van has finally arrived. We should have its delivery in the coming week. As we mentioned before, this vehicle will help to transport our supplies whenever we provide vaccination clinics in the City. This Van will be equipped with a refrigeration system to keep vaccine supplies at required Temperature. Lastly, the Van has been redesigned to allow us to do Health Outreach, Public Health Education.
- VIII- BOH Nurses: As of September 8, we'll be down to 2 Nurses. One Nurse has tendered her resignation, as of August 25.
- IX- Reopening of Brockton: Back to In-person-School, and socio-economic activities reimagined, BOH will continue to follow CDC and MDPH mandates for masks wearing, and of course in collaboration with the Mayor's Office. Also, we will focus on ways to help address the need COVID-19 booster and 3rd vaccine.
- X- Digitalizing BOH: We are a step closer to upgrading our Department so that, using current IT (Information Technology), it may become more efficient.

XI- New Name/New Face for BOH: Last month, I was summoned to appear before the City Council to respond to inquiries on changing the Board of Health to “Health Department”, but the agenda was very ambitious, I ended up not being called.

XII- A- Health Promotion & Public Health Education: MDPH has provided tremendous support throughout the pandemic. We continue to partner with various stakeholders around the City: community organization like Cape Verdean Organization, the School Department, Clergy groups, with different media outlets, Brockton Housing Authority, etc.

XIII- Miscellaneous: Resumption of In-person Board meeting.....

XIV- Our Next Board Meeting: Thursday, October 7, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Eno Mondesir, Executive Health Officer
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