

BOH: Minutes from the Meeting of the Board on September 2nd, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM. Full Board was in attendance: Board Chairperson, Dr. Brophy, Mr. Fiske Dr. Andrade, and Eno Mondesir (Exec. Health Officer, Ex. Officio).

I briefly welcomed the members and then introduced Dr. Brophy who led the meeting. After reviewing the minutes, the Board voted unanimously to approve them.

The next item: Dr. Brophy has asked me to give an update on the COVID-19 statistics in the City. After presenting the relevant data on COVID, there was a request by the Directors to make available to them any current data on the pandemic that may be provided by MDPH or other institutions.

Next, I updated the Board on a \$1million grant (\$500,000/yr for 2 years) awarded to BOH by MDPH to help put in place the infrastructure to continue with COVID-19 case investigation and contact tracing, given that PIH, the organization that has the contract to do this work will phase out by the end of 2021.

The “Van”: an update was given to the Board on a Van. The dealership told us that the part needed to complete the work has arrived.

On the Nursing vacancy at BOH: we further updated the Directors on the vacancy. The position has been advertised and we are eager to fill it.

The reopening of Schools: In-person-School has been mandated by Governor Baker, School Officials in the State, as well as by Municipal Officials, including Mayor Sullivan, City of Brockton

One major issue on the agenda for the month: The City Council is pushing to make change the name of the Board of Health, or to transition from Board of Health into the “Department of Health.” The Board has expressed great interest in being a part of the discussion. A vote was taken by the Directors to allow Dr. Craig Andrade to contact Council President, Mr. Winthrop Farwell.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 PM; and our next meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2021.