

BOH: Minutes from the Meeting of the Board on November 4, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 PM. The Board Members in attendance were: Board Chairperson, Dr. Brophy, Mr. Fiske, Dr. Andrade, and then Eno Mondesir (Exec. Health Officer, Ex. Officio).

I briefly welcomed the members and then introduced Dr. Brophy who led the meeting. The minutes were presented to the Board who then voted unanimously to approve them.

The next agenda item was a convenience store, which is located at 200 Westgate Drive. This business has a tobacco license for the above address. Attorney who represented the owner of the business on this case has petitioned the BOH on behalf of the client to transfer the license to the new location at: 739 Belmont St (unit743), Brockton, MA. The Board of Directors has approved the request.

As it has previously requested by the Board of Directors, I gave an update on the COVID-19 statistics in the City. I further made other COVID-19 data (including vaccine dashboard) available to the Directors.

Ongoing work to maintain COVID-19 vaccination clinics at the forefront of our initiatives: We updated the Directors on the “Regional COVID-19 clinic” that officially opened at the Shaw’s Center in partnership between MDPH, the City of Brockton, BOH and the Brewster’s Ambulance.

Also, we debriefed the Board on Flu vaccination clinic, the use of the Public Health Van to transport vaccine supplies to our clinics.

As it relates to the Nursing vacancy at BOH: we mentioned to the Directors that we had one qualified applicant position.

As the Mayor and other City Officials push to change the name of the Board of Health to the “Department of Health”, the Board of Directors have expressed great interest in being a part of the process. A vote was taken by the Directors to allow Dr. Craig Andrade to research the matter further...

Another important issue that was discussed at this meeting has to do with increase needs to stress substance abuse, and Behavioral Health in Brockton. COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the issues around drug addiction, Behavioral Health. Together with our partners in health care services, such as BNHC, BAMSI, BOH

wants to play a pivotal role in addressing these critical aspects of needs, and their social determinants.

Holding hybrid meetings: The Board is open to consider the options of in-persons meeting and remote.

Lastly, Mr. Fiske informed the Board that he will not be available to attend the December meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:17 PM; and our next meeting is scheduled for December 2nd, 2021.