

BOH: Minutes from the Meeting of the Board on December 2nd , 2021, the last for the year.

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 PM. The Board Members in attendance were: Board Chairperson, Dr. Brophy, 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.

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

Nursing vacancy at BOH: at this meeting, I briefed the Board about interviewing that BOH was conducting with qualified applicants.

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 has favored the option of in-persons meeting but also considers meeting remotely as an important choice.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:14 PM; and our next meeting is scheduled for January 6th, 2022.