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BOH: Minutes from the Board Meeting on SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:30. The Members in attendance: Board Chairperson, Dr. Brophy, Fr. Fiske, and then Eno Mondesir (Exec. Health Officer, Ex. Officio); Dr. Andrade notified the Board of his absence.

I briefly welcomed the members and then introduced Dr. Brophy who led the meeting. The minutes from prior Board meeting were presented to the Board. Then, Dr. Brophy asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Fiske so moved, and the Board voted unanimously to approve them.

Dr. Brophy called the first presenter who was on the agenda:

Mr. John Fay, Senior Planner for the City's Department of Planning and Development attended this meeting to resume a discussion with the Board in relation to petition to the BOH Board to adopt NIH Guidelines for Recombinant DNA (rDNA). In prior session with the Board, Mr. Fay was asked to provide more specific information on other Municipalities that have already implemented this project, and to possibly put BOH's Board in touch with some them. Mr. Fay Agreed to that proposition and the Board moved to the next agenda item.

The next item on the agenda was a "Tobacco permit" solicitation: Attorney John McCluskey represented a client, seeking to obtain a permit to be able to sell tobacco at a Belmont Street store. Attorney Christopher Veale presented the case. Afterwards, the Board expressed that the existing City Ordinances, a cap was set to limit the number of tobacco permits that the City BOH can issue. To that, Dr. Brophy asked that BOH researches the matter to report back to the Board on the number of permits are currently being used...

Prevalence of COVID-19 in Brockton, the next agenda item: BOH highlighted that there has been an upsurge in COVID-19 positive cases in Brockton, considering the following matrixes (matrices): total case hospitalization, wastewater sewer concentration, and cases on MAVEN.

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Dr. Brophy has indicated that vaccination remains a major component in our efforts to mitigate COVID-19.

I further elaborated that BOH is pushing to make COVID-19 vaccine available to the people in Brockton. For example, the Public Health Nurses have been administering vaccine in various locations. Under DPH contract, Brewster's Ambulance continues to vaccinate at the Shaw's Center once a week: every Saturday, from 7:00 AM to 3PM; while BOH vaccinates at the same location every Tuesday, from 2:00 to 7:00 PM.

PCR testing site in the City: Curative has just opened up its testing site in a trailer at the Shaw's Center.

Mr. Fiske mentioned that this is an excellent opportunity for people to find a place to get tested if they need to. Both Dr. Brophy and Mr. Fiske were encouraged for the availability of this service.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 PM. The Board scheduled our next Board meeting for September 1, 2022.