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

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

Additional attendees included: City Council President John Lally, DPH Representatives: Lisa Stevens-Goodnight, Sarah McColgan, Residents/Business Owners: Mr. Fred Fontaine, and Ms. Chantal Sullivan.

I briefly welcomed the members and then introduced Dr. Brophy who led the meeting. The minutes from November's Board meeting were presented to the Board. Then, Dr. Brophy made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Fiske seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve them.

Next agenda item, Hookah: Ms. Sullivan and Mr. Fontaine both submitted separate request to the BOH to have a hearing with the Directors of this Board for the purpose of obtaining permit to open "Hookah Bars in the City of Brockton. As such, the Chairperson, Dr. Brophy invited both residents to present their case, and each one took turn. At the end of their presentation, the Directors expressed the existing the restrictions relating to such product both at the City of Brockton's level as well as the State. This round was followed by some questions from City Council President Lally, followed by the State Reps who motioned that the use of Hookah is more involved than some may know. For instance, the State only permits the use of Hookah with restrictions, and as such, someone looking to open a Hookah bar in the State must file a license application with the Massachusetts Department of Revenue. Then each Municipality has its own Ordinances, which may not circumvent the State Law. After much deliberations, the Directors denied the request. The entire session was recorded and is available as public record.

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COVID-19 Update: I, Eno Mondesir provided the latest COVID-19 Statistics to the Directors. I spoke of the prevalence of COVID-19 in Brockton, and the DPH reclassification of death-related to COVID-19. Then, I highlighted for the Directors the ongoing vaccination campaign in the City by the BOH Public Health Nurses. Dr. Brophy asked if BOH/Nurses provide both flu and COVID-19 vaccine to everyone at our clinic.

I replied to Dr. Brophy that: unfortunately, we are allowed a limited amount of flu vaccine, and therefore BOH is restricted in the number of flu vaccine that it can offer to specific demographic. On the other hand, I indicated that BOH receives ample amount of COVID-19 vaccines, “Monovalent and Bivalent” doses and the Nurses continue to set up clinics throughout the City to help vaccinate the residents.

Dr. Brophy: after I provided the COVID-19 update, Dr. Brophy asked if there were any questions by other Directors. At that, Mr. Fiske answered that the information presented was valuable, and that he did not have any further comment or questions.

Miscellaneous:

The Board opted to not hold a meeting during the month of January. Then the next meeting was scheduled for February 2nd, 2023

Closing the Meeting: As the meeting draws to an end, Dr. Brophy motioned to adjourn. Mr. Fiske seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 PM.