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BOH: Minutes from the Board Meeting on SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:32. The Members in attendance: Board Chairperson, Dr. Brophy, Fr. Fiske, and then Eno Mondesir (Exec. Health Officer, Ex. Officio); Dr. Andrade was not able to attend.

I briefly welcomed the members and then introduced Dr. Brophy who led the meeting. The minutes from the August 3rd 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: On the pending request regarding tobacco permits, have we received any advice from the Law Department on how to proceed?

Reply (EM-E. H.O.): No, we have not received any advice from the Law Dept as yet. The Solicitor's Office has asked for more specific information on the content of the request. Consequently, I reached out to the attorney representing the cases, but has not received that information.

Dr. Brophy: Next agenda Item: The Life Science Project. Based upon the advice that we have received from other experts in the field, it seems that Brockton has a viable option to hire a consultant to help more the project forward.

Dr. Brophy: Have we heard from the Mayor yet?

Reply (EM-E.H.O.): No! Not yet.

Dr. Brophy: On the issues of Sanitary Inspectors transitioning from the BOH to
ISD: Where does that stand?

Reply (EM-E.H.O.): As of July 1, officially, all the Sanitary Inspectors have been moved on Inspectional Services Department.

Mr. Fiske: Who oversees them?

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Reply (EM-E.H.O): Some key components of the Massachusetts Law governing Public Health makes it mandatory that the BOH Director addresses certain issues, but as of now, all inspectional services and needs are carried out under the ISD Head.

Dr. Brophy: The Incidence rate of COVID-19 in Brockton:

Reply (EM-E.H.O): I gave the updates on COVID-19, the current data with one more death-related to COVID. (we are now at 537 deaths overall)

Dr. Brophy: As the flu season starts, will BOH provide COVID-19 Vaccine and Flu vaccine simultaneously?

Reply (EM-E.H.O.): The Public Health Nurses are planning to give both vaccines simultaneously to anyone who wants to.

Dr. Brophy: How are the BOH Nurses and the CHW handling the workload due to increased DOT/MDOT? I know that they are doing a lot. Does BOH have enough staff?

Reply (EM-E.H.O): At times, we do have more infections, which requires an increase in the amount of the Nurses' and CHW's time. We try to manage our resources to meet the demands.

We plan on hiring an Epidemiologist to help gather significant information on the health of our residents.

Dr. Brophy: How are we doing on Health Promotion?

Reply (EM-E.H.O): We continue to address the needs with our partners from other municipalities, local and State as well. Key challenges continue to be mental health, and homelessness.

Dr. Brophy: Mr. Fiske, any other issues, questions or comments?

Mr. Fiske: none at this time.

Dr. Brophy: I entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Fiske: I so move.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 PM. The Board scheduled our next Board meeting for October 5, 2023.