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

The meeting was called to order at 4:30. The Members in attendance: Board Chairperson, Dr. Andrade, Fr. Fiske, and then Eno Mondesir (Exec. Health Officer, Ex. Officio); Dr. Andrade was not able to attend.

Ref.: Also, in attendance were: ISD Inspector Ian Denelle, AND Commissioner James Plouffe both representing the City vs. Tobacco Retailers (d/b/a/) Petro Save. Located at 514 N. Main Street. Brockton, MA 02301; and Crescent Variety. Located at: 163 Crescent Street. Brockton, MA 02302. Both businesses have been cited and received "CEASE and DESIST ORDER in violation of selling Tobacco products to under age minor.

I briefly welcomed the members and then introduced Dr. Andrade who led the meeting. The minutes from the October 5th Board meeting were presented to the Board. Then, Dr. Dr. Andrade asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Fiske so moved, and the Board voted unanimously to approve them.

Next agenda item: The sitting Chairperson, Dr. Andrade called on Jim Plouffe, ISD Commissioner and his team to state the facts as pertained to these two (2) hearings. Each case was presented individually and separately. In both cases, the BOH Directors, after listening carefully to the statements of facts from all parties, found both retailers responsible to verify customers IDs in all situations before dispensing tobacco products to them. On this ground, the Directors moved to uphold the State Law of businesses selling tobacco to individuals under 21 years of age. Hence, the Directors' decisions in both cases upheld the code violations, and voted against the businesses requesting leniency.

Dr. Andrade: 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. Andrade: Have we heard anything from the City yet? To which question, I replied, no!

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Dr. Andrade: 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 539 deaths overall)

Dr. Andrade: 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.

Information on vacancies at the BOH: I presented to the BOH Directors regarding two (2) vacancies at the Department, namely, an Epidemiologist and a CHW. The jobs have been posted, and we have received great responses from applicants.

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

Mr. Fiske: none at this time.

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

Mr. Fiske: I so move.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM. The Board scheduled our next Board meeting: January 4, 2024.

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