

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

MINUTES

March 10, 2022

A meeting of the Bristol-Burlington Health District's Board of Health was held in the Bristol-Burlington Health District Office, 240 Stafford Avenue, Bristol, Connecticut.

Present: Shannon Mulz, Vice Chairwoman (acting Chairwoman)
Leslie S. Kish, MD
William Ghio
Jack Lu
Jim Moylan
Mike Boucher

Bristol liaison: Mayor Jeffery Caggiano

Staff Present: Marco Palmeri, MPH, RS, Director of Health
Autumn Charette, Office Manager, Board of Health Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairwoman Mulz at 12:52 p.m.

1. **Audience Participation**

2. **Approval of the Board of Health Meeting Minutes January 13, 2022**

Motion by Jack Lu, seconded by, Dr. Kish to approve the Board of Health Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2022.

Vote: 4 yes, 2 abstain. **Motion Carried.**

3. **Approval of Bills paid in January 2022 and February 2022**

Motion by Jack Lu, seconded by, Dr. Kish to approve the January and February 2022 bills.

All in Favor. Motion carried.

4. **Monthly Reports:** Director of Health, Public Health, School Health and Environmental Health.

Director Palmeri mentioned the Environmental Health Unit is currently understaff as one of the Health District Sanitarians took another position at another Health District due to the lack of salary amount offered at Bristol-Burlington. The former Health District Sanitarian was fully licensed in all areas of Environmental Health. There has been one application of a qualified candidate. Director Palmeri mentioned the one application received did not move to interview due to the lack of the salary amount. The Director is looking into a potential increase in salary to attract qualified candidates. There is a Housing Inspector and one support staff dedicated to the Bristol Housing Code which is a property maintenance code that was made Bristol centric. The Connecticut General Statutes which also covers housing and the public Health Code fall under the Housing Program. The district is very busy as the Environmental and Housing programs are down crucial positions.

Director Palmeri noted the School Dental Program is successful in billing the underinsured or uninsured for School Dental Services. The billing program is through Husky and is generating revenue.

Director Palmeri mentioned the numbers of COVID 19 have dropped significantly in all populations. The need to Contact Trace has almost diminished. They are down to one to two cases per day. Public Health manages TB Cases in which the Public Health Nurse is required to maintain DOT, Directly Observe Therapy, the nurse is required to watch the medication being consumed. It's witnessed in person every day. New technology sometimes allows for video observation.

Director Palmeri stated the BBHD is number two in the state with individuals who presented at the Hospital for suicide. Individuals who have either completed a suicide or presented at the ED with a suicide ideation. Many suicides are directly related to opioid abuse.

Director Palmeri mentioned due to the raise in Pediatric asthmatic ED visits BBHD is implementing the Putting on AIRS Program.

Director Palmeri stated Bristol schools have transitioned in to a mask optional environment.

5. New Business

- A. Review of the Bristol-Burlington Health District's Proposed F.Y. 2022-2023 Budget
- B. Schedule of Public Hearing for April 14, 2022
- C. Election of Bristol-Burlington Health District Board of Health Officers, Chairman and Vice-Chairman, per Bristol-Burlington Health District Constitution and By-Laws, Article III, Board of Health, Section 3.

Motion by Shannon Mulz to accept the Proposed F.Y. 2022-2023 Budget, as presented, and to move it forward to the April 14, 2022 Public Hearing. Motion seconded by Dr. Kish.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Bill Ghio to nominate Shannon Mulz as Chairwoman and Dr. Kish as Vice-Chairman. Motion seconded by Mike Boucher.


All in favor. Motion carried.

6. Old Business

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Chairwoman Mulz at 2:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Marco Palmeri, MPH, RS
Director of Health