

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

MINUTES

November 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, Chairwoman
Jack Lu
William Ghio
Kathy Burness
Mike Boucher, Town of Burlington
James Moylan

Bristol liaison: Mayor Jeffrey Caggiano

Staff present: Marco Palmeri, MPH, RS, Director of Health
Louise McGlone, Office Manager, Board of Health Secretary
Bristol- Burlington Health District's Environmental Health team

Audience in Attendance: Skip Gillis, Bristol CT
Megan Penwell

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Mulz at 1:03 p.m.

1. **Audience Participation**

Director Palmeri announces a proclamation has been made as of November 4, 2022 by Gov. Ned Lamont declaring that day "Environmental Professionals Day". Director Palmeri proudly recognizes our environmental team consisting of a Chief Sanitarian, Phyllis Amodio, a Housing Inspector, Erica Mikulak and a Sanitary Inspector, Vanessa Rodrigue. Director Palmeri also introduces Megan Penwell, an intern with BBHD, who is working on a project with a focus on understanding how a Board functions.

2. **Approval of the Board of Health Meeting Minutes September 8, 2022**

Motion by Mike Boucher, seconded by, James Moylan to approve the Board of Health Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2022.

All in Favor. Motion carried.

3. **Approval of Bills paid in September & October, 2022**

Motion by James Moylan, seconded by Mike Boucher to approve the September & October 2022 bills.

All in Favor. Motion carried.

4. **Monthly Reports:** Director of Health, Senior Dental Clinic, Public Health and Environmental Health.

Director Palmeri mentions we are very busy in all areas of environmental health. BBHD is busy with regards to seasonal and upcoming events. Housing program is a busy department and there has been a noted connection between housing and environmental health concerns. BBHD is working to find viable resolutions to these issues in collaboration with the Parks/ Rec Dept.

Director Palmeri mentioned that BBHD is creating a Fetal/ Maternal program which will serve the greater Bristol area. Director Palmeri also states that twelve agencies came out to the Community Baby Shower held in October and that more will likely be planned in the future. There was also a prominent need for better communication established between agencies.

BBHD has begun its COVID and Influenza vaccine clinics and thus far have been successful. Director Palmeri mentions that there will be a Burlington Town clinic as well as a Senior Center clinic to come, all of which will be free to the public.

Director Palmeri states that BBHD is doing well with its Opioid, Homelessness and Smoking Cessation Programs, noting that roughly four out of five people in the program are fully committed. This is BBHD's fourth year running the Smoking Cessation Program.

Director Palmeri spoke in regards to Alyssa Marin, BBHD's CHW (Community Health Worker) who is at the Bristol Emergency Dept. twice a week for non-medical issues, assisting in connecting persons with appropriate care. Mr. Moylan speaks to the importance of keeping statistical data for future use and possible funding. Mike Boucher speaks to the gap in care for many and how to bridge said gap. Director Palmeri also notes that our School Health staff is being given Mental Health First Aid training.

Mr. Gillis briefly speaks to the vacancy factor for quarter one of fiscal year 2022-2023, summarizing the quarter one vacancy factor. Director Palmeri follows up with a brief breakdown and timeline of the amounts reflected, noting there is no current vacancy factor.

The board members discussed the one common issue to collaborate on, which will be Housing and Security.

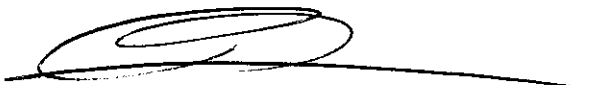
5. **New Business**

6. **Old Business**

7. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned by Chairwoman Mulz at 2:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Marco Palmeri, MPH, RS
Director of Health