

# BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

## MINUTES

January 12, 2023

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  
Kathy Burness  
Mike Boucher, Town of Burlington  
James Moylan

**Bristol liaison:** Mayor Jeffery Caggiano

**Staff present:** Marco Palmeri, MPH, RS, Director of Health  
Louise McGlone, Office Manager, Board of Health Secretary

**Audience in Attendance:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Mulz at 12:46 p.m.

1. Audience Participation

Approval of the Board of Health Meeting Minutes December 8, 2022

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

**All in Favor. Motion carried.**

2. Approval of Bills paid in December, 2022

**Motion** by Kathy Burness, seconded by James Moylan to approve the December 2022 bills.

**All in Favor. Motion carried.**

3. Monthly Reports: Director of Health, Senior Dental Clinic, School Dental, School Health, Public Health and Environmental Health.

Director Palmeri presents and speaks to the Quarterly Vacancy Factor, stating that it remains the same, with no predicted changes or vacancies.

Director Palmeri mentions we are very busy in all areas of environmental health. Director Palmeri announces that there has been a promotion within Environmental Health. Vanessa Rodrigue has been promoted from Sanitary Inspector to Sanitarian.

Director Palmeri discusses housing as it is a big challenge for many reasons. BBHD is consistently addressing large scale issues. James Moylan asks about how these issues are resolved. Director

Palmeri states that meetings are held with building officials and other departments of the City of Bristol in order to address and solve these issues as a team.

Director Palmeri briefly discusses the Dental Program and possible relocation. Director Palmeri then moves on to discuss community health. BBHD is still managing COVID cases and providing test kits to the public. Genesis has closed their testing sites down. BBHD expects to receive more COVID testing kits. Director Palmeri also announces an upcoming Flu Clinic at BBHD for ages three and up.

Director Palmeri states that BBHD is still awaiting any information regarding the possible move into the BECC Center here at 240 Stafford Ave., also mentioning that a location in Burlington, CT is not out of the question.

Director Palmeri spoke in regards to housing and homelessness, stating it is a systemic issue with many variables. The goal is to improve the quality of life for all residents by helping to eradicate homelessness and the subsequent issues which arise from it.

The union is still at an impasse and hearing must be rescheduled. Director Palmeri also spoke briefly about the wording and interpretation of Personal Leave time and how it is designated.

Director Palmeri spoke regarding the need for a new Medical Director for Bristol Burlington Health District.

The Board of Health collectively discussed community services and housing, stating they are a huge help. There was also brief discussion regarding natural gas, siting indoor natural gas stoves and their link to asthma.

4. **New Business**

5. **Old Business**

6. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned by Chairwoman Mulz at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Marco Palmeri, MPH, RS  
Director of Health