

BOARD OF HEALTH

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Meeting ID: 847 8366 3329 Passcode: 125757

April 21, 2022 Minutes

BOH Members Present: Dr. Joanne Levin; Dr. Suzanne Smith; Dr. Cynthia Suopis; Dr. Laurent Levy and Dallas Ducar

Staff: Merridith O’Leary, Director and Kelly Constantine, BOH Clerk; Amy Hutchins, Assistant Director; Cherry Sullivan, Deputy Director SUD; Vivian Franklin, RN

Public Comment Session: Dr. Levin announced that public comments would be limited to two minutes per person and the meeting was being recorded. No Public Comments.

I. Meeting opened April 21, 2022 at 5:33 pm by Dr. Levin.

Motion: Motion made to open the meeting by Dr. Suopis, seconded by Dr. Smith. All in favor (5-0).

II. New Business:

- COVID Updates – Vivian Franklin, RN reviewed local COVID data. Hampshire County is now Medium Risk per CDC criteria. There was discussion of future decision-making and actions going forward, and it was decided to dedicate most of the next meeting to that discussion.
- Presentation HampshireHOPE – Cherry Sullivan announced that that she is leaving the Northampton Department of Health and spoke of her journey in joining the Health Department seven years ago as the coordinator of HampshireHOPE. She brought numerous partners together over the years, and approaches they have used are now models for addressing opioid addiction in other communities.
- Ventilation and Air Quality Project Updates – Amy Hutchins discussed that the focus is on small business, restaurants and bars. Dr. Levin spoke to the Mayor’s Office who has gathered a group from various sectors to discuss how to distribute money from the American Rescue Plan Act funds. The Board favors using ARPA funds to support ventilation and air quality projects.
- 2022 Municipal Opt-Out for Aerial Mosquito Spraying – The Board discussed the option of opting out versus the City doing the spraying themselves.

Motion: Motion made by Dr. Smith, seconded by Dr. Suopis to recommend to City Council to opt-out of the 2022 Aerial Mosquito Spraying. All in favor (5-0).

III. Old Business:

- Senior Center Vaccine Requirement – The board discussed the current mandate. The mandate will remain in effect and be discussed at the next meeting.

IV. Review Minutes

A. Meeting Minutes from March 10, 2022.

Motion: Approved as amended: Motion made by Dr. Smith, seconded by Dr. Suopis to accept the minutes as amended. Motion passed 4-0, Dallas Ducar abstained.

Meeting Closed: Motion to Close Meeting: Motion made by Dr. Smith, seconded by Dr. Suopis to close the Board of Health meeting. All in favor (5-0).

Meeting closed at 7:54 PM.

The next scheduled Board of Health Meeting: May 5, 2022, with the possibility of a meeting May 23, 2022, if needed.

Kelly Constantine, BOH Clerk

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Meeting Document List

The following documents were available to the Board of Health during their scheduled meeting.

These documents are available for review at the:

Northampton Health Department, 212 Main Street, Northampton, MA 01060

- Meeting Agenda
- March 10, 2022 Minutes