

# City of Nashua

Division of Public Health & Community Services  
142 Main Street, Suite 410, Nashua, NH 03060

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## BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

June 09, 2021  
12:30 PM

### Minutes

#### Attendees:

**Board of Health:** Dr. Storace, Dr. Charles Cappetta, Dr. Stephanie Wolf-Rosenblum

**Board of Aldermen:** Tom Lopez

**City Employees:** Bobbie Bagley, Kim Bernard, Flavia Martin, Angela Consentino, Jane Goodman, Foqia Ijaz, Bob Mack.

**Call to Order:** By Board Member – Dr. Storace

**May 5, 2021 and May 19, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes:** Request to reflect the following:

Clarification on page 1: Most fully vaccinated people are safe from Covid and do not need to wear masks except when required by State or Federal Law or Local Policy, such as travel, in hospitals and health care facilities. It is still recommended that masks be worn in the presence of immunocompromised people, and immunocompromised people should continue to protect themselves.

Clarification on Page 3: CDC guidelines say that if you are not vaccinated then you should continue to wear mask and keep social distancing.

Clarification Under Statement of BOH:

1. Those who are unvaccinated should wear a mask for their own protection and that of others until they get vaccinated or until the appropriate health organization deems it safe not to wear a mask.
2. If the current situation changes then we reserve the right to recommend changes to these guidelines accordingly.

Clarification Under Chairman's Fund: Dr. Storace will match that amount to make it \$100,000.

#### **Department of Public Health and Community Services (DPHCS) Director's Report.**

- FY 22 DPHCS Budget reviewed at the Budget Hearing on May 24, 2021.
- PHNS Grants will be reviewed for approval at the BOA meeting on June 22, 2021
- ELPH Post COVID-19 Response request awarded in the amount of \$50,000 with a start date of June 1, 2021.
- An additional \$60,000 will be granted to DPHCS to continue immunization services to promote COVID-19 vaccination efforts. This award will be issued annually \$20,000 over the next three years.

- The \$100,000 award from FEMA was extended until the award money ends.
- Moving back to 18 Mulberry Street in mid-June.
- The Director is invited to the SNHS Board of Trustees.

## Department Summaries

### Community Health Department (CHD):

- Continue to provide services including COVID-19 vaccination, testing, disease investigation and education.
- Continue to partner with St. Joseph Mobile Health Clinic and Lamprey Healthcare to provide physical space for services during renovations.
- Doing outreach in the community for COVID-19 vaccination to reach out to the populations that may not have access to vaccine otherwise.
- Presented FY22 budget to the City's Budget Committee.
- Finalized contract with Cure MD for the implementation of EMR.
- CHD Team completed training of the new NH Immunization Information Registry.
- Submitted grant request for STD clinic equipment upgrade.

### Report from Epidemiologist:

- Current situational update on COVID-19 was given.
- Abstract was submitted to the American Public Health Association's 2021 Annual meeting to present "Chief Public Health Strategist's Response to COVID-19"
- Completed SWOT data analysis for the 2021-2025 DPHCS Strategic Plan.
- Evaluated DPHCS lead data for Environmental Public Health Tracking Grant.
- Continued training and development of strategic mapping software with Smart Start.
- Distributed Assets and Gaps assessments for five CHIP priority areas.

### Report from Public Health Emergency Preparedness Department (PHEP):

- Interviewing candidates for the open position of PHEP Coordinator.
- Some changes are being made at the State level in regards to the oversight of Public Health Regional Network.
- Continue to support all vaccination efforts.

### Report from Health Promotion and Communication Specialist:

- Messaging priorities for June-tick/lyme prevention, Men's Health month.
- Press release to acknowledge the completed renovations and move to 18 Mulberry Street.
- Promotion for HIV testing clinics on June 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Presenting on 'Increasing child blood level testing using a health equity approach at the APHA's 2021 Annual Conference.
- DPHCS is attending two family movie nights on June 4<sup>th</sup> and June 18<sup>th</sup> as well as Tree Streets Block party. Will provide immunizations and education.
- Started a regional campaign 'I am part of the solution' campaign.

- Invited Mayor Donchess to present awards to Fidelity, St Aloysius Church and Temple Beth Abraham for hosting vaccination clinics.

Report from Public Health Strategist:

- Overview of the Annual COVID-19 report by the DPHCS was given.
- Co-Chair the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).
- Cross department work on value statements. Core values are Integrity, Leadership, Adaptability and Respect.

Report from Environmental Health Department:

- Resumed routine food service establishments inspections.
- Did inspections of school's/child care centers.
- Finished indoor and outdoor pool inspections.
- Supporting DPHCS in COVID-19 activities.
- Rise in ticks.

Report from welfare Department:

- Expenditures are down mainly because of the referrals to the Cap agencies.
- Continue to assess people who apply for assistance.
- Refer clients to Crisis Assessment and Referral program and other available programs to prevent homelessness.
- Department has spent about 61% of the budget.
- Staff continue to support COVID-19 activities.
- Purchased 100 licenses from Homeless Training Institute in partnership with Nashua Public Library.

Other Comments/Discussion:

- The Director recognized the staff of DPHCS for their extraordinary efforts during the pandemic.
- The Director thanked BOH on their additional efforts, engagement, support and recommendations provided during the pandemic.
- BOH recognized Alderman Lopez for his continued engagement with BOH.
- Need to make sure that the community members can attend the BOH when the BOH meetings move to in person.

*\* Full departmental reports can be found on City Website under May 2021 BOH Meeting Reports*

*\* Full audio recording of the meeting is at the bottom.*

Motion to recommend that the BOH take the month of July off moved by Dr. Rosenblum.  
Second by Dr. Cappetta and Dr. Storace.

Meeting adjourned at 2:01 PM. Motion to adjourn made by Dr. Storace. Moved by Dr. Cappetta and second by Dr. Storace.

Next Meeting: August 11, 2020