BURLINGTON BOARD OF HEALTH
5:30 PM, MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM, 645 PINE STREET OR REMOTELY VIA ZOOM:
MINUTES OF MEETING
November 4, 2024

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1. Agenda

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Meeting called to order at 5:35 pm by Board Chair Celia Bird.
Attending tonight: Celia Bird, Jennifer Tomczak, Jane Seymour, Bianka Çimrin, Judy Rivers and Health Officer Bill Ward.
Judy motioned to add item 3.2 to the agenda to be hearing from Speaker Dr. Jules Wetchi from the New American Public Health Initiative, and approv the amended agenda. Jenny 2nd. Unanimous in favor.

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Subject	**1.1. Addition to the agenda at conclusion of the Public Forum: Speaker Dr. Jules Wetchi from the New American Public Health Initiative will be attending.**
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Recommended Action

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2. Approval of October draft minutes

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Jenny noted that the minutes had a typo in item 2 on the minutes which listed her as making a motion and adding a 2nd to the same motion. Bill edited that to be a 2nd by Judy. Jane made a motion to approve those edited minutes. Bianca 2nd. Unanimous in favor.

3. Public Forum

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Three members of the public participated in the public forum.
Rob Perry and Amy Kimmel are property owners near the Howard Center on Clarke Street. They spoke

about their observations in recent years on Clarke Street ranging from increased traffic at the site to overdoses on the street, along with the accompanying increase in discarded needles.
Councilor Evan Litwin spoke about the City Council resolution. He offered suggestions to the Board for gathering information and speaking with stakeholders associated with the syringe exchange site. He also offered personal observations and a willingness to speak with board members further.

Item 3.2 - Speakers Dr. Jules Wetchi from the New American Public Health Initiative provided an overview of the initiative and the background on the need for the service. Dr. Wetchi's wife Rachel attended with him. She spoke about the initiatives participants and barriers to service.

Subject	**3.1. Verbal Comments**
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3.1. Verbal Comments

4. Substance Abuse and Safe Syringe Disposal

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The board had a lengthy discussion on outlining goals and assigning tasks associated with the City Council Resolution on syringe disposal. Jane produced a document for board members to visualize the action steps called for in the resolution. The board is planning on having additional work session meetings to further organize and share the workload.

Bianca noted that she sent an updated link for the shared spreadsheet on syringe drop boxes to board members. Jane and Jenny confirmed they had received it. Bianca and Judy have already added items to the spreadsheet. This spreadsheet will be used for businesses to request a syringe drop box for their property.

5. Health Equity

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No new reports.

6. Emerging Issues

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Celia spoke about last meeting's work on her communicating with City Council on gun violence. She will provide more of an update at the next regular meeting,

7. Chair Report

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Jenny Lowell was given an opportunity to introduce herself as a new Deputy Town Health Officer. Celia welcomed her.

8. Public Outreach / Communications

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FPF- to be used for providing updates on the City Council resolution and outreach for public comment in the upcoming meetings.

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The next meeting will be a work session on November 14, 2024, at 5:30 pm. The meeting will be at 645 Pine Street to work on the CC resolution.
Motion to adjourn was made by Jane.
2nd by Jenny
Unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Subject	**9.1. Motion to adjourn**
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Recommended Action	

9.1. Motion to adjourn