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The mission of the Board of Health is to educate the citizens of Burlington and to promote, improve, and protect their health and well-being while contributing toward building a health community and environment in which to live.

AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING OF THE BURLINGTON BOARD OF HEALTH

**In-Person at 645 Pine Street
and Virtual Meeting**

Thursday November 10, 2022 at 6:30pm

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DRAFT MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF BURLINGTON BOARD OF HEALTH In Person and Virtual Meeting Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 6:30 PM

Attending: William Ward, Celia Bird, Jenny Tomczak, Pat Payne, Josh Gerry, Ines Castro,

Absent: Hannah Cunningham, Celeste Crowley

Meeting called to order by Interim Chair Hathaway at 6:33 PM

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION TAKEN
1. Approvals: a. Agenda b. Approval of June Minutes	a. November Agenda – . b. October meeting Minutes – Edits to agenda Item #5 to clarify after Pat’s comment insert: potential obstacle... in access and availability of data, mindful of the inflammatory nature of this issue and trying to get the most up to date data that reflects the effects of gun violence on the community. Item 7 Eliminate 2 nd sentence and insert She thought it would be helpful to use emerging issues section in the minutes to track increasing health topics instead of a new document. .	Pat motioned, Josh 2 nd . All in favor. Approved Josh motioned to approve amended minutes Ines 2 nd . All in Favor. Approved
2. Public Forum	No public attendees	
3. Found Syringe Update	Josh gave an overview that the city is close to 600 found Syringe cases year to date in early October. On track to double previous year.	

	He suggested another member work with him and Patrick agreed to partner in the effort.	
4. Eradicating Systemic Racism	Patrick and Ines gave update that they discussed opportunities for considering both internal and external practices. They agreed on approaching our cultural competency cultural sensitivity practices and knowledge Mindful of the diverse community – how do we serve communities that are experiencing disparities in service. 1st step reached out to Acting Director of REIB Two pronged: 1) Consider ways for us to learn what groups exist/disparities that exist for those groups. 2) Address those disparities Next meeting November 19th. Patrick added that the initial work is intended to narrow it into Burlington specific efforts and use an evidence based approach. Patrick asked that the Board consider the cover letter he emailed to them. The cover letter is intended to be the introductory document with the heat emergency policy recommendations.	Motion to approve by cover letter and report on heat emergencies to be sent to the CC for next meeting consent agenda communication. 1st by: Patrick 2nd by Jenny All in favor - Approved
5. Chair report	Celia – Gave an update about CC presentation she and Jenny made on the BOH resolution - Jenny – mentioned positive aspect of presentation and her regrets in presentation not using principle of “say their names” when referencing Burlington’s gun violence victims. She suggested inviting Councilor Dieng to an upcoming meeting to discuss his work on systemic racism.	
6. Emerging Issues	Jenny brought up the open data dashboard at BPD – public data also includes 2021 annual report – Commission reports have summary data.	

	Jenny will ask Councilor McGee about BOH analysis work to make sure work is not duplicating the work being done by others – Bill mentioned the Burlington Aging Council data for responses due for survey done by CEDO. Bill will follow up with Celia. Patrick mentioned the Federal preemption on Pesticide ordinances – Patrick gave an update on the Bill HR7266 – No legislative changes yet. He will track and give a board report when updates occur -	
7. Public Outreach / Communications a. Front Porch Forum	Celia gave update on a communication from the Community Sailing Center – Summary of what they have been doing and thanking us for past support. Celia asked that we track past FPF posts and have them available internally for future use and possibly as links on our web site. Public outreach – Josh wrote last update – thank you FPF – Josh suggested mental health and holidays focus– suicide prevention or seasonal affective disorder- Patrick offered to work on a post with Bill on CO prevention – Jenny mentioned Aging Council - November CO – Check Batteries in detectors	Bill will update board prior to next meeting on current BOH budget remaining for this FY and provide an overview of typical past expenses. Budget to be item on next agenda. Patrick and Bill will coordinate on CO message Josh will work on a mental health message
8. Next Meeting	The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 8th at 6:30pm	Meet via Zoom or in person.
9. Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm	Board – motion to adjourn – Patrick 2nd by Josh All in favor - Approved