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AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING OF THE BURLINGTON BOARD OF HEALTH

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DRAFT MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF BURLINGTON BOARD OF HEALTH Zoom Conference Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 6:30 PM

Attending: *Caroline Tassey, William Ward, Mary Hart, Ian McHale, Celia Bird, Celeste Crowley*

Absent: *Julie Hathaway*

Meeting called to order by Interim Chair Tassey at 6:30 PM

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION TAKEN
1. Approvals: a. Agenda b. Approval of July Minutes	a. No changes to the agenda . b. Change agenda item description to Eradicating Systemic Racism.	Agenda approved with no changes. Mary motioned to approve minutes, Ian 2 nd . Minutes approved with amendments.
2. Public Forum	No public appearances	
3. Lead Program update by Margaret Williams	Margaret began by describing the grant/funding process through HUD. There was a tight deadline this year so Caroline wrote a letter of support for the grant. Typically the grant is for a 3 year period but has been extended to 42 months. As of our meeting date, Margaret was waiting to hear if the grant has been awarded. The Board of Health has participated in supporting their funding for the past 13 years. The main goal of the Lead Program is reduce the lead	Mary motioned to approve application; Ian 2 nd . Application approved. Ian and Celia will have a mocked up version for everyone to review.

	hazards by focusing on two main categories: Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes. The percent of rental units with lead is very low in both Burlington and Winooski rental units. 600 units are now considered lead safe. If the lead can not be eradicated the program insures that it is made safe through various processes. If a tenant has children under 6 years old, they are given Hepa vacuums to help reduce the hazard of lead dust and chips in their units. Through the Lead Hazard Controls the program can assist to identify and use applications to make window wells, window replacements, exterior paint compliant to the EMP standards. The program also offers brochures and makes announcements to Burlington and Winooski tenants and landlords to help educate them about lead safety. Ian asked if there was anything more that the Board of Health could do to help the program. Margaret suggested just to keep talking about it and raising awareness that the program is available as well as the health hazards associated with having lead paint in your home. Caroline suggested that we use our October Front Porch Forum post to highlight Lead Paint and the Burlington Lead Program. All concurred as October is Lead Awareness Month.	
4. Revisions to the Pesticide	Ian and Celia have created a revised Pesticide Application which is ready to be reviewed by the city arborist, VJ Comai, and	

	then to the City Attorney to be sure any changes are in compliance with the city. Bill mentioned that VJ is available for our next meeting and will reach out to him to confirm his attendance.	
5. Chair Report	Marijuana Cards; the new law focuses on the sale of marijuana and does not change the scope of the marijuana cards. They are in place to educate residents and visitors to Vermont and Burlington as to what the law says is acceptable use of marijuana. There was also discussion of card distribution to CBD retailers, hotels, colleges, the library, and through Parks and Rec Department. A handout was being made for the Parks & Rec Department to hand out to visitors/tourists during the summer season, but was put on hold due to COVID.	
6. Eradicating Systemic Racism	This is a new agenda item going forward. The first topic is identifying where the Board of Health can make an impact in eradicating the health risks of systemic racism. What data is collected through different departments in the city that targets racial disparities. Most departments do not collect data specific to race but many diversity issues appear in the data showing the diverse neighborhoods that would narrow down areas to concentrate on what disparities exist and then move forward with solutions.	

	It was suggested to reach out to Meg at Vermont Health to see what data they could share with the Board of Health.	
7. Emerging Issues	Mask Handout Events; Choose next location and date for a handout event. Possibly on Church Street or at a Flu Shot event to add a second line of education and awareness to COVID and the benefits of wearing a mask and having a flu shot. No decisions made on a date.	
8. Public Outreach / Communications a. Front Porch Forum	Post information about the Lead Program.	
9. Next Meeting	Thursday, October 8, at 6:30pm	Meet via Zoom
10. Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm	Mary motioned, Ian 2 nd .