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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 January 12, 2023 at 6:30pm

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DRAFT MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF BURLINGTON BOARD OF HEALTH In Person and Virtual Meeting Thursday, January 12, 2022 at 6:30 PM

Attending: William Ward, Celia Bird, Jenny Tomczak, Pat Payne, Ines Castro (by phone), Hannah Cunningham, Celeste Crowley

Absent: Josh Gerry

Meeting called to order by Chair, Celia Bird, at 6:33 PM

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION TAKEN
1. Approvals: a. Agenda b. Approval of December Minutes	a. January Agenda b. December meeting Minutes Add REIB Chair name Kim Carson to Item 4, and add "Celia thanked the members for all of the hard work they have done and the time that they put into the resolutions." To section 5.	Pat motioned to approve, Jenny 2 nd . All in favor. Approved Pat motioned to approve amended minutes Jenny 2 nd . All in Favor. Approved
2. Public Forum	No public attendees	
3. Bill Ward – Housing Review Appeals - Discussion	There is a proposal on the table for the Housing Board of Review to consider. The proposal is to limit the number of failed inspections to 3 which will then require the property owner to appear before the HBR to explain and/or show proof as to why they are not keeping their rentals up to the life safety standards required by the City Ordinance.	

	This proposal is based off of a model in Florida that has shown that 1/3 of property owners bring their rentals into compliance once they are notified to appear at a Housing Board of Review meeting. The proposal also allows the city assist tenants to have a voice. Hannah asked if the proposal would mean that the HBR would need to increase the number of board members. At this time, Bill does not think that will be necessary due to the lower number of landlords that are not in compliance. He also feels that because the majority of cases to be heard will fall within a three month period, summer typically, when student and general renter leases tend to end.	
4. Found Syringe	Pat and Josh reached out to Scott Pavak to meet about their proposal. They attended the COMSTAT meeting and now have a better idea of who we would need to connect with and how to implement a course of action for the Board of Health's syringe proposal. They also discussed use disorder as well as single use dispensers. Josh is getting pricing and they agreed that, depending on cost, it makes the most sense to use the BOH budget before pursuing a grant. Joh and Pat would like to speak with the Howard Center to be sure that this is a good way to proceed, before purchasing the single use dispensers. Hannah agreed that the Howard Center would also have a complete list of dispenser locations. And that she checked the locations in all seasons to be sure they are accessible and functioning properly in all weather. They also discussed the public's use of the See Click Fix system and how best to use the data.	
5. Eradicating Systemic Racism	Pat and Ines met with Lori at UVM Health network. She was excited that we were getting involved. One of their elements is working at the policy level but have struggled with effective policies. So the question is,	

	how can the BOH be a resource. REIB would be best suited to tackle the UVM Health needs along with the Board of Health. One of the main priorities is housing which is where we may be best suited to help with policies for housing as a health issue. Is that a reasonable topic to be involved in? Pat and Ines will talk with REIB to see if that is a viable topic.	
6. Chair report a. Board of Health Budget	Celia is waiting to hear and will follow up with the City Council to determine what changes are being made in regards to the gun safety resolution. The next step is to understand the Mayor's goals, state goals, and where the communities are at with gun safety concerns. Celia also mentioned, in regard to the REIB and Eradicating Systemic Racism, that the board is ready to work with Kim Carson to collaborate on making changes.	
7. Emerging Issues	There were no new emerging issues presented this month.	
8. Public Outreach / Communications a. Front Porch Forum	The board would like to submit informational materials to the CEDO Multilingual Newsletter. The board members feel it is a better way to reach the BIPOC community as the newsletter is translated into nine different languages that are present in Burlington. This will allow BOH to provide educational information to all of the residents in Burlington. The deadline for the next newsletter is February 10th.	
9. Next Meeting	February 9, 2023 at 6:30pm	
10. Adjournment	7:56pm	Pat motioned; Jenny 2 nd All in favor