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**Board of Health Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2022**

Present: Dr. James Hadler, Dr. Frank Mongillo, Heather Reynolds, Dr. Darnell Young, Gregg Gonsalves, Dr. Alice Forrester

Absent: None

Staff: Maritza Bond, Director of Health

Call to Order:

Commission Chair Hadler called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Approval of Minutes:

Commission Chair Hadler moved to approve the minutes from July 13, 2022, Commissioner Gonsalves seconded.

Minutes were approved with no edits or objections.

Public Comments or Statements:

No members of the public.

Updates:

Director Bond presented the following status updates:

COVID-19 Situational Awareness & Response Efforts

- The Department continues to monitor Covid-19 while also updating data dashboards and guidance documents.
- New Haven did see an uptick in Covid-19 cases within summer camps. The Department has worked closely with the Board of Education to address it.

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- The Department has supported The City's Human Resources Division to update guidance and protocols to transition to a mask friendly city.
- Vaccines for children ages 3+ have been offered since June 23rd.

Administration Updates

- A significant number of vacancies remain. The Department is working through the vacancies within the different divisions.
- Dr. Forrester asked if The Department could make vaccine information on the website mobile friendly. To allow people who do not have a computer to have easy access to the information. Director Bond will ask the website vendor to work on displaying information in a mobile friendly version.

Programmatic Updates

- Epi is working closely with the police department on monitoring shootings in The City.
- There is concern in the community around violence and the accessibility to guns. The Department is working with other City Departments to share data and identify necessary changes and bring to light a number of issues withing different neighborhoods.
- Outreach workers are working hard to address the opioid epidemic in New Haven.
- Partnering with Quinnipiac Valley Health District to look at suspected drug overdose cases.
- The team is collecting and tracking data and sharing with partners who are doing the actual delivery of services. By sharing this data, the teams can really look at outreach efforts and strategies and being proactive in the community.
- The Department has been able to work proactively on different efforts in addition to Covid-19.
- A discussion ensued on helping high risk neighborhoods in New Haven by partnering with other organizations and institutions.

The August meeting has been cancelled. Three members of the Board will not be available to attend.

Commission Chair Hadler moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 pm. Commissioner Gonsalves seconded it. The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., via Zoom.

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Attest:

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Office Manager

09/02/2022

Date

Approved:

James Hadler

James Hadler, Chair
Board of Health Commissioners

09/14/2022

Date

