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**Board of Health Commissioners  
Meeting Minutes  
September 14, 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

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**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 Reynolds 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 & Monkeypox Situational Awareness & Response Efforts**

- The Department continues to monitor Covid-19. CDC currently categorizes New Haven as medium risk.
- Hospitalizations have gone up in the past two weeks, as expected.



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- The current vaccination rates for booster are at a low percentage (36.5%). The Department is trying to promote vaccinations on different platforms.
- 113 Monkeypox cases have been identified in CT. 7 reported cases in New Haven, of which 1 is active.
- The Department worked with the school district to put out information about Covid-19 and Monkeypox.
- The Department has partnered with local federally qualified Health Centers to distribute information and ensure access to the Monkeypox vaccine.
- A dashboard has been created to track Monkeypox open cases and exposures within New Haven.

#### Administration Updates

- A significant number of vacancies remain. The Department is working through the vacancies within the different divisions.
- Requests to appointment a new Program Director of Nursing and a Public Health Educator have been submitted.
- John Brannelly has been appointment as Special Assistant to The Director of Health.
- The Department has applied for a Federal Grant through the Office of Minority Health.
- An outdoor staff retreat was held in July with team building activities, Director Bond presented the design of the new building and went through the strategic plan with staff.

#### Programmatic Updates

- The Health Department Clinic has re-opened and provided 106 children with physicals and/or immunizations from August 18-31.
- Recommendations are being made to the Board of Education for a policy change to ensure that there is a no tolerance policy regarding school physicals. This means that all children must be up to date on vaccinations and physicals on the first day of school.
- A dashboard has been created for nurses to use in conjunction with PowerSchool to note physical form and vaccination compliance. This will allow the Nurse Coordinator to report updated numbers regularly.

A discussion ensued on gun violence in New Haven and the State in general. Dr. Forrester mentioned there may be funds available to help New Haven address gun violence prevention through the Justice Institute.

Dr. Young discussed new fines and restrictions against vaping companies advertising to children. The Department will work on messaging around vaping.

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Dr. Mongillo moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:08pm. Commissioner Reynolds seconded it. The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., via Zoom.

Attest:

*Damaris Velez*

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Office Manager

10/04/2022

Date

Approved:

James Hadler, Chair  
Board of Health Commissioners

Date

