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**Board of Health Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
November 09, 2022**

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

Absent: Dr. Alice Forrester

Staff: Maritza Bond, Director of Health

Call to Order:

Commission Chair Hadler called the meeting to order at 5:36 pm.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the September 2022 were approved. Motion made by Heather Reynolds and seconded by Darnell Young.

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 at the community level. CDC currently categorizes New Haven as medium risk level. NAATs tests in past 7 days categorizes us as high risk.
- The Department has seen a decrease of 7-Day Case Rate down 17% from two weeks ago. Hospitalizations down 16%. The NAAT Test Positivity is down 4%.



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- New Haven Schools – COVID Dashboard was shared. 445 Cases this school year – 322 Students and 123 for Staff. In the last 10 days, 1 school has 6 active cases, 1 school has 2 cases, 2 schools have 2 active cases and the rest of the schools have one case or less.
- Wastewater levels have decreased 53% from 1 week ago and decreased 36% from 2 weeks ago.
- Booster campaign is underway along with our Flu campaign.
- City-Wide Vaccinations – 1st Dose 78.5%, 2nd Dose 68.9% and Additional Dose 36.8%.
- The Department continues offering clinics for shots.

RSV

- 127 total cases in October compared to 50 last year. 75 ages 0-04, 20 ages 05-09 and the rest various ages to 80-84.

Flu Vaccine

- 62 does (pediatric and adult) were administered in September.
- Offered daily in the clinic.
- 14 off-site/community-based clinics have been scheduled for city employees, elderly residents and homeless residents

Monkeypox Situational Awareness & Response Efforts

- 143 Monkeypox cases have been identified in CT. 10 reported cases in New Haven, of which none are active.
- DOH has developed a dashboard that NHHD accesses. You too can also track vaccination rates online. It is updated every Tuesday.
- The Department developed multi-lingual campaigns.
- Monkeypox Tracking Dashboard has been developed by the Health Department for New Haven.

Nursing Section

- 1,267 students Kindergarten, 7th and 10th are part of the PR & Immunization Compliance Report. Only 3% are not compliant.



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Epidemiology

- Tuberculosis – two active cases are being followed and zero latent cases.
- Shootings?

Health Programs

- OD
- OD prevention
- Child Passenger safety
- Health Literacy
- Immunization Action Plan
- COVID Action Plan
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Environmental Health

- Lead Division
- Outreach 1,750 people at 18 events
- Food Service Impactions 156 –7 Failed
- Weights and Mesaures 4 Gas Sations inspected

Ryan White

- Carryover funds for food

Vital Statistics

- 1222 Birth Requests
- 257 Marriage Requests
- 877 Death Requests

- 140 children received physicals and/or immunizations through the Children's Clinic does (pediatric and adult) were administered.
- The Clinic has a staff shortage of nurses.
- Education campaign with phone calls and info graphics.
- Created new dashboard for Department to get a better grasp of situation to work with schools more closely.
- Vaccination policies need to be updated.
- Compliance report has been developed by school. With no religious exemption anymore, that is now at a minimum.

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- The Director is working to ensure that the City of New Haven is in compliance with state statutes.

Administration Updates

- Awarded Implementing Overdose Prevention Strategies at the Local Level grant from NACCHO in the amount of \$300,000 to expand community outreach and academic detailing program
- A few vacancies remain. The Department is working through the vacancies within the different sections. A person was hired as CAP, Immunization Outreach Worker.

Dr. Mongillo moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:03pm. Commissioner Reynolds seconded it. The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., at Brazi's**
201 Food Terminal Plz, New Haven, CT 06511.

Attest:

John Brannelly

John Brannelly
Special Assistant to The Director of Health

10/31/2022

Date

Approved:

James Hadler, Chair
Board of Health Commissioners

Date

