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### *APPROVED MINUTES*

A public meeting of the Board of Health was held on April 23, 2019 in the Health Department conference room, 1213 Purchase Street, New Bedford.

Present: Patricia Andrade, M.D., Chairperson  
Craig Longo, M.D., Member  
Sarah Morris, M.D., Member

Also Present: Damon O. Chaplin, Director of Public Health

### CALL TO ORDER

1. Dr. Longo called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. Dr. Andrade is in route to the meeting and will be here soon. Dr. Longo called roll with himself and Dr. Sarah Morris. Dr. Longo called for a motion to accept and place on file the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 26, 2019.

MOTION: by Dr. Morris to accept and place on file the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 26, 2019. SECONDED: Dr. Longo. All in favor. MOTION CARRIES.

### ACTION

2. 464 Summer St., request for hearing regarding Minimum Housing Violation Order # 19-004138, Jacqueline Lopez, Owner 464 Summer St., New Bedford, MA; Marissa Beltran, Tenant; Ann Gagne, Sanitarian, Not Present.

Cancelled until next Board of Health meeting.

3. 147 Maxfield St., request for hearing regarding Minimum Housing Violation Order # 19-005032, Wilfredo Diaz, Owner, 147 Maxfield St., New Bedford, MA; Carlos Gonzalez, Sanitarian, Present.

Carlos Gonzalez appeared before the board and explained that he did an inspection in March 2019 and found rodent activity and took pictures. He explained to the owner what was going on that the yard had dog feces and was cluttered with debris. Carlos requested that he clean the yard and maintain it.

Mr. Wilfredo Diaz the owner explained that he has cleaned up the yard.

Dr. Longo asked that Carlos schedule a re-inspection to see how the yard is now and show Mr. Diaz where the burrow is located in his yard.

Dr. Morris stated we will show some leniency for now to have the professional pest control come in and provide some resources that are available to the owner to take care of property.

Mr. Chaplin asked that Carlos make sure that there are no piles of wood or debris, no trash access to food or water and check to see if exterior door sweeps are flush with the ground.

**MOTION:** by Dr. Longo to defer professional exterminator for 147 Maxfield St. pending re-inspection of the property and surrounding properties. **SECONDED:** Dr. Morris. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIES.**

**Dr. Andrade came into meeting at this point.**

#### **4. Tobacco Regulations (MTCP update)**

**Invitee(s): Damon O. Chaplin, Health Director**

**Joseph Carvalho, Public Health Program Manager/Tobacco**

Mr. Chaplin stated Joe Carvalho is here to give us an update on MTCP and also Cheryl Sbarra is here to walk us through the next couple of phases for the cap.

Mr. Carvalho appeared before the board and explained that he has been in the process of meeting all the retailers in the city and passing out all the signage and letting them know what we expect from them as far as selling to minors etc.

One of the things he has done in this quarter is attended Kick Butts Day on April 3rd when youth council from Mayor's council presented their cases to the legislators up at the state house. They spoke to each one regarding vaping in the school and what a problem it is becoming. Also there was a new program vape/cigarette which Mr. Carvalho showed the paper work to the Board that involves new signage and new campaign similar to what Mr. Chaplin suggested with the vaping equals cigarettes.

Dr. Morris liked the signage that said vapes and cigarettes are a lot alike. The rest of the Board agreed.

Dr. Andrade suggested reaching out to the head nurse at the school dept. handing them out to students and whoever is doing summer camps, pediatrician and family doctors offices, health centers, boys clubs give them some of these pamphlets, flyers and information. They spoke about the state is trying to restrict all flavored tobacco products including menthol.

Mr. Carvalho stated that he will be starting to go out with youth next week to do compliance checks the children are between 16-17 yrs of age.

Cheryl Sbarra stated she looked at an issue brief that Mr. Chaplin gave her in regards to capping the number of sales permits in New Bedford. Ms. Sbarra stated the language says that at any given time there shall be no more than 146 tobacco product sales permits issued in the city of New Bedford reduced by the number of permits not renewed. No permit renewal will be denied based on this regulation except any permit holder who has failed to renew his/her permit within 30 days of expiration will be treated as a first time permit applicant. Also added, any permit that has not been renewed either because retail does not sell tobacco anymore or closed his business then that permit would be permanently retired. Also if the retailer moved to a different location they could take that permit to

other location because that business has already been permitted at old location. That is basically the language for the Tobacco capping in New Bedford. Also briefly discussed was increasing permit fee.

Cheryl Sbarra also suggested the Board hold a public hearing to get comments from the public. Notify the retailers by letter with a copy of the proposed regulation that the Board would be holding a public meeting on this date and time welcoming them to come or submit written testimony. She does not think this will be too controversial but there may be some questions about the capping.

**DEPARTMENTAL BRIEFING**

**Invitee(s): Damon O. Chaplin, Health Director**

**MOTION:** by Dr. Andrade to adjourn the meeting. **SECONDED:** Dr. Morris. All in favor.  
**MOTION CARRIES.**

The next meeting of the Board of Health will be Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Andrade adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

A true record attest:

  
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Health Department Chairperson

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