



## ***Board of Health***

June 04, 2015 – 6:05 PM - **Minutes**  
1213 Purchase Street., New Bedford, MA

### ***APPROVED MINUTES***

A public meeting of the Board of Health was held on June 4, 2015 in the Health Department conference room, 1213 Purchase Street, New Bedford.

Present: Patricia Andrade, M.D., Chairperson  
Athena Xifaras, M.D., Member  
Craig Longo, M.D., Member

Also Present: Brenda Weis, Director of Public Health

### **CALL TO ORDER**

1. Dr. Xifaras called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Dr. Xifaras called roll with herself and Dr. Craig Longo. Dr. Xifaras called for a motion to accept and place on file the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 22, 2015.

**MOTION:** by Dr. Longo to accept and place on file the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 22, 2015. **SECONDED:** Dr. Xifaras. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIES.**

### **ACTION**

2. Agent of the Board provisional approval for Waste Recycling Enforcement Coordinator (WREC), Katharine Leaver, Health Department contractor, present.

**MOTION:** by Dr. Longo to approve. **SECONDED:** Dr. Xifaras. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIES.**

3. 858 Kempton St., Request for Hearing Re: Request for Body Art Practitioner License; Establishment: Flyin Aces Tattoo; Deane Majndle, applicant, 53 Campbell St., 1W, New Bedford, MA; Kenneth Tetrault, owner; Mary Freire Kellogg, Sanitarian, present.

**MOTION:** by Dr. Longo to grant Dean Majndle a Body Art Practitioner's License at Flyin Aces Tattoo on 858 Kempton St. **SECONDED:** Dr. Xifaras. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIES.**

4. 858 Kempton St., Request for Hearing Re: Request for Body Art Practitioner License; Establishment: Flyin Aces Tattoo; Jessie Lee Quiterio, applicant, 48 Crapo St., 1<sup>st</sup> Fl., New Bedford, MA; Kenneth Tetrault, owner; Mary Freire Kellogg, Sanitarian, present.

**MOTION:** by Dr. Longo to grant Jessie Lee Quiterio a Body Art Practitioner's License at Flyin Aces Tattoo on 858 Kempton St. **SECONDED:** Dr. Xifaras. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIES.**

**5. 1780 Acushnet Ave., Request for Hearing Re: Request for Body Art Apprentice License; Establishment: New Bedford Tattoo Company; Elvin Gonzalez, applicant; 279 Collette St., 1<sup>st</sup> Fl., New Bedford, MA; Valerie Marks Garnett, Owner, Venessa Kollars, Co-Owner; Mary Freire Kellogg, Sanitarian, present.**

**MOTION:** by Dr. Longo to grant Elvin Gonzalez a Body Art Apprentice's License at New Bedford Tattoo Company on 1780 Acushnet Ave. **SECONDED:** Dr. Xifaras. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIES.**

**6. 1780 Acushnet Ave., Request for Hearing Re: Request for approval to use Tatt2away product in shop; Establishment: New Bedford Tattoo Company; Valerie Marks Garnett, Owner, Venessa Kollars, Co-Owner; Mary Freire Kellogg, Sanitarian, present.**

Dr. Longo asked Ms. Garnett about the process using Tatt2away. Ms. Garnett explained that it is a non-laser technology that introduces liquid into the body like a tattoo would. The liquid then engulfs the ink and the body extrudes the ink as a scab. Dr. Longo asked about formal oversight for the procedure and Ms. Garnett answered that there is training on the use of the product and equipment, and the practitioner comes to your location to train you. The equipment is returned after its stated use so is not left on-site. Dr. Xifaras asked about costs associated with the procedure and Ms. Garnett answered that the cost is based on the specific tattoo being removed. A person needs multiple treatments to remove a tattoo and there is time allotted between treatments for the body to heal.

Ms. Garnett also asked for guidance about shielding the windows while conducting body art procedures involving certain body parts at the New Bedford Tattoo Company located at 29 Union Street, New Bedford. Ms. Garnett stated that she was seeking guidance about whether the Board would find acceptable the practice of shielding from public view a person having a procedure conducted on a specific body part that would not normally be in public view (e.g., breasts, buttocks, genitalia and pubic area), although not shield procedures conducted on body areas that are not normally shielded from public view. Dr. Longo stated that the request was reasonable provided there were no repeated complaints about exposed individuals at her establishment, and that the request would be reviewed within eight months after opening to determine whether there were any complaints, the nature of those complaints, and the frequency of those complaints.

**MOTION:** by Dr. Longo to grant the use of Tatt2away at the New Bedford Tattoo Company on 1780 Acushnet Ave. **SECONDED:** Dr. Xifaras. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIES**

**MOTION:** by Dr. Longo to grant operations to continue without shielding but to require shielding from public view any procedures involving specific body areas (e.g., breasts, buttocks, genitalia and public area) that are normally not in the public view. Additionally, any and all complaints of exposed individuals would be reviewed within eight months' time. **SECONDED:** Dr. Xifaras. **MOTION CARRIES.**

**7. Request for Board of Health Approval for Little People's College Health Care Plan at 850 Church Street for summer 2015.**

**MOTION:** by Dr. Longo to approve the Health Care Plan for Little People's College. **SECONDED:** Dr. Xifaras. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIES**

**8. Request for Board of Health Approval for Recreational Camp Health Care Consultant Agreement at YMCA's Camp Frederick Douglas, 25 South Water Street for summer 2015.**

**MOTION:** by Dr. Longo to approve the Recreational Camp Health Care Consultant Agreement for YMCA's Camp Frederick Douglas. **SECONDED:** Dr. Xifaras. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIES.**

Dr. Andrade joined the meeting at this point.

**DEPARTMENTAL BRIEFING:** Dr. Weis discussed issues related to the ongoing opioid crisis in New Bedford, including the plan to establish a city-wide Task Force to address them. All expressed concerns about sharps left in public places and the fact that younger and younger people are using drugs including pain medications and heroin.

**DEPARTMENTAL ISSUES**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

**MOTION:** by Dr. Xifaras. **SECONDED:** Dr. Longo and Dr. Andrade. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIES.**

The next meeting of the Board of Health will be determined once Board members' schedules are checked.

Dr. Xifaras adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.



A true record attest:

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Director of Public Health