

Edgartown Board of Health

Minutes

July 12, 2022 at 2:30 pm Via Zoom

In Attendance:

Chris Edwards: Chairperson

Candace A. Nichols: Board Member

Gretchen Regan: Board Member

Matt Poole: Health Agent

Celena Guimaraes : Temporary BoH Assistant

Meeting called to order at 2:37 pm.

Bills:

IHC Bill *for March April, May and June* was explained to the board. Nursing budget balance was approximately \$13,000 and the bill totaled \$8,812.08. The towns share the cost under the "All" categories which means that the category isn't necessarily only used by one town. Examples of 'All' category charges include services delivered at the homeless shelter, services delivered at congregate living facilities and vaccination clinics. The health agents have all agreed and communicated to IHC that more focus needs to be made when coding services to attribute expenses to individual towns whenever possible and to opt to the 'All' category more selectively and only when necessary.

Gabe Grasing's Bill was also explained. Since the Town is paying for service provided to Gabe by the Duke's County Sheriff's Office. The board authorized payment of the bill to the Dukes County Sheriff's Office in the amount of 166.70 for service of lien documents.

A Vineyard Gazette bill in the amount of \$231.00 for advertising and the MVRD quarterly LDO bill in the amount of 19,564.40 were both approved.

Meeting Minutes:

Minutes from June 8th and June 22nd were approved by the Board.

Matt Poole discussed the possibility of making a new format for meeting minutes. The board agreed.

Covid Updates:

Martha's Vineyard is rated as the only high risk County in MA, with six hospitalizations in the past 7 days. Currently there are no hospitalizations. CDC has not adjusted the 20,600 population from winter residents to the current summer population.

Masking advisory will be amplified on MVTimes.

Mobile Vaccine Clinic will be on Island from 8-5 on July 31st. Pediatric vaccines will most likely not be offered at the clinic.

Dog Poop Regulation:

It was acknowledge that a pooper scooper regulation needs to be written and adopted by the BOH. The Edgartown Animal Control officer has agreed to be the primary enforcement entity.

Unfinished Business:

The Health Agent briefed the board on upcoming application with hearing anticipated in September or later.

New Business:**BOH Assistant Job Interviews**

It was acknowledged that interviews are scheduled for July 15 with three 'in person' interviews in the first floor meeting room. The meeting will be posted in anticipation of a quorum of board members likely to attend the meeting.

Closing:

The meeting was adjourned (*an hour and 20 minutes after it began*).