



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

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APPROVED MINUTES

An emergency COVID-19 meeting of the Board of Health was held on March 30, 2020
by phone

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 and Mikaela McDermott,
City Solicitor., Elizabeth Pio

CALL TO ORDER

1. **Dr. Andrade called the meeting to order at 4:00p.m.**
2. **Dr. Andrade called roll with herself Dr. Sarah Morris and Dr. Craig Longo.**
3. **a) Emergency Order regarding Wellness Checks, Quarantines and isolation for Persons Over the Age of 60 Living in Long Term Care Senior Living, or Nursing Home Facilities during COVID-19 pandemic.**

Discuss emergency memo that the Mayor has instituted regarding long-term care facilities: emergency order for the safeguard and protection of patients' wellness checks are also required by management. Code status reassessed by April 2020. Concerned about door knocks and hearing. Some older residents might have difficulty hearing and might not be able to hear the door knocks. Follow-up with a phone might be a better option. Initiating with a phone call first makes sense then leave a note. They decide to get rid of knocking and replace with a phone call every three days. If resident does not respond after the 2nd contact, (phone call) the facility shall contact the New Bedford Health Dept. and the resident emergency point of contact.

To clarify: 2 phone calls every 3 days is 6 days late with no response. Wellness check is now decided to be a phone call. Day 1-3 call, no response on day 3 contact the Health Department. How many facilities are there? Approximately 20. Do we know the managers of the facilities? The response was yes. Taking temperatures – there should be more steps in place. Not sure how to be specific and come up with options.

Section#9 in document needs tweaking probably needs three different sentences, instead of having one long run-on sentence. Also, there should be a statement regarding who gets transferred, clear post status and contact info when patients arrive-what to do. There should be only one healthcare proxy. If

the patient requires a hospital transfer, the documents with the patient shall clearly indicate the correct code status and contact information for the healthcare proxy.

The Mayor will look at it and he will review and sign.

MOTION: by Dr. Morris to accept amendments. **SECONDED:** by **ROLL CALL** – Dr. Longo, Dr. Morris and Dr. Andrade. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIES.**

b) Emergency Order Regarding Lodging Houses.

On lodging document: change language to residents not guests. Is there a definition for guests in these situations? The term is guest until you are there for 30 plus days. Can change to potential resident, if desired.

4. Dr. Andrade **adjourned** the meeting at **4:41 p.m.**

A true record attest:


Health Department Chairperson

BOH Meeting Minutes Approved 10 / 7 / 21