

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

MINUTES

**The Watertown Board of Health has scheduled a REMOTE ZOOM meeting on
Wednesday April 21, 2021 at 7:00 pm**

PRESENT: Dr. John Straus, Chairperson and Dr. Barbara Beck, Secretary; Richard Arnold, Board Member.

Staff: Larry Ramdin, Director of Public Health, Maureen Foley, Head Clerk
In attendance Heather McManus, BioSafety Committee, Mackenzie Sullivan, Audrey M., Mailin Van Hoosear, Karisa Hanson, Joe Patel, Ryan Chapell, Scott Malstrom, Hussam Shaheen

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Straus called the meeting to order 7:05 pm

Minutes

Minutes were approved for March 17, 2021 meeting,
Motions granted (Arnold, Beck) 3-0.
All in favor.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Watertown Biosafety Committee (WBSC)

Heather McManus, Chair, WBSC Biosafety Committee, indicated and reviewed the application for registration and recommended registration of **Arranta Bio, LLC**. Heather McManus gave a short synopsis of Arranta's activities.

All the recommendations have been met.
Motions granted (Beck, Arnold) 3-0.
All in favor.

Heather McManus, Chair, WBSC Biosafety Committee, indicated and reviewed the application for registration and recommended registration of **Pandion Therapeutics**. Hussam Shaheen gave a short synopsis of Pandion Therapeutic's activities.

All the recommendations have been met.
Motions granted (Beck, Arnold) 3-0.
All in favor.

Heather McManus, Chair, WBSC Biosafety Committee, indicated and reviewed the application for registration and recommended registration of **Platelet BioGenesis, Inc.** Ryan Chapell gave a short synopsis of Platelet BioGenesis's activities.

All the recommendations have been met.
Motions granted (Arnold, Straus) 3-0.
All in favor.

Heather McManus, Chair, WBSC Biosafety Committee, indicated and reviewed the application for registration and recommended registration of **C4 Therapeutics**. Joe Patel gave a short synopsis of C4 Therapeutic's activities.

All the recommendations have been met.

Motions granted (Arnold, Beck) 3-0.

All in favor.

Dr. Strauss inquired whether there are planning or zoning implications of these labs/bioscience require special permits based on their activities and waste disposal. Watertown is experiencing a large bioscience development.

Dr. McManus agrees because the BioSafety Committee reviews and approves the safety of the lab/bioscience facility and processes. The committee does not evaluate if the loading dock is in the correct place or if the facility, activity, materials or wastes used are in the proper zoning area.

Larry Ramdin stated zoning and planning approved the building/facility for lab space prior to the tenant signs the lease.

Dr. McManus stated there is a special meeting planned on April 29, 2021 to meet with Steve Magoon, Director on Planning to discuss these issues.

Dr. McManus stated the WBC must discuss timing of when a lab introduces new materials and/or protocols. WBC must define this process.

Thank you Dr. McManus and the members of the BioSafety Committee.

COVID 19 Updates

Since the Johnson & Johnson vaccine has been paused, Health Department has had to halt delivering vaccines to the homebound population. We have inoculated 70 plus homebound residents. The state may provide Moderna vaccine for the homebound residents if Janssen does not come onboard in the near future.

Response Watertown Social Services Resource Specialist (SSRS)

The state distributes food boxes (dry goods) to municipalities to provide for the COVID patients who are quarantining. Watertown has delivered 38 boxes to our residents.

Residents who are hoarding under the age of 65 are tracked internally. Health department provides support through grants to mitigate and organize a resident's home. Residents over 65 are helped through the Council on Ageing.

Hoarding cases have declined in the last 5 years due to hiring specialists and new awareness.

Staffing and Department Update

Carly Foster was introduced as our new ACO. Carly gave a short introduction to the board. She was welcomed.

Larry Ramdin stated Chief Environmental Health Office, Rajit Gupta gave his resignation as of April 30, 2021.

Next Meeting

Scheduled for Wednesday May 19, 2021

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Larry Ramdin, Director of Public Health