

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

MINUTES

**The Watertown Board of Health has scheduled a REMOTE ZOOM meeting on
Wednesday April 20, 2022 at 7:00 pm**

PRESENT: Dr. Barbara Beck and Richard Arnold,

Staff: Larry Ramdin, Director of Public Health, Maureen Foley, Head Clerk,

In attendance: Paul Nederhoed, Will Wahlberg, Kristin Riley, Mary Wilson, John Finn, Roger Wang, Edmarie Martinez, Dina Lloyd

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Beck called the meeting to order 7:05 pm, Roll Call

Minutes

Minutes were approved for March 17, 2022 meeting,

Motions granted (Arnold, Beck) 2-0.

All in favor.

Roll Call

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Biosafety Permits

Acrivon Therapeutics, Inc. – 480 Arsenal Way #100

Bill Wahlberg, Scientist gave a short presentation of the company's activities. Dr. Beck questioned the biomarker for chemo. Mr. Arnold questioned if the company is upgrading from a BSL2 to BLS3. Mr. Wahlberg stated Acrivon is not doing that.

Sherlock Biosciences, Inc. – 200 Talcott Avenue Level 1

Kristin Riley and Mary Wilson gave a short presentation of the company's activities and safety in the lab space. Dr. Beck wanted more information related to the pathogens used in Sherlock's lab. Mr. Arnold how Sherlock distinguishes itself from home tests. The plan per Sherlock is to reduce the cost and speed of PCR testing.

Tome Biosciences Inc. – 100 Talcott Avenue

Paul Nederhoed, Head of Research and Development gave a short presentation of the company's activities. Dr. Beck asked if you have a target on specific congenital diseases. John Finn gave an explanation. Mr. Arnold asked about developing tools. John Finn stated the end game is creating medications.

Motion granted to approve all three applications
(Beck, Arnold) 2-0.

All in favor.

Roll Call

Discuss annual restructuring of the WBSC

Dr. Lieberman will be Mr. Ramdin's designee. Designated Dr. McEwan voted to the Chair of WBSC as chair designee. Dr. Timothy Maguire is expected to join the WBSC as a community member once he appears in front of Council.

Motion granted

(Beck, Arnold) 2-0.

All in favor.

Roll Call

COVID Related Matters

Watertown has 117 COVID cases on April 20, 2022.

15% of the cases are 5 years and under, 12% of the cases are 5 to 18 years, 73% of the cases are 18 years and older. Dr. Beck stated the hospitalizations are not published. Mr. Ramdin stated the Health Department received 200 doses of Moderna. We are having a vaccine clinic on April 21, 2022 from 10:00AM to 1:00PM at the library. We are receiving additional funds from MOHA to conduct additional clinics and testing.

Staffing and Department Updates

Both of the new health officers have received their CPO training. They are able to inspect seasonal pools.

Health is meeting with a physician who is interested in the position on the Board of Health.

Items that could not be anticipated before the meeting

Mr. Ramdin congratulated Dr. Beck on receiving the Smith and Hook Award by Society of Toxicology (SOT) Women in Toxicology (WIT) Special Interest Group.

Mr. Ramdin stated he was elected 2nd VP of NEHA term to begin July 1, 2022 and on the road to being President in 2025.

Adjourn:

Adjourned the meeting at 8:06 PM

(Beck, Arnold) 2-0.

All in favor.

Roll Call

