



## Hudson Board of Health

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### MINUTES

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January 23, 2024  
5:30 pm  
Hudson Town Hall  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room

***Board Members: Michael Delfino, Cassia Monteiro, Allyson O'Malley***

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1. **Preliminaries:**

- a. **Call Meeting to Order** – Mr. Delfino called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
- b. **Approval of Minutes from 12.12.2023** – Ms. Monteiro motioned to approve the minutes from 12.12.2023. Ms. O'Malley seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

2. **Vouchers to be Approved:** Ms. Monteiro motioned to approve the vouchers. Ms. O'Malley seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

3. **Nursing Update:**

a. <b>COVID (12/2023)</b>	<b>COVID (01/2024)</b>
6 Probable	2 Probable
45 Confirmed	43 Confirmed
51 Total*	45 Total*
b. <b>Lyme (12.23)</b>	<b>Lyme (01/2024)</b>
1 Probable	1 Probable
2 Suspected	2 Suspected
c. <b>Hepatitis C (1/2024)</b>	<b>Hepatitis B (01/2024)</b>
1 Probable	1 Confirmed
d. <b>Influenza (12/2023)</b>	<b>Influenza (01/2024)</b>
32 Confirmed*	24 Confirmed*

\*These numbers do not account for people home testing or those choosing not to test. This makes it difficult to have accurate numbers.

4. **REACH Diversity Equity Inclusion Program for Municipalities:** The Health Department applied on behalf of the Town of Hudson to participate in the REACH Equity Inclusion Program for Municipalities. We were notified last week that we were selected out of many towns that applied. Participation would require that we build a racial equity core team to lead initiatives. Currently there is nothing being done in the town or Hudson. We feel equity is strongly tied to community health. More specifically "Health Equity". Our Town Administrator, Tom Gregory supported the application and he will be participating on the team as well as a Select Board member and other community members. We as a department are very excited to move forward with these initiatives. The program will run from February to November. The kick-off will be Valentine's Day.
5. **Staffing Update:**
  - a. The new full-time Regional Nurse started 12.18.2024 and we are happy to have her onboard. The position falls under the umbrella of the MetroWest Shared Public Health Services.
  - b. We are actively recruiting for the vacated MetroWest Shared Public Health Services Coordinator position.
  - c. We are about to make an offer to an applicant for the YSAP position. This position has been vacant for over a year.

**Adjournment:**

Ms. Monteiro motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 pm. Ms. O'Malley seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

**Next Meeting:**

February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 5:30pm at Hudson Town Hall 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room