

**West Haven Board of Health Meeting  
January 11, 2022  
6:30 pm – Via: Zoom**

Present: Heather Shea, Chairwoman, Jean Mullins, Secretary, Dr. Amir Mohammad, Maureen Lillis, Director. Absent: Cebi Waterfield, Vice Chairwoman, Kathy Tucker

The meeting began at 6:37 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from the December meeting were tabled.

Director Lillis reported that the average daily West Haven caseload is just below 300 cases a day. Those are numbers that were not seen in spring of 2020. Contact tracers are doing the best that they can. The State assists after forty-eight hours.

A discussion ensued regarding home Covid-19 tests.

Clinics are set up around the City and will continue. Several clinics are scheduled at the West Haven Police Department Community Room, as well as the Johnson Community Center. She is requesting to use the CERT van for mobile clinics.

A discussion ensued regarding vaccinations and masks and the benefits of them. Dr. Mohamad recommended that people of influence, such as clergy encourage congregation members to get vaccinated. He said that he would like to engage with clergy and leaders in ethnic communities to speak to their groups about the importance of vaccinations.

Director Lillis mentioned that the Health Department is understaffed. She says that they are getting additional funding for next year and may consider hiring someone with a social work background for outreach.

The current vaccination numbers in West Haven are 71.88% overall with at least one dose. Fully vaccinated are 65.7%.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. The meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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