

**Minutes of the Town of Dover Board of Health Meeting – January 10, 2020**

**Present:** Professor Gerald Clarke, Chairman; Stephen Kruskall, M.D., member

**Absent:** Dr. Joseph Musto, member

**Guests:** Carol Ahearn, RN, Charles River School; Elaine Stephens, CEO Natick Walpole VNA; Jill Fador, Nurse Leader, D-S School District, Alyssa Kaiser, RN, Public Health Nurse, Dr. Andrew Keough, Superintendent of D-S Public Schools

1. Meeting called to order at 9:00 am.
2. Dr. Kruskall requested information on 3 key data points regarding vaccination rates in the school system: religious exemptions, medical exemptions, and non-compliance.
3. Jill Fedor reported that approximately 2% of students have medical or religious exemptions and an additional 1% of students are out of compliance. The school nurse will continue to follow-up with students out of compliance to help resolve issues.
4. There was a thoughtful discussion and agreement on processes and procedures which will foster improved communication between the schools and the Board.
5. Dr. Keough assured the Board that once PFAS testing in school is mandated by the state, the schools will comply and have the required testing done.
6. Elaine Stephens noted that the number of home care referrals is growing.
7. The Board, VNA, and ambulance coordinator plan to meet together to discuss ways in which health services may be best coordinated in order to provide optimal care to town residents.
8. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.

Karen R. Hayett