

BOARD OF HEALTH- DENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
July 30, 2026

A meeting of the Bristol-Burlington Health District's Board of Health was held in the Bristol-Burlington Health District Office, 240 Stafford Avenue, Bristol, Connecticut

Members Present: Kathy Langlais, Dental Committee Chairwoman
Donna Friday

Staff present: Marco Palmeri, MPH, RS, Director of Health
Louise McGlone, Office Manager, Board of Health Secretary
Barbara Lozier, RDH, Senior Dental Hygienist
Misty Masotti-Diakon, RDH, Dental Hygienist

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairwoman Langlais at 4:46 p.m.

A statement was made by the Board of Health Secretary regarding correspondence directed to her from the Chairman of the Board, on which the Vice Chair was copied.

1. Attendance

One absence- Member Robert Wollenberg.

2. BBHD Dental Committee Discussion

- Discussion Points:
 - **Hygienist scheduling is tight and complex** – 181 days at 7.5 hours with multiple schools per hygienist, heavily affected by changing school populations and grade configurations.
 - **Scheduling and access are major challenges** – coordinating permission slips, class lists, new students, no-shows, and limited time while trying to see as many kids as possible.
 - **Billing and Husky reimbursement**– tracking ICN numbers, delayed payments, reconciliation, and accurate record-keeping add significant administrative load.
 - **Education and outreach are highly impactful**– powerful graphic materials and tailored presentations on oral health, tobacco, and vaping, adapted to age, school, and socioeconomic context.

3. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Committee Chairwoman Langlais at 5:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marco Palmeri', is written over a horizontal line.

Marco Palmeri, MPH, RS
Director of Health