

City of Somerville
Board of Health Meeting
March 15, 2007

Present: Dr. Brian Green, Chairperson
Babette Mello, Board Member
Noreen Burke, Director
Cesar Pungirum, Director 5 City Tobacco Control
Kathy Henkle, Secretary to the Board

Meeting Call to Order:

Dr. Green made a motion to call the meeting to order at 5:05pm.
Ms. Mello seconded it.

Accept Minutes:

Ms. Mello made a motion to accept the February minutes.
Dr. Green seconded it.

Accept Director's February Report:

Dr. Green made a motion to accept the February Director's Report.
Ms. Mello seconded it.

Tobacco Control Overview: The Tobacco Control Director, Cesar Pungirum gave
A short PowerPoint presentation to the board members outlining its goals and
Accomplishments. The program's primary goals are:

- Reduce youth access to tobacco products
- Reduce public exposure to second hand smoke

The program's major accomplishments are:

- 5-city has one of the lowest rates of tobacco sale to minors in the state
- It assisted Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Revere and Somerville in
in passing comprehensive smoking bans.
- It successfully implemented the smoking bans in Chelsea, Cambridge, and
Somerville even before the statewide ban was enacted.

Overall the Tobacco Program must be consistent in enforcing the regulations to have it
be successful. This is a very successful program.

Director's Report:

Board of Health: Interviews were conducted for the vacant board member position on
The board of health. Ms. Paula Machado was offered the position subject to interviewing
with the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen. She will meet
with the Mayor and then be placed on the Board of Alderman's agenda to be approved
for appointment to the vacant Board of Health position. If all goes well, Ms. Machado
first official meeting will be in May.

Emergency Preparedness: We are now in the process of doing site visits to various
schools for our Emergency Dispensing Sites.

Shape Up Somerville Program: The Fitness Buddies Program is up and running with

much success. They will be having their final celebratory event to be held on Tuesday April 24th at the Aldermans Chambers

Environmental Issues: 50 Tufts Street has PCE contamination which has gone into the groundwater. The city has hired consultants to remedy the situation and clean up the site

There have been several meetings with city officials, environmentalists and the residents in that neighborhood to give them the knowledge that they need. This is a very difficult situation for the neighbors surrounding the site.

Personnel: First round interviews for the newly created position Assistant Health Director were unsuccessful. The position will be reposted in hopes of getting more qualified people to apply.

The city conducted a wage study and 6 Health Department special revenue employees have had their pay increased.

Sonja Darai our Women's Commission will be doing the duties of the Emergency Preparedness Assistant for special populations

We have successfully converted a school nurse position to a newly created Public Health Preparedness Nurse position within the Somerville Municipal Employees Association Unit B.

Metamorphosis Business: An application to obtain a license for micropigmentation (permanent makeup) for a Julia Bowers was submitted to Harry Vaughan of the ISD/Health Division by Ms. Brenda Vigue, owner of Metamorphosis. Mr. Vaughan notified Ms. Burke that her application has been returned for insufficient information. Since the City of Somerville's tattoo regulations do not include permanent make-up. Ms. Vigue will need to come to the next board of health meeting for a hearing on obtaining a license to perform micropigmentation at her establishment.

Upcoming Board of Health Meetings:

The next scheduled meeting will be April 19, 2007. Meetings will be held third Thursday of the month through June 07. It was discussed briefly if the Board could suspend their meetings for the summer months. The Board of Aldermen suspends their meeting during the summer.

Adjourn Meeting:

Dr. Green made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15pm.

Ms. Mello seconded it.

Respectfully Submitted:
Kathy Henkle
Secretary to the Board