

City of Somerville  
Board of Health Meeting  
July 20, 2006

**Present:** Brian Green, M.D., Chairman  
Babette Mello, Board Member  
Noreen Burke, Health Director  
Kathy Henkle, Administrative Assistant  
Rebecca Balder, Health Dept. Summer Intern

Dr Green called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.  
Ms. Parra seconded it.

**Accept Minutes:**

Ms Parra made a motion to approve the May 18, 2006 minutes. Dr Green seconded it.  
Ms. Mello made a motion to approve the June 15, 2006 minutes. Dr. Green seconded it.

**Inspectional Services Division (ISD) / Board of Health Inspectors Integration:**

Ms. Burke gave a brief overview of the agreement draft to the board. It basically states what the ISD Division must provide to the Health Department and vice versa. Dr Green was concerned that Appendix A (New list of Health Department Responsibilities) was blank. Ms Burke explained that they are trying to find the latest updated list, which the MDPH (Mass Dept of Public Health) created in 1981. This agreement will be discussed again at the next board meeting in September.

**Director's Updates:**

*Pandemic Flu:*

The Health Department will be holding a tabletop exercise on the pandemic flu to be held August 1, 2006 at the VNA (Visiting Nurses Association) on Lowell Street.  
Ms Burke invited the board members to attend.

*NIMS/ICS:*

Ms. Mello is still working on NIMS/ICS training.

*Rodent Control Taskforce:*

The city is moving forward to making changes to the trash ordinance. Residents will be required to put their rubbish in barrels w/lids. The leaving of plastic bags on curbside for pick-up will no longer be allowed.

*Website:*

Ms Burke spoke about Rebecca Balder, our summer intern, has been working on the Health Dept's website page getting it updated. Ms Burke told the board members that they should go online and take a look and see the great work that Ms. Balder has accomplished.

*Personnel:*

Susan Kamin one of our school nurse is the first to be cross-trained as a public health nurse to increase capacity. Shaina Zamaitis was hired as our Emergency Preparedness

Coordinator. The SCAP Director position is almost complete in the final phases of hiring process. Richard Khalife was hired as our PT Tobacco Control Enforcement Officer.

*Other:*

Ms Parra mentioned the footprints in East Somerville and how some residents were upset about it and not informed. The intention was good but there was lack of communication between the city and citizens of East Somerville. The City is in the process of scheduling a meeting for the people in the neighborhood to discuss the footprints projects.

*Announcements:*

Dr Green wanted the board to know that a nurse, Mangeca Fanghaenel, recently died of ovarian cancer. Her wishes is to have a huge party in her memory on the lawn of the School of Nursing on Friday July 21, 2006 from 5-9pm and everyone is more than welcome to come.

The meet and greet with the ISD staff and inspectors is still being worked on.

The next board meeting will be September 21, 2006

Ms. Mello made a motion to adjourn the meeting @ 5.58pm.

Dr. Green seconded it.

Respectfully Submitted  
Kathy Henkle  
Administrative Assistant  
Health Department