



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH

Regular Meeting

April 16, 2015

5:00pm

Conference Room @ Somerville Hospital
236 Highland Avenue

Present: Douglas Kress, Director
Dr. Brian Green, Board Member (Chair)
Babette Mello, Board Member
Paula Machado, Board Member
Kathy Teixeira (Recording Secretary)

Absent: None

Staff Members in Attendance: Ben Lipham, Ellen Collins, from ISD Health Division,

Meeting Called to Order: by Dr. Green and seconded by Ms. Mello @ 5:05pm.

Previous Minutes: On a motion made by Ms. Mello and seconded by Ms. Machado: "The February, 26, 2015 Minutes were approved as circulated."
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ISD/Health Division Updates:

Temporary Food Service Permit Update: The city's Law Office informed Isd that the temporary food permitting can be done by city policies procedures rather than by city regulations.

Reduced Oxygen Packaging: Ms. Collins said she would send the ROP revised regulations to the board members when it is finalized and reviewed by the Law Office.

Variance Request: - Mr. Musch requested a variance from the State Plumbing Code to install a floor-level shower tray and a wall-mount sink from Porcelanosa a European manufacturer.

Dr. Green made a motion to vote and to grant Mr. Musch his variance. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mello. A vote was taken and all were in favor.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Hearing Requests: Mr. Withmire Desrosiers and Mr., Jason Carter from Boston Burger came in front of the board regarding their refrigeration that is located upstairs in their restaurant. The refrigerator unit was not holding the right temperature of 41. The temperatures were running in the 50's. They purchased two (2) new units/refrigeration. Directly behind the units, they will have holes drilled into the walls to help give the units proper ventilation due to space concerns. Boston Burger has also implemented a temperature log and a thermometer is also in place to help in keeping temperatures under control. The purpose of tracking temperatures in a log book, it will help in identifying the challenges of temperatures of the refrigerations and help in rectifying any problems that may arise.



King of Wings notified Mr. Lipham that they will be selling their business and they did not show up for their hearing. A short discussion followed amongst the board members and Mr. Lipman. It was recommended by Mr. Kress, the Health & Human Service Director to have the business closed.

Dr. Green made a motion to vote to close down King of Wings and it was seconded by Ms. Mello. All were in favor.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Restaurant Inspections – March 2015: New reports of restaurant inspections will now be extracted from Citinserve's software. American Bakers did not disclose during their plan review process that all cooking will be done at their Somerville location. It was found out that the cooking is being done at their Charleston store and then being transported to the Somerville location. Neither the owner, nor the employees have any knowledge of food safety protocol. Mr. Kress asked Mr. Lipman if he would give a brief overview on how to read the restaurant report.

Barbecue International had storage issues where his inventory was overloaded and he was using an unfinished basement for storage. Mr. Lipman suggested that they look for a bigger place or reduce their inventory. The owner said he would reduce his inventory. A re-inspection was done, and he is now in compliance.

LP Market changed their original plan review has been changed; their whole set-up in the store has been modified due to building constructions, etc.

Review 911 Emergency Calls: – The 911 data was reviewed and it was noted that alcohol usage is way up from opiates usage.

Health Department Updates: HHAN Alerts procedures were presented to the board, and updated contact information was obtained to improve communication.

Sop – Middle School Youth /risk Behavior Survey was administered April 14, 2015.

SCAP – Scap Annual Meeting will be held on Mayer 12 in the Highlander Café at SHS.

Good Samaritan Event was held on April 15, 2015.

PHN – 2 cases of active tb, in the fall, immunization clinics, estimate on vaccines costs and location of clinics.

2 camps have been approved for licensing to operate.

School Nursing – preparing for yearend school services higher than 98% immunization rate amongst the students attending our schools, which is great.

SUS - Mobile Market is getting a van thanks to a partnership with Herb Chambers, will donate a van.

SUS Road race will be April 19, 2015.

Adm - Ordinance for Bee-keeping is being revisited for commercial business to keep bee hives. Float Boston – Mr. Kress will visit Float Boston, to introduce himself and to go over their reports.

Announcements: Mayor's summer youth program is currently accepting applicants

Ethics Training is now due, and all employees of the city are required to take. it. Ordinance for Bee-keeping is being revisited for commercial business to keep bee hives.

Float Boston – Mr. Kress will visit Float Boston, to introduce himself and to go over their reports.

Next Meetings: May 21, 2015

Location - Somerville Hospital - Conference Room – 1st Floor @ 5:00pm.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Dr. Green to adjourn the meeting at 6:22pm and seconded by Ms. Machado.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Teixeira (Recording Secretary)
April 29, 2015