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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
Health Department

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PAULETTE RENAULT-CARAGIANES
DIRECTOR

MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH

April 26, 2012
5:00 pm

City Hall Annex Conference Room

Present: Paulette Renault-Caragianes (Health Director)
Dr. Brian Green, Board Member (Chair)
Babette Mello, Board Member
Paula Machado, Board Member
Kathy Henkle (Recording Secretary)

Absent: None

Staff Members in Attendance: None

Guests: None

Meeting Called to Order: by Dr Green and seconded by Ms. Mello at 5:07pm

Previous Minutes: On a motion made by Ms. Mello and seconded by Ms. Machado:

“The March 15, 2012 Minutes were approved as circulated.”

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ISD/Health:

Variance Request: None

Temporary Food Permit Policy Updates: There is a new Director of Planning and Development who weighed in on some of the temporary food permit issues in a different way. Ms. Collins and Ms. Renault-Caragianes reviewed the rationale on why we were looking at risk-based approach to inspections. Some vendors for farmers’ markets or other special events are still inquiring why they would need permits when other cities and towns don’t have this policy. Ms. Collins and Ms. Renault-Caragianes will be meeting with a representative from the Mass Farmers’ Market to get a more factual account of what other cities and towns are doing or not doing when it comes to Temporary Food Permits. More information on how to regulate the selling of food safely at temporary events will be updated next meeting in May.

March 2012 Restaurant Inspections: The restaurant inspections were reviewed by the board. Dr. Green wanted to know if Pho & Rice second inspections were the same violations as the first inspection. Ms. Henkle said she would look it up. Ms. Mello inquires about Empire Tattoo and its status. LaQuinta has volunteered to close its pool again and they

were reinspected and had no violations. The hotel has hired a new pool staff that will be there the recommended hours required by the state.

Health Department Updates: Training for MUNIS on the Licensing Module was conducted. Donna Pickett and Kathy Henkle took the training. It should go live August of 2013. The budget for FY13 was level funded and Ms. Renault-Caragianes will appear in front of the Finance Committee next Friday to present. A candidate for the part-time public health nurse was interviewed and an offer went out to her. Shape-Up Somerville has been busy with the Shape up Approved Campaign getting restaurants to have shape-up approved items on their menus. Denise Holland will temporary take on the role as our Emergency Preparedness Coordinator., School Nursing is stable. The multi-Cultural Commissions is being revitalized and will have a kick-off event at an upcoming Somerstreets. The LGBT Liaison is going to have a training for supporting young people. The Office of Prevention is very busy with compliance work and working toward smoke-free public housing per the federal grant with Bonny Carroll as a consultant in the role of Outreach Coordinator to get the word out. Patty Contente has worked with the Police Dept supported by a grant from the Dept. of Mental Health for Jail Derivation and intervention program for people who are mentally ill and or substance abusers and trainings have gone very well. Maureen Monagle, Lovelee Heller and COA have teamed up to do outreach to inform the elderly on use of the unwanted medication kiosk at the Somerville Police Dept.

Director's Report: On a motion made by Ms. Mello and seconded by Ms. Machado:
"The Health Departments' Updates were approved as circulated." **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Announcements: National Take Back Day (Medications) is Saturday, April 28, 2012
The Mayor's Spring Clean-up Day is Saturday, April 28, 2012
Rabies Clinic is Saturday, April 28, 2012.

Next Meeting: May 24, 2012

Adjournment: A motion was made by Ms. Mello to adjourn the meeting at 5:45pm, seconded by Ms. Machado.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Henkle (Recording Secretary)
April 30, 2012