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Health Department



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BOARD OF HEALTH

December 22, 2011

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. Machado at 5:07pm

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

"The November 17, 2011 Minutes were approved as circulated."

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ISD/Health:

Variance Request: The Vendor decided they did not want to go the variance route; however we will have a variance request for a Sushi establishment at our January meeting.

Temporary Food Permit Policy Updates: Maureen Lee will be working on model regulations for the Board to review and develop a tip sheet on safe food handling to give to vendors who will be selling food.

November 2011 Restaurant Inspections: Salve Regina Market on Mystic Avenue was closed by ISD on December 22, 2011 due to conditions of the establishment. La Quinta closed their pool temporary due to poor inspections violations. They are in the process of correcting all the violations so they can get it re-inspected and reopen it up. Restaurant inspections with over 6 violations and complaints are being electronically sent to board members for review.

Health Department Updates: The Health Department applied for a Regionalization Grant. We did not get it. The Community Transformation Grant the contract went and will be working on it the Tobacco component they have written in a stragerty for youth access and education and guidelines for smoke-free housing. Healthy Eating Active Living was

able to expand access on the Mystic Housing to fresh fruits and vegetables. Shape-Up Somerville Approved Initiative still on-going. The public health nurses held their first attempt to provide a rolling tdap and flu clinic for the day laborer who gathers at Foss Park waiting to get work. It was held in a church nearby. Fifteen people came to get vaccinated. Liz Quaratiello has resigned from her Public Health Nurse position. She has accepted a full-time school nurse position. Maureen Monagle the Public Health Nurse has changed her hours from 7am to 3pm to accommodate the workload. An article written by Yvonne Abraham about School Nursing Challenges was sent to the board members to read.

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

Dr. Green briefly mentioned and spoke about an article he read in the Boston Globe how Massachusetts has been picked to be a testing ground for a major federal effort to overhaul the health care industry. Five (5) health agencies will become "pioneers" in a program to change how doctors are paid for the care they provide Medicare patients starting January 1, 2012. They will give them a budget to care for their patients rather than a payment for each test or treatment. The article can be found online at www.boston.com.

Next Meeting: January 19, 2012

Adjournment: A motion was made by Dr. Green to adjourn the meeting at 5:38pm, seconded by Ms. Machado.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Henkle (Recording Secretary)
January 3, 2012