



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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MINUTES BOARD OF HEALTH

Regular Meeting

January 15, 2015

5:00pm

Conference Room @ Somerville Hospital
236 Highland Avenue

Present: Dina McCarron Interim Health 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, ISD Health Division, Ellen Collins, ISD Health Division, Cory Mashburn, Somerville Office of Prevention

Guests: None

Meeting Called to Order: by Dr. Green and seconded by Ms. Mello @ 5:12pm.

Previous Minutes: On a motion made by Dr. Green and seconded by Ms. Mello: "The December 18, 2014 Minutes were approved as circulated." **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

ISD/Health Division Updates: The Reduced Oxygen Packaging Variance regulations is currently in the City's Law Office for review, and the Non-Profit Temporary Food Permitting is still being worked on.

Variance/Hearing Requests: – There were no requests for variances or hearings for the month of January 2015.

Restaurant Inspections – January 2015: Mr. Lipham spoke a little about the roach problems in the restaurants located in the Davis Square area. He stated that the pest control companies hire by the restaurants are not performing their inspections up to the standard/state codes. Mr. Lipham said that his duties are with the inspections of the restaurants but he does not have authority over the pest control companies. Mr. Lipham also stated, he would like to have it noted on the inspections that they are not performing their pest control duties. Ms. Collins also mentioned that with the new software that they would be able to provide a report showing a.) where the inspections have happen b.) when there has been a violation c.) who was the pest control company?

Review 911 Emergency Calls: – The data for January 2015 was reviewed by the board members. It was observed that Narcan is being used which is great, and it reduces the number of overdoses and deaths. Dr. Green gave a quick



overview on the (PMP) Massachusetts Prescription Monitoring Program is a tool that supports safe prescribing and dispensing and assists in addressing prescriptions drug misuse, abuse and diversion. (see attachment)

Health Department Updates: Dr. Green spoke about the increase in flu cases for this season,

Emergency Preparedness: Ms. McCarron sent letters and emails to faith base organizations to invite them in the spring to a mini conference on how we can incorporate them into our emergency preparedness plans.

Health Director Update: Nothing to report at this time.

Next Meetings: February 12 or 26, 2015 (TBD)

Location - Somerville Hospital - Cafeteria Conference Room – 2nd Floor@ 5:00pm.
Entrance on Tower Street.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Dr. Green to adjourn the meeting at 5:48pm and seconded by Ms. Machado.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Teixeira (Recording Secretary)
February 5, 2015