



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
Health Department



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BOARD OF HEALTH

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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: Jason Dodd, Cory Mashburn

Guests:

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 December 16, 2010 Minutes were approved as circulated."

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Pharmacy Ban on Tobacco Products Planning Session: Two versions of the new Youth Access Regulations developed with guidance from the Tobacco Control Program at the Mass Municipal Association were passed out to the board members. One version added only the new fines and the pharmacy ban included, the second version included those changes plus the language to include regulations of nicotine delivery products. The board decided to go with the version which included regulation of nicotine delivery products. They reviewed the regulations and made changes by adding and deleting certain language to the regulations. Mr. Dodd will review the proposed revisions with MMA to assure that they are comprehensive and enforceable with the suggested edits. A motion was made by Dr. Green to accept the version which includes the expanded language for regulation of nicotine delivery products and electronic cigarettes as amended during the Board of Health meeting. It was seconded by Ms. Mello.

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Food Establishments Violations for December: Snappy Sushi in Davis Square was closed by the FDA, in addition to some ongoing concerns from the MADPH Food Protection Officee Tufts University Food Service will probably seek a variance for one of the manners in which they prepare and preserve food and and ask to come in front of the Board.

The Health Department did a mailing to the establishments providing information on the new the Allergen Awareness Regulations established in October 2010. on the new regulations providing signage, labels, and information to assist food vendors in compliance. The Health Department has partnered with Inspectional Services and will conduct 2 free trainings to assist the Somerville establishments to comply with the part of the regulation requiring that someone from the every establishment must be certified in allergen awareness.

Health Department Updates for December: The Winter Farmers' Market is in full swing.

Jaime Corliss was awarded Cup of Joe for her dedication in getting this event up and running. The Market is held at the Armory on Highland Avenue every Saturday from 10am to 2pm. Flu Clinics continue every Thursday till the end of January. After January flu shots will still be given out by just calling the public health nurse office to schedule an appointment.

Announcements: The National Bedbug Conference will be held in a couple of weeks. The Health Director would like the Board of Health to eventually adopt standards of the more effective methods of treating bedbugs community wide as a requirement for anyone who has an extermination company offering bed bug eradication.. Boston has a bedbug taskforce that the Health Director would like to work with to set standards for the City of Somerville.

The newest projection from the State is 7 to 10 percent cut in local aid and 5 percent in Chapter 70 which is public schools Since it is unlikely that he City's fees and fines will be increased, the City will look at ways of administering services differently to save money. The Health Department is planning events for National Health Week which is the first week in April. The theme this year is Safety is No Accident.

Director's Report: On a motion made by Ms. Mello and seconded by Ms Machado, "*The Director's December 2010 Report was approved as circulated.*"

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Old Business: Nothing to Report

New Business: The Director of Preventive Services, Mr. Mashburn will be applying for a new alcohol and tobacco grant to fund the 5 City Collaborate. Winthrop was asked to be part of this collaborative. The application for submittal should be ready by the end of March.

Next Meeting: Due to some scheduling conflicts, in the absence of any urgent business there will be a combined February/March meeting to be held March 3, 2011 at 5pm - 50 Evergreen Avenue, 1st floor Conference Room

Adjournment: A motion was made by Ms. Mello to adjourn the meeting at 6:12pm. It was seconded by Ms. Machado.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Henkle (Recording Secretary)
January 26, 2010

