



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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MAYOR

DOUGLAS KRESS
DIRECTOR

MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
Regular Meeting

May 21, 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, ISD/Health Division

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

Previous Minutes: On a motion made by Dr. Green and seconded by Ms. Machado: "The April 16, 2015 Minutes were approved as circulated."
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Tobacco Regulations: The amendments to the tobacco regulations restricting the sale of tobacco products were signed by all three board members effective May 21, 2015.

ISD/Health Division Updates: The ROP, (reduced oxygen packaging) regulations proposal was tabled till the next board meeting. No more update on LP Market violations. Maureen Lee is back training Elise Collins.

Variance Requests: None

Violation Hearing: Mr. Lipham passed out inspections reports to the board members for review. A short discussion was held. The owner, Mr. Ruben Piene, of Sunrise Cuisine continues to encounter sanitary issues. It was recommended by Mr. Kress to have the owner, hired a consultant to help him meet the state health food code. Mr. Lipham will go back within 60 days for a re-inspection.

Dr. Green made a motion that Mr. Ruben Piene hires a consultant. It was seconded by Ms. Machado.
A vote was taken and all were in favor.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Review of Restaurant Inspections: Mr. Kress handed out a spreadsheet on the restaurant inspections. A total of



Fifty-eight inspections were scheduled. Fifteen passed inspections on the first time and eleven additional passed on the re-inspections. Four establishments regarding their inspections were discussed, Dunkin Donut, 274 Mystic Ave, IYO Café, Paul Bakery, Pepe Bocca. Mr. Lipham feels confident that they should all pass their next inspections.

911 Emergency Calls: The data was reviewed. There were 3 attempted suicides by medication on the list.

Health Department Updates:

Tobacco: A letter from Coalition for Responsible Retailing sent out letters regarding how they are compiling with keeping tobacco out of the hands of minors. The Massachusetts Association of Health Boards (MAHB) sent out a rebuttal letter stating what you read in their letter is not all that accurate. The City is looking into asking the Alcohol Retailers if they would voluntary put their nips behind glass cases or behind their counters.

SUS: Two grants were awarded. One from Project Bread for \$5,000.00. The purpose is to help underwrite the mobile farmers market. A van will be purchase to transport the food to three different locations, Clarendon Hill, Mystic Projects, and Winterhill School. There will be a variety of fruits and vegetables. A \$5,000 grant from CHNA17 was also awarded and the purpose of this grant is to do an internal organizational development assessment.

SUS Approved Restaurant Program: We are looking into doing some evaluations and revitalize the program and why it is beneficial to have a SUS Approved Restaurants.

SCAP: Held their annual meeting and the HHS Director wants the recruitment of kids to reach the high risk kids. SCAP will be involved in a \$100,000 regional grant that was awarded from the Bureau of Substance Abuse.

Schools: Pre-school and kindergarten registrations immunizations records are being reviewed for the 100 – 200 children that will be attending school in the fall.

EP: The medical reserve corp. is being updated. Phone calls will be conducted to get updates on the participants contact information and whether or not they want to continue to be on the medical reserve list.

Announcement: The FY16 Budget will be presented by the Mayor on June 4, 2015; The city is also looking into increasing revue by increasing fees such as burial permits.

Next Meetings: June 18, 2015

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

Adjournment: A motion was made by Dr. Green to adjourn the meeting at 6:24pm and seconded by Ms. Machado.

List of Documents: 1.) CRR Letter, 2.) MAHB Letter 3.) Restaurant Inspections Report
4.) Sunrise Cuisines Inspection Reports (5) 5.) 911 Data for April 2015

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