

MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH

October 21, 2010

5:00 pm

City Hall Annex Conference Room

Present: Paulette Renualt-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 5:08pm.

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

“The September 16, 2010 Minutes were approved as circulated.”

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Food Establishments Violations for September: A food borne illness investigation is ongoing, on-going with public health nurses assisting in investigation and follow up and compliance issues. It is likely that the cause is campylobacter, causing food poisoning. We will have a follow-up on this investigation at the next BOH meeting. October begins the Allergy Awareness Protocol for restaurants. There are 2 phases: The first is that restaurants will need to put on their menus little stickers, or notations that say, Please inform your server if you have any food allergies, and signs should be posted within the restaurants. Then in February, it will become more sitrict guidelines where restaurant workers will have to be trained on the premises.

Medical Kiosk Update: The DEA nationwide kick-off was quite successfull. The sharps kiosk that was located at the CHA Central Street building was moved on Tuesday, October 19, 2010. to the Public Safety Building. We now have 2 kiosk located at the main lobby of the Police Station, 220 Washington Street. One kiosk will be for disposal of unwanted medications and the other kiosk will be to dispose syringes.

Health Department Updates for September: The Massachusetts Health Council presented to Mayor Joe Curtatone and the city with the “Healthiest City in Massachusetts award for its Shape Up Somerville programs its efforts in combating childhood obesity and promoting active living. We are getting a new RFP, request for proposal, that the state’s Department of Public Health is going to open up for Tobacco Control programs. They are looking at an overall substance abuse prevention work and compliance. The flu clinics are up and running. The schedule has been distributed throughout the city, and it’s on the city’s website. The public health nurse office now has a clinical area. There are now 11 TB cases. Sonja Darai is facilitating The Snow Removal Committee and is gearing up for the upcoming winter season. Magnets in the shape of shovels imprinted with information regarding snow removal (asking residents to shovel their sidewalks up to 42 inches). were given to the board members. The First Lady’s Let’s Move Campaign has asked the Mayor to get involved in recruiting communities in the Northeast to sign on to the Let’s Move Campaign so Shape Up Somerville will be helping to support that effort.

Director’s Report: On a motion made by Ms. Mello and seconded by Ms Machado,
“The Director’s September Report was approved as circulated.”

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Old Business: Nothing to Report.

New Business: Nothing to Report

Next Meeting: November 18, 2010 at 5pm - 50 Evergreen Avenue, 1st floor Conference Room

Adjournment: A motion was made by Dr. Green and seconded by Ms. Machado to adjourn the meeting at 5:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Henkle (Recording Secretary)
October 25, 2010