

**MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH**

March 18, 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)

Staff Members in Attendance: Cory Mashburn, Scap Director
Jason Dodd, Tobacco Control Director
Maureen Monagle, Public Health Nurse

Guests: Mitchell Freitas, Kathleen Portillo, and Jacky Man – Somerville High Students

Meeting Called to Order: by Dr Green and seconded by Ms. Machado at 5:07pm.

Previous Minutes: On a motion made by Dr. Green and seconded by Ms. Mello; *“The January 21, 2010 Minutes were approved as circulated.”*

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Funeral Director License Fee Increase: The funeral directors fee was reviewed and discussed by the board. Following the discussion, Dr. Green made a motion to approve the increase from going to the current fee of \$175 to the new rate of \$190 for the next renewal period, which is May 1, 2010. Ms. Machado seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SCAP – 84 Movement Grant Presentation: Students from Somerville High gave a short presentation on the 84 Movement Grant. The number 84 stands for the percentage of teens that do not smoke. Through the 84 movement, young people work in their own communities to fight tobacco addiction and advertising in the industry. Some highlights of the presentation: 87% of youth smokers smoke the three most heavily advertised brands, Marlboro, Newports, and Camels. 1 in 3 stores have tobacco advertisements 3 feet or lower to entice younger people to pick up the habit. What can be done? – Educate the community/retailers about tobacco advertisement and its influence on your people; Stricter enforcement of existing tobacco regulations; Develop a task force to research federal state laws. The students will meet with our State delegation and present this information at the State House later in the month

Unused/Expired Medications Disposal Update: The kiosk for unused and expired medications drop offs is ready to be ordered. This kiosk will be located at the Public Safety Building on Washington Street. This site was selected due to the 24 hours 7 day a week access and security.

Needle Kiosk @ CHA Update: The needle kiosk has been in place for 2 years without

incidents according to Dr. Green. Dr. Green also mentioned that the kiosk is actively being used. The funding from the state will end June 30, 2010. Ms. Renault Caragines said she would approach the Police Department to see if they would host the needle kiosk if the city were able to put it into its budget. It is also possible that a Thursday night sharps drop off program based at the Annex may be instituted

Food Establishment Violations: The board reviewed the violations for the month. It was noted that the per diem health inspector conducting inspections has significant expertise and experience in food service inspection and thus the number of cited violations at local eateries will likely increase in the short term in an effort to routinize adherence to all areas of state food safety code

Health Department Updates: Shape-up-Somerville is making the news, notable with our Mayor invited by the First Lady to come to Washington and speak at the kick off of the “Move More” campaign, where he was a featured speaker. The Mayor’s 1st Annual Shape-Up Challenge will be March 20, 2010 from 12-5pm at Somerville High. National Public Health Week is the first full week in April. Each program will have an agenda and a calendar of events. The Health Dept is hoping to have an Open House. The census 2010 is now ongoing. The Health Dept had been very involved in the response to the Haitian earthquake, through their Trauma Network, Commissions staff. There is a cluster of mumps going on in Jewish community in the regions of New York and New Jersey. Alderman Gertwarch made a motion at the last alderman meeting to ask if there were regulations on chicken coups. At this time there is no regulations, but Ms. Renault-Caraginase says that they are working on guidelines regarding coups and when finalized will come in front of the board for endorsements.

Director’s Report: On a motion made by Ms. Mello and seconded by Dr. Green, “*The Director’s February Report was approved as circulated.*”

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The next meeting will be held on April 15, 2010 at 50 Evergreen Avenue, 1st floor Conference Room at 5 pm.

A motion was made by Ms. Renault-Caragianes and seconded by Ms. Machado to adjourn the meeting at 6:10pm

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