

MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH

September 25, 2008

5:00pm

City Hall Annex Conference Room

Present: Dr. Brian Green (Chair)
Babette Mello, Board Member
Paula Machado, Board Member
Jessie Baker, Aide to the Mayor
Kathy Henkle (Recording Secretary)

Staff Members in Attendance: Cesar Pungirum, Tobacco Control Director

Guests: Jason Zube, Painted Bird Owner
Pawan Lumar Kailia, Teele Square Market Owner

A motion was made by Dr. Green and seconded by Ms. Machado to call the meeting to order at 5:00pm

Previous Minutes: On a motion made by Ms. Mello and seconded by Ms. Machado; *“The July 17, 2008 Minutes were approved as circulated.”*

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Previous Director’s Report: On a motion made by Ms. Machado and seconded by Dr. Green; *“The July/August 2008 Report to Cambridge Health Alliance Community Health Advisory Council was approved as circulated.”*

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Tobacco Appeal Hearing: Mr. Pawan Kumar Kalia appeared before the board to appeal his \$200 fine for selling tobacco to a minor on July 17, 2008. He admits to selling but said it was unintentional and the buyer looked 24-25 years of age and he had family problems the day of the tobacco sale. Mr. Pungirum stated that he has sold in the past and Mr. Kalia did in fact take the tobacco training. On a motion made by Dr. Green and seconded by Babette Mello Mr. Kalia will need to pay the \$200 fine that was issued to him.

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Tattoo Regulations: Jason Zube, owner of Painted Bird came to the board to ask for revisions to the current regulations as follows he would like to have the 2400 hours reduced to 2000 hours; have no more than 6 apprentices per shop and modified the calendar year. Dr. Green asked Jessie Baker to invite Mr. Harry Vaughan to the next board’s meeting to get his input on the above recommendations. Mr. Zube also brought forward an application for a Diane Avola Mahoney who is seeking to obtain a Body Art Practitioner License so she can work in his Somerville business to perform permanent make-up on clients by appointment only. After much discussion, Mr. Zube will contact Ms. Mahoney to see if she would prefer to go the Apprenticeship and will inform Ms. Baker. For the next meeting, Ms. Baker will get a legal opinion from the City’s Law Office about the options around amending the Tattoo Regulations and obtain other cities and towns regulations on how they regulate permanent make-up. If

Ms. Mahoney wishes not to go the apprenticeship process then the board would like to meet her at the next board meeting.

Director Hiring Updates: The Mayor formed a hiring taskforce consisting of 1 member from the following: Board of Aldermen, Cambridge Health Alliance, Somerville Health Agenda, Institute of Community Health, Tufts University, Groundwork Somerville, Respond, Somerville Mental Health, School Department and three members from the City of Somerville. This taskforce will look over resumes; conduct interviews. The final resumes will go to the Board of Health for their review. The Board of Health would meet the final candidates and make recommendations to the Mayor. We are looking at a timeline of January to hire a new Health Director.

Ms. Baker wanted to be known that the Health Department Staff has been exceptional through this transition and she wanted to public ally thank them for all their support.

Health Department Updates:

Public Health Nursing: The Public Health Nurses are conducting a Vote and Vax on November 4, 2008, which the residents who come into vote can then, get a flu shot.

School Health Nursing: There are two vacant positions, the School Nurse Leader and a School Nurse. The top priority right now is to fill the School Nurse Leader position.

Shape-Up-Somerville: The SUS program has been very busy this past summer. Nicole Rioles, along with Noreen Burke, Jessie Baker and other people from the city traveled to Atlanta, GA; Portland OR, Chapel Hill, NC to present and talk about SUS. On October 25, 2008, SUS will be holding a 5K Run at Trum Field.

Somerville Cares About Prevention: National Night Out was a big success. It was their largest ever over 800 people in attendance. The hiring process is still on-going to fill the Scap Director position, which is currently vacant.

Tobacco Control: The hiring process for the part-time Tobacco Control Enforcement Officer is still on going. Ms. Mello had inquire about the Central Variety establishment selling individual cigarettes. The board members would like an update from Mr. Pungirum.

Commissions: Two positions still need to be filled. Sonja Darai is currently filling in as the Acting Director of Commissions and Assistant Director of Commissions.

Other Business: The city has convened a Charter Advisory Group to recommend charges to the Charter.

Old Business: The kiosk is up and running at 26 Central Street and the state did a statewide public notice. Well Regulations still not finalized. More cities and towns are going trans fat free on their own. We are still waiting to see if the state will ban all trans fats in restaurants statewide.

A motion was made by Dr. Green and seconded by Ms. Mello to adjourn the meeting at 6:38pm.

The next meeting will be held in the City Hall Annex Conference Room, 50 Evergreen Avenue at 5:00pm. on October 16, 2008.

Respectfully Submitted, Kathy Henkle (Recording Secretary) on October 1, 2008

