



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

KATJANA BALLANTYNE
MAYOR

KARIN CARROLL
DIRECTOR OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
August 18, 2022

Open Conference / Virtual Meeting

Present:

Brian Green, MD (Chair)
Paula Machado, Board Member
Robert Ciccio, Board Member
Shannon Henry, Recording Secretary
Lucy Barrows, Recording Secretary
Karin Carroll, Director of Health, and Human Services

City Staff: - Bonny Carroll- Director of Tobacco Control

Roll Call: Brian Green, Robert Ciccio, Paula Machado

Meeting Call to Order: Dr. Green made a motion to open the meeting at 6.02pm. It was seconded by Paula Machado. All in Favor.

Minutes Approval: Dr. Green approves July minutes. All in favor.

COVID updates: Karin Carroll says we are keeping a close eye on COVID numbers. The trend over the last month has been a steady decline. Hoping to move to the low category soon. The city hosted a vaccine clinic on 6/15/22 with lots of youth in attendance. DPH is rolling out the 0-5 vaccine and will work with pediatricians to get these out to the community. They city will work on reaching as many people as we can. Health and Human Services is currently interviewing for a second Public Health Nurse.

HHS update: HHS will be hiring new positions including, Director of public health, Mental health manager, Youth services director, Deputy Director of PH and upgrading the part time LGBTQ liaison to full time. Karin Carroll gave the Board an update on Monkey Pox numbers and how the department is cross training staff to be prepared to contact trace if needed.

Body Art Licenses discussion: ISD has sent out letters to inform all Business that all fees are currently placed on hold. Finance will need to go over and review this matter.

Controlled Substance Application (Narcan) – M Mitchell/K Carroll

Matt Mitchell has been distribution Narcan throughout the city with state program to Purchase. Matt will be hosting three upcoming events August 31,2022 at City Hall, September 15, 2022, will be held in Union square and September 30, 2022, will be held at Foss Park. Matt encourages people to come. Paula Machado offered to assist in these outreach efforts.

Next Meeting: September 15,2022

Meeting Adjourn: Brain Green moves to adjourn meeting at 7:09, Paula Machado seconds this. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lucy Barrows
Board of Health Recording Secretary
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