



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

KATJANA BALLANTYNE
MAYOR

KARIN CARROLL
DIRECTOR OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
February 16, 2023

Open Conference / Virtual Meeting

Present:

Brian Green, MD (Chair)
Paula Machado, Board Member
Robert Ciccio, Board Member
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 6.00 pm. It was seconded by Paula Machado. All in favor.

Minutes Approval: Dr. Green made a motion to approve the minutes for February 16, 2023. It was seconded by Paula Machado. All in favor.

HHS update: Deputy Director Hiland provided an update to the BOH:

- Youth Coord. Offered position.
- Geriatric SW starts next week.
- Interviews for Youth and Mental Health Managers under way.
- COA awarded ARPA funds to provide new, accessible furniture.
- City Council approved second case manager to help with increased demand. To be posted ASAP
- HHS to convene outreach/enrollment efforts with multiple key agencies to address re-enrollment changes/barriers to SNAP and MassHealth Benefits
- Administration requesting 897K in free cash for the modular SCS.

FY24 Budget Process is underway. The Dept a level-service budget for review on March 3rd. Program Improvement Requests are being developed by the Leadership team now and are due for submission on March 24th. Potential requests include:

- Emergency Preparedness and sheltering support.
- Contract for next winter emergency warming center
- Expanded administrative support for COA.
- Community Health Workers to assist with multiple SDOH needs in a variety of settings.
- Basic conversational Spanish on-site class for staff.
- Free sanitary product vending machines

The City Clerk informed Director Carroll that the city is not yet set-up to hold hybrid meetings, therefore the BOH meetings must remain virtual.

Chairman Green requested to meet in person this Spring in possible and Director Carroll agreed to look into holding a hybrid meeting and get back to the Board.

Next Meeting: March 16, 2023

Meeting Adjourn: Brian Green moves to adjourn meeting at 6:34, Paula Machado seconds this. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lucy Barrows
Board of Health Recording Secretary
February 20 ,2022