



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
May30, 2024

Open Conference / Virtual (Zoom) Meeting

Members Present:

Brian Green. MD (Chair)
Robert MacLean, Board Member
Lucy Barrows, Recording Secretary
Karin Carroll, Director of Health & Human Services

Roll Call: Brian Green

1. **Meeting Call to Order:** Brian Green made a motion to open the meeting at 6:03 pm. It was seconded by Robert MacLean. All in favor.
2. **Minutes Approval:** Brian Green made a motion to approve the minutes from April 18, 2024. All in favor.

3. Office of Food Access and Healthy Communities (OFAHC) Presentation-Lisa Robinson

L Robinson updated the Board members on a variety of important food access and healthy communities' initiatives and introduced the OFAHC team to the Board.

4. Inspectional Services-Food Inspections, Community Complaints/Concerns, Questions from Board of Health -Nicholas Antanavica

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5. Health and Human Services updates by Karin Carroll

- a. K. Carroll led the meeting by sharing the updates surrounding staffing. The Veterans Department hosted a successful Career Fair and Memorial Day Parade.
- b. First HHS Newsletter was created for Spring 2024 (see attached with other recent Departmental highlights).
- c. HHS Budget Process – K. Carroll shared that the Mayor is presenting her budget tonight to the City Council and public. Her budget includes a Homeless Coordinator and CHW Manager in the HHS Department. Furthermore, additional non-operating funds have been allocated to food access for youth, additional shelter beds at SHC, the winter warming center and out of school time funding. HHS Leadership will present a proposed budget to the Mayor on April 22nd.
- d. 117 emails asking the Board to reject the “Nicotine Free Generation” policy. Bonny Carroll to organize a presentation to the Board.

Next Meeting: June 20th, 2024

Meeting Adjourn: Brian Green moves to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 PM. Robert MacLean seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lucy Barrows
Board of Health Recording Secretary