



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
December 11, 2025

Open Conference / Virtual (Zoom) Meeting

Members Present:

Brian Green, MD (Chair)
Alyssa DuBois, Board Member
Margaret H Coit, Board Member
Karin Carroll, Director of Health & Human Services

- 1. Meeting Call to Order:** Brian Green made a motion to open the meeting at 6:02 pm. Margaret H Coit seconded. All in favor.
- 2. Minutes Approval:** Brian Green made a motion to approve the minutes from December 11, 2025. Margret H Coit seconded. All in favor.
- 3. Inspectional Services-** Food Inspections, Community, Complaints/Concerns, Questions from Board of Health

Colin had nothing to review but will take any question and concerns if any come up.

- 4. Health and Human Services -** Staffing, Department activity and events, budget and goals updates, questions from the Board of Health

Director Carroll shared the following updates from the Department.

- The Department has implemented a comprehensive plan of support for the unhoused including sharps collection boxes, public health vending machines, weekly huddle with multidisciplinary team, warming center in winter months, CHW outreach efforts and connections to services, as well as support to SHC engagement center, clinic and shelter expansion. The Public Health vending machines have recently been installed and are dispensing products in East and West Somerville. Utilization reports to follow.
- November was busy for the Veterans' Office who hosted several events: Hero Salute, Veterans' Day events and monthly breakfasts.

- HHS received 1 million dollars from Community Benefit funds to support local food initiatives such as food pantries, Food for Free, meal vouchers, carrot cards for youth and additional school markets.
- The COA also received some of the above funds to maintain senior transportation program due to end in January, providing Somerville seniors with transportation to the COA meals. We are grateful to the administration and city council for addressing these significant gaps.
- Public Health Nurses have held over 75 clinics to-date for both Flu and Covid clinics and have had good attendance.

5. Next Meeting: 01/08/2026

Meeting Adjourn: Brian Green moves to adjourn the meeting at 6 :23 PM. seconded by Margaret H Coit seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucy Barrows
Board of Health Recording Secretary