



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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MINUTES BOARD OF HEALTH

Regular Meeting

March 20, 2014

5:30pm

Conference Room @ Somerville Hospital
236 Highland Avenue

Present: Paulette Renault-Caragianes (Health Director)
Dr. Brian Green, Board Member (Chair)
Paula Machado, Board Member
Kathy Teixeira (Recording Secretary)

Absent: None

Staff Members in Attendance: None

Guests: Benjamin Lipham from ISD/Health; Andrew Ott, Sara Smolik, Emma Quinn-Judge, Melinda Weber, and Dawn Lorino from Bigelow Cooperative Day Care Inc.

Meeting Called to Order: by Dr. Green and seconded by Ms. Mello at 5:00pm.

Previous Minutes: On a motion made by Ms. Mello and seconded by Ms. Machado:

"The February 27, 2014 Minutes were approved as circulated."

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Variance Request: - None

Bigelow Day Care Violation Hearing: Ellen Foley, of the Department of Early Education and Care (DEEC), formally reported a complaint of non-compliance which stated that no food service permit or evidence of an inspection which was waived through the Somerville BOH. This waiver was never shared with DEEC and was breached because of the lack of health measures taken to keep a child safe with an identified food allergy. The Somerville Health Department was not notified that there was an incident of accidental allergen exposure in October of 2103. Food being prepared with eggs as a non-declared ingredient and caused an allergic reaction for one child. Due to the complaint being filed, ISD went out and did an inspection on March 18, 2014. Per the variance, all parents cooking meals must complete the MA certified allergen awareness. Neither the parent preparing the food, Emma Quinn nor the parent delivering the food were allergen certified in October of 2013. According to the Food Code Section FC8-404.11, it states that an allergic incident must be reported to the Board of Health. Bigelow did not report the incident. After much discussion and brainstorming on how to

go forward, the Health Director, Ms. Renault-Caragianes and Mr. Lipham recommended withdrawing Bigelow's variance and creating a whole new process of application to re-evaluate the communal lunch program. Ms. Renault-Caragianes also recommended that Bigelow representatives meet with her and ISD to review any future plans top to bottom prior to presentation to the Board of Health.

Dr. Green made a motion to vote to vacate Bigelow's current variance and it was seconded by Ms. Mello.

All in Favor Yes – 3 No – 0

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Ms. Renault-Caragianes respectively requested that Ms. Weber research and get feedback from the Department of Early Education and Care expectations of Bigelow lunch program and whether the Board of Health should reconsider letting them re-apply for another variance.

Restaurant Inspections/February 2014: The inspections for February were reviewed. Ms. Mello made a request to have an inspection be done at Alfredo's Pizza on Broadway. Ms. Mello suspects that their pizzas and calzones are being left out past the time frame that is on their variance. Ms. Renault-Caragianes said she would have ISD go out and do an inspection.

Review 911 Emergency Calls – February 2014: - the report was not submitted in time for this meeting.

Health Department Update: - The dumpster's registrations are going very well. The uniformed trash bins contract is in the process of being finalized by the City with the vendor. Once it is finalized, a timeline will be put in place for the bins to be distributed to the residents. The city is weighing and looking into a rodent fertility control program. The resident rodent abatement program was sent to finance sub-committee. More updates to follow at the next Board of Health meeting in April. The Health Department 14th Annual Rabies Clinic will be held on April 5, 2014. The Mayor's kick-off Fitness Challenge will be held on March 29, 2014.

Ms. Mello made a motion to accept the Health Department updates and Ms. Machado seconded it.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting: April 17, 2014 at 5:00pm

Location - Somerville Hospital – 236 Highland Avenue Conference Room – 1st Floor

Adjournment: A motion was made by Dr. Green to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm and seconded by Ms. Mello.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Teixeira (Recording Secretary)
March 27, 2014