



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
MAYOR

DOUGLAS KRESS
DIRECTOR

MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
Regular Meeting
May 23, 2019
50 Evergreen Avenue

Present: Douglas Kress, Director
Brian Green, MD (Chair)
Paula Machado, Board Member
Robert Ciccia, Board Member
Kathy Teixeira, Recording Secretary

Absent: None

Staff Members in Attendance: Matthew Mitchell, Prevention Services Manager; Ben Lipham ISD/Health Division

Guests: Sarah Burkey, college student observing meeting.

Meeting Called to Order: On a motion made by Dr. Green, the meeting was called to order at 5:36pm. It was seconded by Ms. Machado

Previous Minutes: On a motion made by Dr. Green, the April 23, 2019 minutes were approved and accepted. It was seconded by Ms. Machado. All in Favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ventless Hoods: On hold, ISD staff is not ready to bring forward a draft of a proposed policy on ventless hoods.

Director Updates: No ruling on the court case against the BOH. It is still pending. Marijuana applicants have been submitted. The city received fifteen (15) applicants. The City Council put a cap of twelve (12) stores to open. Interviews will be set up to speak to the applicants regarding their applications. Anna Doherty, Director of Somerpromise is taking a year off and will be resigning from her position. The job description will be updated soon. The HHS Department received a grant from DESE. The value of the grants is \$95,000.00 for the next four (4) years with renewable options for two (2) more years. We will be hiring a school nurse case manager. Equity training for the nurses will also be conducted. A new position has also been added to the fy20 budget, called "Substance Abuse Coordinator" and will be paid from the marijuana stabilization funds. Upcoming Events: Annual SCAP Meeting on May 30, 2019; Memorial on the Mystic with concert and fireworks celebrations to be held Sunday and Monday May 26 & 27 weekend. Big Gay Pride Dance will be Saturday, June 1, 2019 in Union Square. City's July 4th celebration with fireworks at Trum Field will be Thursday, June 27, 2019. August 6 and August 7 respectively National Night Out and the Mayors' Senior Picnic will be held. Nicholas has been hired to fill the position of the ISD Director. With the new Encore Casino opening up soon, cities like Somerville, Medford, and Everet, Boston have been talking about youth and gambling issues that may arise. Fenway Health has been approved by the state.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 20, 2019 @ 5:30pm – 50 Evergreen Avenue

Adjournment: On a motion made by Dr. Green, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25pm. It was seconded by Mr. Ciccio.

List of Documents: Sign-In Sheet, April 23, 2019 Minutes

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Teixeira (Recording Secretary)
June 10, 2019