



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
May 28, 2020
Tele - Conference Call

Present:

Douglas Kress, Director
Brian Green, MD (Chair)
Paula Machado, Board Member
Robert Ciccio, Board Member

Absent:

None

Guests:

None

Meeting Called to Order:

On a motion made by Dr. Green, the meeting was called to order at 6:03pm. It was seconded by Ms. Machado.

Approval of April 2, 2020 Minutes: On a motion made by Dr. Green, the April 16, and May 13, 2020 minutes were approved. It was seconded by Ms. Machado.

Covid19 Updates: Mr. Kress presented slides to the board members and gave a brief overview. The city has extending the state of emergency and the Mayor has also announced that he is suspending all city permits and events till the end of 2020. The mobile covid19 testing is still on-going. Testing of residents and staff at city's senior buildings is also in full swing. The city is working with the churches to test their parishioners. Governor Baker has implemented a four (4) stage plan to reopen the state. The City of Somerville's Administration has pushed to put their own schedule in place to open up the city. The Mayor has done some town meetings virtually and they went very well. The Mayor does an amazing job at these town meetings. On the 23rd of May the city announced shared street pilot. As of Monday 879 residents have tested positive of those 659 recovered. We have seen a reduction and are past our surge. We are seeing a downturn in our cases. Within the zip codes the slides show the cases by sections and by age. The city has also established a Somerville Cares Fund where people can donate to help support our residents in a variety of ways. The donations have raised over 270,000. HHS has been with food security systems and the Somerville Public Schools meals have been distributed breakfast and lunch to residents in need. We also distributed over 47,000 face masks. The SUS staff has been doing an amazing job with the food pantry along with other HHS staff and volunteers. Police officers also have masks with them to help distribute them. The Council on Ageing is also distributing face mask to the senior population. The public have been very good in being compliant on wearing their masks to keep others and themselves safe. Our nurses are continuing to do contract tracing. The city can also utilize Partners Health for contract tracing services.

Dr. Green made a motion to support the draft for regulations for barbershops and hair salons covid19 compliant procedures for re-opening. It was seconded by Mr. Ciccio. All in Favor Motion Carried Unamously.

Next meeting – Virtually

Thursday, June 18, 2020

Adjournment:

On a motion made by Dr. Green, the meeting was adjourned at 7.06pm. It was seconded by Ms. Machado.

List of Documents:

Notice/Agenda, May 28, 2020 Minutes, Slides, Barbershop Hair Salons Guidelines

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Henkle-Teixeira
Board Secretary
June 9, 2020