



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH

Regular Meeting

April 12, 2018

5:00pm

42 Cross Street, Somerville, MA 02145

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

Absent: None

Staff Members in Attendance: None

Guests: None

Meeting Called to Order: On a motion made by Dr. Green, the meeting was called to order at 5:03pm. It was seconded by Ms. Machado.

Previous Minutes: On a motion made by Dr. Green, the March 15, 2018 minutes were approved. It was seconded by Ms. Machado.

Cannabis Control: The city is doing a study period and will be holding discussion meetings with residents to get their feedback. In order for applicants to become a retailer for marijuana; they have to apply for an application through the state, but before they can submit application to the state they have to come to the local municipality to develop a community benefits agreement (CBA) and review of applications before going to the state for processing. Other topics brought to the table are that cities and towns would be able to add additional tax, host agreements, 3% or additional permitting. Medical Marijuana Dispensaries will have a choice to convert to recreational retailer or choice to do both medical and recreational marijuana's; but must be physically separated within their business establishment. What role will Board of Health's have before the CCC receives the applicant's applications? Should the application go to the city first then to the CCC or should it go to the CCC then to the city for the review process. One suggestion that the board wanted to recommend was that all marijuana retailers must have an ID Reader and it will be mandatory. Marijuana Retailers will be based on a cash basis only. How will they safe-keep their revenue, make their establishments safe and secure, how often will deposits to the bank be made, were a few questions raised at the board meeting. It was also noted that no employee will get paid by cash. Edibles enforcement, how will this be regulated? Inspections for processing plants are currently being regulated by DPH. Only the CCC can go in and inspect. Deliveries of marijuana should be the same as the pharmacy deliveries and how will this be regulated?

HHS Updates: Mr. Kress reviewed with the board an overdose educational pamphlet which will go to establishments; instructing them to post inside their establishments. Narcans are in the schools and libraries. Librarians have asked for

training. Dr. Green made a suggestion that the medical marijuana establishments should provide access to narcan as a community benefit. If you are overdosing and you get narcan it will stop you from overdosing but the person wakes up miserable. If you're taking opioids it will cause withdrawals, some people have an allergic reaction from narcan. Mr. Ciccio suggested giving narcans to homeless shelters and recovery groups. The board would like to see that narcan is available to everyone city-wide. The prescription drug take back day will be April 28, 2018. Fy19 budget is coming soon. We are asking for a new Director for the Somerpromise program, an out of School Time Coordinator and an Environmental Health position. Mr. Kress is recommending that ISD come to the next board of health meeting to show a presentation of the 2013 food code. Mr. Ciccio asks Mr. Kress if he could coordinate a site visit for the board to visit Revolutionary during an upcoming meeting.

Next Meeting: May 17, 2018 – 42 Cross Street

Adjournment: On a motion made by Dr. Green, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20pm. It was seconded by Ms. Machado.

List of Documents: Agenda, March 15, 2018 Minutes, Prescription Drug Take Back Day Flyer, Overdose Flyer, Marijuana Consequences in Mass Flyer

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Teixeira (Recording Secretary)
April 24, 2018