



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
*HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT*

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*DOUGLAS KRESS*  
DIRECTOR

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Regular Meeting  
February 15, 2018  
5:00pm

236 Highland Avenue, CHA Medical Building

**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:** Bonny Carroll, Tobacco Control Director

**Guests:** Owner from Stop and Save, 2 college students observing BOH meeting

**Meeting Called to Order:** On a motion made by Dr. Green, the meeting was called to order at 5:02pm. It was seconded by Ms. Machado.

**Previous Minutes:** On a motion made by Dr. Green, the January 18, 2018 minutes were approved. It was seconded by Ms. Machado.

**Stop and Save Tobacco Hearing:** Stop and Save sold to miners and were fined and ticked twice within a thirty-six (36) month period, which according to regulations, would result in a seven (7) day suspension of selling tobacco. Dr. Green made a motion to adopt the recommendation of ISD/Health staff to suspend Stop and Save permit to sell tobacco and nicotine delivery products for seven (7) days starting on the beginning of opening of business on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 and to be re-instated on the close of business on Tuesday, February 27, 2018. It was seconded by Ms. Machado.  
All in Favor.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Cannabis Control Commission Draft Regulations:** The Cannabis Control Commission released the draft regulations on December 21, 2017. Some of the concerns that cities and towns are facing is candies that are going to be available, how they are going to be packaged, how and who is going to regulate, will it be classified as food or non-food. It was stated by Mr. Kress that Boards of Health can add additional regulations onto the proposed state regulations. Cities can be more strict but not relaxed on regulations. Social Consumption Establishments is an establishment licensed to purchase or otherwise acquires marijuana from licensed marijuana establishments and sells single servings of marijuana to consumers for consumption or use on the premises. The proposed regulations are not clear on whether anyone under the age of 21 can enter. The proposed regulations does not really go into edibles fully as of yet. Delivery of marijuana was brought up in the discussion, would you be able to get marijuana delivered to you by mail, Amazon, etc. One promising section of the regulations is having host agreements would have to get municipal approval to make sure you abide by

ordinance, zoning laws and do community outreach. Police Enforcement will be a challenging because there is no field test, or breathalyzer which is used for alcohol impairment to test for marijuana impairment. Mr. Ciccio made a motion that the next couple of meetings he would like to focus on one or two issues for example edibles and advertisement.

**HHS Updates:** The Health & Human Services Department is now located at 42 Cross Street, until the Annex building is repaired. Mt. Auburn is having a community meeting on February 28, 2018 @ 5:30pm on community health assessment. The meeting will be held at the Culinary Arts Bistro at Somerville High, 81 Highland Avenue. The Health & Human Services Department along with CHA is forming an advisory group to assess the health needs of the community. The first meeting will be on February 26, 2018 at the VNA on Lowell Street. We are also working with Tufts University on a health survey which will be done online and the results will be analyzed. Mr. Kress made a recommendation that he would like ISD/Health to come to a future BOH meeting to discuss the Food Code 2013 and how they plan to implement the new code when it gets passed. Dr. Green talked briefly about sex trafficking that he read in the Boston Globe and he feels that this is an emerging health crisis.

**Next Meetings:** March 15, 2018 – 42 Cross Street, Conference Room  
April 12, 2018 - TBD

**Adjournment:** On a motion made by Dr. Green, the meeting was adjourned at 6:14pm. It was seconded by Ms. Machado.

**List of Documents:** Agenda, January 18, 2018 Minutes, Sign-In-Sheet; BOH Action Sheets (1), MAHB Summary of Health Issues Re: Proposed Recreational Marijuana Regulations

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Teixeira (Recording Secretary)  
February 21, 2018