



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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Regular Meeting

March 16, 2017

5:00pm

Conference Room @ Somerville Hospital
236 Highland Avenue

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

Absent: None

Staff Members in Attendance: Cory Mashburn, Bonny Carroll - HHS; Elise Collins, Ben Lipham - ISD/Health

Guests: Representatives/Owners from Winter Hill Market, Blessing Restaurant, Wings over Somerville and Pastelaria Broadway and candidates for the Board of Health board member vacant position.

Meeting Called to Order: On a motion made by Dr. Green, the meeting was called to order at 5:22pm. It was seconded by Ms. Machado.

Previous Minutes: On a motion made by Dr. Green, the January 19 and February 16, 2017 minutes were approved. It was seconded by Ms. Machado.

Drug Paraphernalia Update: Mr. Mashburn distributed a draft proposal of a regulations prohibiting the sale of drug paraphernalia. A short discussion followed and work is still in progress.

Hearings:

1. **Winter Hill Liquors:** had two (2) violations; selling banned products and selling to a minor within the last 6 months. Dr. Green made a motion to suspend Winter Hill's tobacco and nicotine delivery products permit for seven (7) days beginning Monday, March 20, 2017 and to be reinstated Monday, March 27, 2017. It was seconded by Ms. Machado. A vote was taken and all were in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
2. **Blessing Restaurant:** This is the 2nd hearing for Blessing Restaurant. On the 1st hearing, they were told to hire a consultant and to submit pest control reports. At the hearing, they did come with a food safety consultant, Victoria Hart, who asked to see the reports, Ms. Hart will be doing an evaluation assessment. Dr. Green made a motion to close the establishment at 5:45pm on Thursday, March 16, 2017; and upon the submission of the assessment prepared by the food consultant and then reviewed by Mr. Lipham for approval, once completed and in compliance they can reopen. It was seconded by Ms. Machado. A vote was taken and all were in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3. **Wings over Somerville:** After three (3) inspections – one (1) routine and two (2) re-inspections, Wings over Somerville continues to have critical violations, which includes unsanitary conditions. Dr. Green made a motion that upon the next inspection performed by Ms. Collins, if they fail the inspection, she is to shut them down immediately. Wings over Somerville must provide documentation showing proof that all management is being in the process of recertification of their food protection manager certificates (FPM). It was seconded by Ms. Machado. A vote was taken and all were in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
4. **Pastelaria Broadway:** After completing three (3) inspections, violations continue to occur and they need to submit a new floor plan due to several pieces of equipment added to the establishment. Dr. Green made a motion to have Pasterlaria's food consultant do two (2) inspections, along with the city's own inspection. A floor plan needs to be submitted within two (2) weeks. If the Pastelaria Broadway fails any of the inspections, Pastelaria Broadway will be order to shut down. It was seconded by Ms. Machado. A vote was taken and all were in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

FOG Regulation Update: The Board of Health voted on and signed off on the proposed Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) Regulations.

ISD/Health Updates: A total of 139 inspections were done the last 30 days they are as follow: Catering – 2; Dumpsters – 25; Food Services – 79; Mobile – 1; Food Retail – 26; and Tobacco – 6.

Health & Human Services Updates: FY18 Budget will be level funded. Looking into consolidating the public health nurses and school nurses under one division. EP – The city is looking into two (2) emergency dispensing sites, one at W, WSNS and ESCS. Looking into identifying EP partners for dispensing locations where they would do on their own. For example CHA will be a closed point of distribution POD. The Director of HHS is meeting with Partners to see if they want to be a closed POD. Also looking to see if the VNA and the Little Sisters of the Poor can also be POD dispensing sites for the city. Trauma Response network is expanding doing some work a small capacity grant for trainings. The HHS is working with By All Means w/Harvard looking at kindergarten readiness for children and a welcome project baby outreach program to families working with CHA to help kids get engaged during non-school hours. The Well Being report will be presented to the community on April 27, 2017, which is collaboration with CHA and ICH.

Announcements: Business Town Meeting w/Mayor on March 28, 2017 at Rockwell's – 255 Elm Street, Davis Square; Trauma Response First Engagement Meeting on March 30, 2017 at 5:30pm at the Public Safety Building on Washington Street, Union Square; SUS Safe Routes Summit on April 5, 2017 at the Armory from 9:30 – 12pm. Take Back Day for Medications will be on April 29, 2017 from 10-1pm at the Somerville Police Department in Union Square.

Next Meeting: April 27, 2017

Adjournment: On a motion made by Dr. Green the meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm. It was seconded by Ms. Machado.

List of Documents: Agenda, January and February 2017 Minutes, Sign-In-Sheet, FOG Regulations Proposed Regulation on Prohibiting the Sale of Drug Paraphernalia. BOH Action Sheets – Winter Hill Liquors, Blessing Restaurant, Wings over Somerville, Pastelaria Broadway

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Teixeira (Recording Secretary)
April 18, 2017