

City of Somerville
Board of Health Meeting
November 16, 2006

Present: Brian Green, M.D., Chairman
Maria Parra, Board Member
Noreen Burke, Health Director
Kathy Henkle, Administrative Assistant
Jessica Collins, Director Somerville Community Health Agenda
Nicole Riales, Shape-Up-Somerville Coordinator
Absent: Babette Mello, Board Member

Dr Green called the meeting to order at 5:10pm
Ms. Parra seconded it.

Accept Minutes:

Dr. Green made a motion to approve the September minutes. Ms. Parra seconded it. The approval of the October minutes was postponed until next meeting.

Accept Director's Report:

Dr. Green made a motion to approve the Director's Report. Ms. Parra seconded it.

Shape-Up-Somerville Presentation:

Ms. Collins and Ms. Riales were introduced to the board members. A presentation providing an overview of the program was presented to the Board. Shape Up Somerville is a citywide campaign aimed to increase daily physical activity and healthy eating.

Ms. Riales role is to engage the city's workforce to integrate physical activity and healthy eating into their daily routines. One strategy is to encourage city workers to do more walking and decrease automobile use. Two daily 15-minute walks take place at the Annex. After the presentation, a small discussion followed with the board. The board members are committed to supporting Shape Up Somerville and make Somerville a safer and healthier place to live, work and play.

Director's Report:

Personnel Updates: The Health Department will soon need to fill two (2) vacant positions. The Emergency Preparedness position is now vacant with the departure of Shaina Zamaitis. Leni Gross-Young, the Trauma Network Manager, has resigned to take a new job. Her last day will be November 29, 2006. A new position Assistant Director has been posted. The Health Inspectors have moved to the DPW and the volume of telephone calls have decreased. A new telephone automated system has been put in place to forward the calls to the appropriate staff. The Boston Herald wrote an article on school nursing and Dana Ulrich was interviewed for this article.

Rodent Control/Trash Ordinance Update:

We are currently in the educational phase of the implementation of the trash ordinance. Lids with barrels, will now be required, frequently asked questions are now on the city's website and a citywide mailing will go out. This ordinance will take effect

January 1, 2007.

Public Health Nursing Updates: Flu Clinics have been conducted at senior buildings throughout the city through out the months of November and early December.

Health Dept. Program Updates: Tammy Rocha, the new SCAP Director, ill be next to come before the Board to give an overview of the SCAP program. In addition, the Health Department along with Institute for Community Health, Karen Hacker is writing a paper to share the successes and commitments post youth overdose and suicide.

Board Member Announcement – Ms. Maria Parra regrettfully announced she will no longer serve of the Board of Health due to family commitments, working full-time at BU and part-time at Tufts, it makes it difficult to be fully committed to this Important Board. She hopes to stay in touch and be connected in any way she can.

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Ms. Parra made a motion to adjourn the meeting @ 6:20pm. Dr. Green seconded it.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 14, 2006. Ms. Henkle to contact Ms. Mello to see if she would be able to attend on the 14th.

Respectfully Submitted
Kathy Henkle
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Health Department