

**CITY OF SALEM  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
MEETING MINUTES**

*October 8, 2013*

**DRAFT**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dr. Barbara Poremba, Chairperson, Gayle Sullivan, Martin Fair, & Dr. Shama Alam

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Larry Ramdin Health Agent, Heather Lyons-Paul , Clerk of the Board

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Dr. Danielle Ledoux

**TOPIC**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION**

**1. Call to Order**

7:00pm

**2. Minutes of Last Meeting**

**M Fair motioned to approve minutes from Sept 12, 2013, G Sullivan 2<sup>nd</sup>; Approved unanimously**

**3. Chairperson  
Announcements**

Asked the Board for a motion to take the agenda out of order and hear Footprints presentation and the Variance Request before going over the monthly reports.

**Dr. Alam motioned to take the agenda out of order G Sullivan 2<sup>nd</sup>; Approved unanimously**

**4. Monthly Reports-Updates  
A. Health Agent Report**

Dr. Mona Sigal, M.D. an Umass Amherst, MPH student presented on a Capstone project in Nutrition education that she will be doing under the auspices of the Board of Health in coordination with the Chamber of Commerce. The project is awareness and education project, on the health impact of 3 food ingredients (salt, gluten and fats) designed for Food Establishment owners and Chefs. Dr. Sigal is working with us and the Chamber Commerce to recruit 10 restaurants to participate. The program will be a 4 week education intervention for 1 hour per week including a pre-program survey and post program survey( 6 months after the program is completed) to validate outcomes of the program.

This will be part of the requirements of the FDA voluntary food program standards program. She is hopeful this will become a pilot program not just a capstone project.

Dr. Alam will be attending the MAHB , Board of Health Certification program, She has completed the online ‘ Introduction to Local Public Health. Additionally, Dr. Ledoux has already taken the BU online training. Thus we are in compliance with the requirements of the NSSPHS grant.

The regional shared services program held a meeting with Housing Authorities to educate them on going smoke free as a tool for reducing the incidence of asthma. Education materials will be provided for owners & smoking cessation education will also be provided. This will be coupled with an integrated pest management program.

Flu Clinic the seniors is scheduled for Oct 16 2013

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| <b>B. Public Health Nurse's Report</b> | Update on the public health nurse position. A candidate was selected from the interviews last night.<br><b>Presented copy available in office</b> |
| <b>C. Administrative Report</b>        | <b>Presented copy available in office</b>   |
| <b>D. City Council Liaison Updates</b> | Not present   |

**5. New Business**

**A. Footprint Presentation**

Atty. Joseph Correnti introduced Scott Silverstein from Foot Print. Scott Silverstein presented a power point slideshow to the Board outlining the procedures of the project from what has been done so far to what will be happening in the next 3 years. The power point presentation will be available to view in our office.

Some of the main points of the project are as followed:

- \*Site Remediation
- \*Demo staging (maps)
- \*Local Environmental Benefits and mitigation
- \*Regional Reductions in criteria emissions
- \*Existing Facility and new facility maps

L Ramdin asked if there are plans in place for dust and noise monitoring Mr. Silverstein replied that 12 foot noise walls will be in place to reduce noise and watering will take place on site for dust control.

Atty. Correnti informed the Board that there is a community benefits agreement with Footprint and the City of Salem if there is any concerns during the project, Footprint will address them with the city.

Dr. Poremba thanked Footprint for their presentation.

**B. Variance Request for Regulation 22 – Smoking Ban in workplace**

Variance Request for Regulation 22 for Hookah Bar by Iqbal Shahzad & Malik Hayat

L. Ramdin informed the Board that approving the variance will be a backward step and erode the number of years good public health work. Also, the risks of smoking have not changed for the general public. It will also be a violation of state regulations.

Joseph Garrard spoke on behalf of the gentlemen requesting the variance. The location for the business if approved will be in the basement of 92 Lafayette St. There will be space to serve soft drinks tea and coffee & Wi-Fi will be provided for the customers

Dr. Alam asked why the Board should vary its regulation.

Mr. Shahzad answered there is a small % of tobacco in Hookahs mostly honey, molasses and flavoring that is burned over charcoal. Also Revere has granted a variance.

G. Sullivan voiced that charcoal use produces toxins, risks of smoking have not changed. Thus, she would not vote in favor of this variance.

**M. Fair motioned that we deny the variance to Regulation 22 2<sup>nd</sup> Dr. Alam, all in favor; Approved unanimously**

**6. MEETING ADJOURNED:** 8:28pm

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Lyons-Paul  
Clerk of the Board

*Next regularly scheduled meeting is November 12, 2013 at 7pm  
At City Hall Annex, 120 Washington Street, Room 311 Salem.*