



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES**

October 2, 2014

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John M. Connolly	Chair	Present	
Mary Jo Rossetti	Vice Chair	Present	
Mark Niedergang	Ward Five Alderman	Present	

Other present: Health Director Paulette Renault Caragiano, Asst. City Solicitor David Shapiro

192737 - That this Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety arrange for representatives of Riverside Community Care aka Somerville Mental Health Association, to appear before the Committee to explain where the programs are and how the City can assist them.:

Chairman Connolly would like representatives of CHA to make a presentation/report to the committee regarding the future of this organization.

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

193094 - That the Director of Public Health provide the Committee on Public Health and Safety with the CAFÉ study information once it's completed.:

Ms. Renault-Caragianes said that the CAFE Study has far reaching implications for everyone. Chairman Connolly noted that there is a broad range of services offered and recommended having all participants, (CHA, RCC and CAFÉ) present at a future committee meeting.

RESULT:

KEPT IN COMMITTEE

194939 - That this Board requests that the Cambridge Health Alliance cease, or shelve, its proposed consolidation plan until they convene stakeholders to discuss how best to meet the challenges of an ever changing health care landscape, while meeting the needs of our community.:

Ms. Renault-Caragianes spoke on this item and said that CHA tries to keep the community members and partners in the loop and could appear before the committee to talk about the new vision of health care. At the present time, Community Affairs is being reorganized. The Central

Street facility houses CHA's administration offices and the Highland Avenue campus has eye surgery and primary care facilities. Patients are also seen on an emergency basis. Ms. Renault-Caragianes reported that Riverside Community Care's (RCC) taking over the role of mental health provider has been truly seamless and that they have been an incredible partner for the city's Health Department. The committee would like CHA to provide the committee with information on substance related matters and the service levels at each location and would also like RCC to make a presentation to the committee on their programs and services.

RESULT:**KEPT IN COMMITTEE**

194984 - That the Committee on Public Health and Safety request that the Executive Director of the Cambridge Health Alliance appear to explain, at a public hearing, its recent proposal to reduce funding for services to Somerville's youth community.:

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**

197484 - That the City Solicitor inform this Board of City and State requirements for property owners with condemned or fire-damaged buildings, including time frames to secure the buildings and obligations to maintain them.:

Mr. Shapiro reported that he spoke with Alderman Heuston regarding a problem property in Ward 2. He explained that complaint calls go to ISD and are escalated to the NIT when there are coding or other unique issues. Chairman Connolly requested that the committee be kept apprised of any concerns with the property in question.

RESULT:**WORK COMPLETED**