I. Board of Health
The Board of Health held their regular meeting on October 21, 2010. There was no new business.

II. Public Health Administration
The needle kiosk that was located at Central Street is now housed in the lobby of the Somerville Police Station. Continue to attend Region 4B meetings. Attended Flood Task Force Meetings.

Inspectional Services Department
Sanitary Inspections
- Conducted 14 inspections of retail/food establishments, 2 re-inspections
- Five pre-operational inspections
- Verified Ice Cream at the following establishments
  - Golden Cannoli
  - Hodgkins Spa
  - Louie’s Ice Cream
  - New Deli Market
  - M Fine Enterprises
- Field Verification: Holy Baptist Bible Church and Somerville Homeless Shelter – need permits
- Food borne illness investigation, Foundry on Elm
- VNA - plan review, renovation

Sanitary Issues handled by Housing Inspectors
- 24 Union Square – smoke coming from roof vents – ordered to have vents cleaned by a professional company
- 120 Washington Street – Café Belo – closed due to critical violations
- 167 Broadway – Kentucky Fried Chicken – blood clean up
- 76 Middlesex Avenue – Sunrise Café – sewage in basement – closed due to critical violations

Housing Inspections
- Responded to 73 complaints, 62 resolved
- Attended ticket hearings with the Hearing Officer for the City of Somerville
- Attended a hearing for tickets that were found responsible by the City’s hearing Officer at the Somerville District Court
- Met with Modern Pest for rodent control in the City of Somerville
- Collaborated with the Neighborhood Impact Team
- One full inspection
- One lead determination
- Needles picked up at the following addresses and disposed of properly:
  (204 Summer Street, Foss Park, 10 George Street, 112 Summer Street, 32 Jaques Street, Somerville Avenue Skating Rink, and 350 Broadway)
• Responded to 8 emergencies (4 blood scenes, unauthorized opening of a restaurant, fire in elevator, food borne illness investigation and hoarding)
• Five re-inspections performed – all units in compliance
• One voucher inspection – unit not in compliance
• 271 Mystic Avenue – Tier Two Hazmat – hazardous waste spill going into catch basins – several departments met on site – state hazmat team taking samples and will follow up
• 32 Clark Street – Somerville District Court for non compliance – found guilty, going forward with case
• Central Road – responded to a hoarding complaint – elderly gentleman, referred to Council of Aging for social worker and site visit
• Issued trash and commercial tickets
• Issued overgrowth tickets

IV. Public Health Nursing
• Investigated 10 and reviewed 8 reportable disease cases
• Case management for 8 active TB cases and reviewed 18 Latent TB cases
• Participated in Health Fair organized by Council on Aging
• Flu clinics have begun
• Interviewed Emmanuel BSN nursing student for a practicum at the Health Department She will join us in January, 2011
• Investigation of food borne illness out break
• Parent Information Nurse continues to cover the Cummings School Health Room
• New student enrollments for August and September numbered 269. 50 vaccines were administered.

Emergency Preparedness
• Monthly testing of the Satellite phone

V. School Health Nursing – No Report Submitted this Month

VI. Clinical Youth Specialist
• Making Connections – Mental Health Awareness Campaign.
  o Hosted program for Youth Networkers Group – “Dangers of Empathy” play and discussion on child mental illness.
• Three Community Referrals for Information on Mental Health support
• Acquired MSW Student Intern to work on policy issues related to Suicide and Bullying and the GBLT community.
• Planning the roll out of Mental Health First Aid Training
• Recommendations on Mental Health for Well Being of Somerville report
• Presentation to Immigrant Service Providers Group on Mental Health and YRBS results.
TRN (Trauma Response Network)

Follow up and reconnaissance related to police shooting and death of 21 y.o Somerville young adult

VII. Community Health

Shape Up Somerville

Member of planning team for October SomerStreets event.

Worked in collaboration with Communications Department to develop Shape Up Somerville media plan.

Met with new School Food Service Director to discuss opportunities for collaboration.

Prepared mayoral PowerPoint presentation to RIOS (Research Involving Outpatient Settings) meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Attended October session of the Massachusetts Institute for Community Health Leadership.

Attended MA Health Council gala to accept Healthiest City award.

Provided interview to Root Cause, social issue research firm.

Planned and facilitated October 14th Shape Up Somerville Steering Committee meeting.

Provided presentation for SomerStat meeting.


Continued planning for winter farmers’ market. Drafted a proposal to minimize vendor permitting issues. Drafted market manager job posting, vendor application form and market policies document.

Continued expansion of Shape Up Approved healthy restaurant program.

Attended Regional Center for Healthy Communities obesity prevention networking event.

Developed proposal to recruit 200 communities in the Northeast for the Let’s Move campaign.

Developed PowerPoint slides for October ResiStat meeting.

Staffed the Somerville Ave street closure event

Presented data/GIS maps to the epidemiology staff at the Institute for Community Health

Met with Governor Dukakis to discuss the regionalization of Walk/Ride Days

Participated in 3 counting sessions for OSPCD’s bike/ped counts

Attended the Ford Hall Forum’s Childhood Obesity Panel talk

Attend the state’s Moving Together 2010 conference and tabled at the event

Worked on the Mobile Produce Market project

Attended SomerPromise partnership meeting

Submitted work-plan to the MA Dept. of Public Health for the Shape Up East Somerville grant

Presented to the Food and Agriculture graduate class at MIT

Met with the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce to discuss Walk/Ride Day regionalization project

Hosted conference call with University of Florida to discuss the future of their GIS project

Prepared and distributed materials for October Walk/Ride Day to five SPS

Tabled at the ACT Sustainability Fair

Somerville Cares about Prevention

• Emailed SCAP’s October 2010 E-Newsletter to 600 Coalition members;
• Convened 1 meeting of SCAP’s Evaluation Team with the assistance of the Institute for Community Health to discuss upcoming fiscal year;
• Committee on Suicide Prevention and Mental Health convened;
• 1 staff attended SAFEMEA meeting;
• 2 Staff and appointed volunteers started and completed the interviews for SPF100 and SPFJr positions;
• Somerville Committee on Suicide Prevention and Mental Health hosting and organized the Making Connections Art Exhibit which is available to look at until December;
• SCAP received a 2 year extension of the BSAS Underage Drinking Grant;
• 3 SCAP staff continued the planning for the YRBS Presentation in November;
• SCAP received CDBG grant from the City of Somerville;
• 1 SCAP staff attend MOU meeting with other communities at the Regional Center;
• 1 SCAP staff attended Youth Subcommittee Meeting at City Hall;
• Convened 1 meeting of SPFJr.;
• 1 staff attended the Community Health Program Internship Presentation for the summer intern that organized National Night Out;
• 2 staff attended the Health Department staff meeting;
• 1 staff attended 2 SomerPromise Meetings;
• 2 SCAP staff attended a training called Building Effective and Sustainable Collaborations to Create Real Change in Peabody;
• 1 staff attended 3 days of a Parent Training in Somerville;
• 2 staff attended a training workshop on “The World Café”;
• SCAP convened a Student Health Survey Team meeting to discuss the upcoming YRBS;
• 2 staff attended the Youth Workers Network Meeting;
• 2 staff attended the Youth Workers Network Steering Committee Meeting;
• 1 staff was on the local TV show “KidStuff” to promote SCAP;
• SCAP was selected to be on the panel at BSAS/MTCP Grantee Meeting;
• 1 staff attended the Inter-Coalition Meeting;
• 1 staff presented material on YRBS Presentation at the Inter-Coalition Meeting;
• 1 staff attended 1 meeting to put together the Well Being of Somerville booklet;
• 1 staff attended the Bullying Prevention and Intervention in Somerville;
• 2 staff attended a meeting to design the upcoming Community Explorations program for Somerville surrounding youth girls;
• 1 staff attended the Health Council Gala;
• 1 staff spoke with 3 volunteers about volunteer opportunities with SCAP.

VIII. Tobacco Control

Youth Access:
1. Conducted compliance checks in Cambridge including all ticketing and follow-ups.
2. Continued retailer inspections and necessary follow-ups 5 city-wide.
3. Entered all information into RDMS database.
5. Signage:
   - Provided no-smoking signage to retailers as needed in all 5 cities
6. Youth Training and Recruitment
   - Continued to recruit and train youth for compliance checks

Second Hand Smoke:
1. Responded to 1 call for the 5 City Collaborative within 48 hours
   - Copies of Second Hand Smoke regulations given/emailed
XI. Office of Somerville Commissions

Program Status

Snow Removal 2010-11
• Green Street Initiatives holding a city-wide contest for best shoveled sidewalk
• WalkBoston waiting on word from a funder to support Somerville initiatives on the Snow Removal Committee which includes funding for activities and outreach
• Plans are to continue expanding outreach in the community for awareness about importance and how-to shovel

Domestic Violence Personnel Policy for City of Somerville
• Consultant PO opened on Sept 28 for policy development and executive briefing to all department heads and directors with supervision responsibilities

Somerville Climate Change Zone Program
• Material and partner agreements are almost finalized
• Chief to invite bars/restaurants to announcement meeting
• Staff of bars/restaurants to attend training two weeks later

LGBT Liaison – October
• Attended the inauguration of Rabbi Eliana Jacobwitz at Temple B’nai Brith.
• Finalized a policy brief regarding anti-discrimination protections for LGBT students in Somerville school system.
• Worked on policy brief regarding anti-discrimination protections for LGBT employees of the City of Somerville.
• Attended the Somerville High School GSA meeting and discussed their first event of the year, “Ally Day” and how successful it was.
• Discussed the idea of a Somerville LGBT Youth Summit with GSA Advisor, now in the developmental stages.
• Made initial contact with Smith College clinical social worker student working with Somerville’s Clinical Youth Specialist about a collaborative initiative on LGBT Youth suicide prevention.