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The July 21, 2014 meeting of the Belmont Board of Health was called to order at 5:27 pm by Donna S. David, R.N., M.N., Chair.

Those present were Donna S. David, R.N., M.N., Chair; David B. Alper, D.P.M., Vice Chair; Deirdre Houtmeyers, R.N., M.S. Member; Stefan A. Russakow, M.A., R.S., Director; Angela Braun, R.S., Assistant Director; Maria Reddington, Clerk; Cheryl Sbarra, Senior Staff Attorney Director, Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program and Chronic Disease Prevention Program, Massachusetts Association of Health Boards; Wesley Chin, Tobacco Control Program Coordinator

The Board welcomed Mr. Milas Daldalian, owner of Bellmont Café. Mr. Daldalian talked generally to the Board Members about his restaurant operations, menu choices, and trash management for outdoor seating. Mr. Daldalian also thanked Stefan and Angela for their assistance in the restaurant opening process.

The June 16, 2014 Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

The Receipts report was reviewed. The Board requested additional information to be included in future reports.

The Board welcomed Mr. Islam and Mr. Rodriguez, co-owners of El Centro Restaurant. A Food Establishment Inspection Report by Angela Braun, R.S., Assistant Director, dated July 17, 2014, triggered the Board to present a number of questions and comments to the restaurant owners relating to 4 critical violations noted in Ms. Braun's report. The Board further advised Mr. Islam and Mr. Rodriguez that a certified food manager must be present at all times. They also warned them any further violations may result in an order to hire a food consultant at their expense, and/or suspension or closure of the restaurant, as it is the Board's responsibility to protect the public. Mr. Rodriguez explained the day of Ms. Braun's inspection, the restaurant's person in charge had a personal emergency and was unable to work his/her scheduled shift. Mr. Rodriguez assured Board Members that violations noted in Ms. Braun's report would not occur again. The Board thanked Mr. Islam and Mr. Rodriguez for attending the meeting, and wished them well with their new restaurant.

Cheryl Sbarra, Senior Staff Attorney Director, Massachusetts Association of Health Boards, and Wesley Chin, Tobacco Control Program Coordinator, presented a tobacco regulation amendment overview to Board Members. Ms. Sbarra told the Board that D. J. Wilson, Tobacco Control Director, Massachusetts Municipal Association, and she developed the Sample Regulation Restricting the Sale of Tobacco Products. Ms. Sbarra made note that the Statement of Purpose section of the document is lengthy due to many citations, and the Board will need to decide if citations will be included in the final Tobacco Regulations for the Town of Belmont. Ms. Sbarra also highlighted some document features, including minimum cigar size/price, banning sales within 500 feet of schools, banning all flavored tobacco products, raising minimum age to purchase tobacco products to 21 years, and banning tobacco sales in pharmacies. Ms. Sbarra

also referenced scientific studies which conclude that the longer youth refrain from tobacco use, the less likely they will become addicted.

The Board unanimously voted to hold a Public Hearing in September to adopt an Amendment to the Tobacco Regulations.

The Board asked Stefan Russakow to provide a GIS map to indicate the 500 foot buffer line of school properties throughout Belmont. The Board also asked to Stefan to provide a copy of the 2012 Youth Behavior Risk Survey report.

The Board talked about regulating new tobacco permits, i.e., compliance checks.

The Board asked Ms. Sbarra and Mr. Chin to attend the Public Hearing in September to allow public questions relating to the amended tobacco regulations to be effectively answered.

Angela Braun briefly discussed the nuisance complaints she is working on pertaining to tobacco use in apartment buildings. Mr. Chin agreed to attend the Belmont Housing Authority Committee meeting in September.

The Director and Assistant Director reports were reviewed. The following matters were briefly discussed: An update on "Diamond" the dog, with Board members noting they are uncomfortable that the owner is not following Board of Health Orders issued May 22, 2014, i.e., weekly trainer reports; Stefan advised the Board a new dog incident may require their attention; the Electronic Death Registration System has been pushed back to September 1, 2014; PGA Tournament to be held in 2015 and planning for same; home stay/informal rental agreements, and regulation of same; Hazardous Household Waste program, and possible plans to expand; Underwood pool plans; summer camp safety.

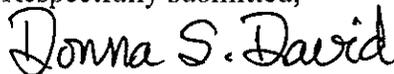
Dr. Alper mentioned he saw a blue-colored ice cream truck near the Beaverbrook Reservation and Spray Park on Trapelo Road. Dr. Alper could not see a name or permit associated with the ice cream truck.

The Board briefly discussed Committee reports, and language included in those reports recommending the reorganization and structure of the Health Department.

The Board Members may attend the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards Meeting to be held in November.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna S. David, R.N., M. N., Chair