

Mr. Kelsey stated that meals generally consist of chicken/meatloaf/fish or an Italian dish based on any particular dietary restrictions of a patient.

Councillor Preusser suggested that strong consideration be given to allowing the patients, when possible, to select their meals from a menu.

Mr. Kelsey stated that discussions are currently ongoing at the Manor regarding the issue.

At this time, Councillor Vellucci requested a report be prepared and submitted to the Committee explaining why a transfer of \$320,000 was made from the Salary and Wage Account of the Manor to the Health and Hospital Dept. Said report should indicate the number of unfilled jobs and the length of time vacancies existed.

Mr. Mulcahey, Assistant Administrator, stated that some vacancies had never been filled essentially because as time went on it became apparent they did not have to be filled since other people already hired were doing the job.

Mr. Lynskey added that once the additional 30 beds are in place the Manor will need 17 new positions.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 A. M.

For the Committee,

Councillor Alfred E. Vellucci
Chairman

City of Cambridge

In City Council..... September 10, 1979

The City Council Committee on Health and Hospitals, comprised of Councillors Alfred E. Vellucci, Chairman, Mary Ellen Preusser and Walter Sullivan, held a meeting of the Committee on Monday, July 30, 1979 at 6 P. M.

to which

The purpose of this meeting was to continue discussions with the screening committee of the Health Policy Board relative to the selection process, job description, qualifications, etc. of a new Health Commissioner.

Councillor Vellucci stated that he believed the current job description should be amended to indicate that a medical degree is not a prerequisite for applying for the job of Health Commissioner. The Committee generally agreed with this statement.

Councillor Vellucci further stated that the salary range as listed in the General Ordinances should be either added to the end of the job description or made part of the advertisement for the newspaper and professional journals.

Mr. MacLeod stated that the City Manager had indicated that he would appoint Dr. Hori as Public Health Officer during the interim period the city is without a Health Commissioner. This would enable questions of a public health nature, i.e. contaminated water, disease, etc. to be addressed by a single person designated by the Manager.

Some discussion ensued relative to how the newspaper and professional journal advertisement should read in terms of where ~~Reports~~, resumes should be sent. It was agreed that the normal personnel procedure should be followed with the resumes being forwarded to the Personnel Department.

Mr. Farnum stated that the City Manager should be requested to appoint a new Commissioner once the Health Policy Board feels they have a suitable candidate.

On an unrelated matter, Dr. Chalfen stated that Dr. Neer had met with the Water Superintendent to prepare a notice for all Cambridge residents relative to the sodium level in the water supply.

Councillor Vellucci requested that the notice be translated in at least three languages and be posted in all public librarys and buildings.

Councillors Sullivan and Preusser both suggested that notices be distributed through the Rent Control Office and that landlords be instructed to post the notice in each building so that all tenants will be informed.

At this time Dr. Neer raised the issue of receivership of the Ciccarelli property, the status of the property renovation and whether or not anyone was monitoring the money flow from the rents being collected. Dr. Neer suggested that a meeting be held with the

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