

**Health Commission Special Meeting
City of Stamford
DRAFT MINUTES
November 12, 2020**

Commissioners Attendance November 2020

Present:

Absent:

Dr. Roslyn Burton-Robertson
Dr. Thomas Getreuer
Ms. Patricia Parry
Dr. Jennifer Calder

Guest Attendance: Mr. Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare, and Ms. Raquelle Early, Recording Secretary,

Meeting called to order		Dr. Robertson began the meeting at 8:05am.
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<u>Topics</u>	<u>Discussions</u>	<u>Actions</u>
<p>Dr. Jennifer Calder</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Influenza Immunization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Calder said the Health Department (HD) held their first drive through flu clinic. She reported it was successful. Vaccines were given to 123 people and there were no glitches. She also stated she learned the drive through is not necessarily giving access to the people the HD traditionally wanted to reach because they don't drive cars. She mentioned this to the State, expressing that using the same model may pose a challenge to to deliver COVID-19 vaccines. 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Re-opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Calder told the HC she plans to utilize a vendor recommended by the State to distribute thermometers. The HD has approximately 450 thermometers that she wants to get out.• Dr. Calder said the HD continues to do Waste Water Testing with Yale. She reported it has been predictive, the HD sees numbers going up exponentially. Dr. Calder shared with the HC as of last week, the State has included positive antigen testing to the test results. P. Parry asked for clarification on if antigen testing is on the Waste Water. Dr. Calder responded Waste Water and antigen testing is separate. Dr. Calder further explained the antigen testing is human testing and the State made the decision to include antigen testing result in their reporting.• Dr. Calder reported we are in Phase 2.1. The inspectors are going out, conducting evening restaurant inspections on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Inspectors work and go out with Frank Fedeli (Chief Citation Chief), as well as Police Department (PD). Under Executive Order 9K added additional authority to the Director of Health to give citations to those in violation of COVID-19 guidelines.	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contact Tracing <p>Old Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reappointments to the Health Commission. <p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Replacement of Two Board members	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Calder stated that Jody Bishop-Pullan has been charged as the Administrator for contact tracing. Cluster at UCONN. Able to contain the transmission. Sports has been a challenge due to coaches not accurately tracking who played at games.• Dr. Robertson reported she completed her reappointment and she recently received her Congratulatory email from Chair-person Summerville.• HC has two vacancies due to Ms. Peggy resigning and the loss of Ms. Barbara Decker. Dr. Robertson requested guidance from the Commission on the process for replacement. Dr. Getreuer responded saying the HC should inform the Mayor and Martin Levine, who takes care of the process of getting appointees through the various committees (Democratic, Republican and Independent committee). The Mayor and Martin Levine have interviewed candidates in the pipeline. So now, the HC would await final details which releases candidates to the HC. At which time the Chair (Dr. Robertson) would be notified. P. Parry objected to some	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Robertson will follow-up with Martin Levine and the Mayor.
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gap Analysis for Accreditation • City of Stamford, Legal Dept. invitation to the HC meeting 	<p>of Dr. Getreuer’s statements, as she was surprised to hear the candidates were interviewed by the Mayor and Martin Levine. She stated the process is go through their town committees prior to interviewing with the City. Dr. Getreuer acknowledge P. Parry was correct but this is a little different due to the circumstances.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Robertson stated in very thought out meeting with the Board of Representatives & the Mayor, it was agreed the importance of moving forward with the accreditation and the best ways to get it done. It was discussed that by doing a gap analysis, the HC would use this as an educational tool when presenting to the Board of Finance. • Dr. Robertson spoke with Mike Toma in great detail, and the HC can invite Mike Toma but Dr. Robertson would like to have guidelines/perimeters surrounding the purpose of his attendance. P. Parry stated it was agreed that Mike Toma would come to discuss FOIA and the Health Commission’s authority. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Robertson will bullet some of the ideas she has pertaining to accreditation at the next meeting. • Dr. Robertson will reach back to Mike Toma and see if he can attend to the next meeting on December 9. If not, at his earliest convenience.
<p>Director Ted Jankowski:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T. Jankowski reported its all hand on deck, meaning this is a 24/7 operation. Contact 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 911 Communications Center	<p>Tracing is taking up a lot of time. Dr. Calder is working to address other issues, such as flu vaccines and blood pressure screening, etc. Working closely with Tamu Lucero regarding tracking cases and ensuring schools are safe. Also working with Mark McGrath (Parks & Recreation) to address issues in Lione Park; as it was describe to T. Jankowski it was a super spreader, people were not following COVID guidelines. He stated considering canceling community events because their seeing a 50% increase in positive cases.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• T. Jankowski commented he received a report from the hospitals, disclosing 29 positive cases with 6 individuals in Intensive Care Unit (ICU).• T. Jankowski reported the 911 Communications Center is using technology to the fullest. They are in the process of purchasing new radios at a discounted price. T. Jankowski stated there were some shooting incidents on the upper West Side, as well as an individual who was killed while riding his bicycle last Friday. PD is on each of these investigations and 1 arrest has been made in one of these incidents.	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accreditation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Timothy Shaw was recognized for the work he has done with the youth. Representative Matt Quinones, Board of Representatives President was also recognize for the work he has done with children. • Dr. Getreuer asked T. Jankowski if the Police Department was pursuing accreditation. T. Jankowski confirmed this was correct. Dr. Getreuer posed the question of if there was some way the HC and PD could work together where it just becomes Accreditation. T. Jankowski stated that he doesn't know but he believes although the process is the same, the field experience is separate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T. Jankowski will think more about this and get back to Dr. Getreuer and the HC.
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<p>Appeal: There were no appeals</p>		
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<p>Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:45am.</p>

Submitted by: Raquelle Early