

**Health Commission Meeting
City of Stamford
APPROVED MINUTES
March 14, 2019**

Commissioners Attendance January 2019 – December 2019

Present:

Absent:

Dr. Barbara Decker (2-1)
Dr. Thomas Getreuer (3-0)
Ms. Patricia Parry (1-2)

Dr. Peggy Cobb (2-1)
Dr. Roslyn Burton-Robertson (1-2)

Guest Attendance: Mr. Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare, Dr. Jennifer Calder, Director of Health, and Ms. Deborah Clark, Interim Recording Secretary, Erika DeBenedictis, Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order		Dr. Getreuer called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.
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Minutes: Minutes of February 14, 2019	February 14, 2019, meeting minutes were reviewed. Dr. Getreuer motioned to accept minutes. Dr. Decker seconded.	Minutes were approved unanimously.
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Director of Health Report: Dr. Jennifer Calder	<p>Dr. Calder reported on the Department:</p> <p>Environmental:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Nursing: Approved to fill following positions: APR, Public Health Nurse II (PHN II)● Environmental Health: Director of Environmental health position has been upgraded to be an Assistant Public Health Director.● Emergency Preparedness: <p>Looking for a local individual who can respond to an emergency in the event of a public health emergency. The individual will also be responsible for accreditation.</p> <p>Put together a Behavioral Health and Promotions Specialist and Emergency Preparedness Specialist position.</p>	<p>Ongoing: Filling positions on April 1, 2019.</p> <p>Ongoing: Interviewing candidates. Interview panel has been set up to include: Dr. Calder, David Knauff from Darien, Stratford Health Department's Health Director, Ted Jankowski, Deborah Miller, and Deidre Anspach.</p> <p>Ongoing. RFP submitted.</p> <p>Ongoing. Awaiting Mayor's and Finance Committee's approval.</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● General Department Issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Important changes. New bills before the state legislature HB7133 officially which lowers reportable child blood lead levels from 10 micrograms per decilitre to 5 micrograms per decilitre. - Governor's bill 7193 which that will reduce per capita funding budget public health departments receive by 20%. - Another bill is being proposed which allows billing Medic Aid or undocumented children, and adult care. Currently, Stamford Health Dept. Cannot bill for Medicaid; however, the health dept can bill Medicare but only as a roster biller. - Unclaimed bodies: CT State Medical examiner placed responsibility on municipalities to bury. As per Jerry Bosak, there are at least twenty bodies yearly. Thus far, Mr. Bosak has received five this year alone. 	<p>Case increases expected In Stamford from 1 case per month to 42 new cases per month.</p> <p>Stamford Health Dept will see a budget reduction from \$130k to \$100k</p> <p>Ongoing process. Goal is to submit Medicaid application by end of March in order to bill government and private insurers for all services. However, must complete process for Medicare first before applying for Medicaid.</p> <p>Ongoing. Met with Stamford Police Department, Ted Jankowski, and Jerry Bosak to put together an RFP for four funeral homes. Health Director putting together a policy on proper handling of unclaimed bodies.</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Budgeted for an environmental inspections software named ViewPoint. - Met with Kathy Emmett, Vikki Cooper, Ted Jankowski regarding condemnation orders. - Public Health Champion: Andre Campos with Family Centers - Annual Health Staff Meeting: Scheduled for June 14, 2019. 	<p>Ongoing: City wide purchase may be made instead of departmental.</p> <p>As per local ordinance, decision to condemn for housing lies only with Health Director.</p> <p>Ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, April 4, 2019, at 2:30p in the Stamford Government Center Lobby. Invitations to Staff and Health Commissioners have been sent.</p> <p>Invitations sent to Staff and Health Commissioners to attend, and a select an Employee of the Year.</p> <p>http://www.cityofstamford.granicus.com/player/clip/7993?view_id=6.</p>
	Link to meeting	

Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare Report:

Mr. Ted Jankowski	Director Jankowski updated on the following issues:	Did not attend.
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Old Business: No Old Business		
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New Business: Dr. Getreuer	Moving towards a Board of Health	

Appeal: There were no appeals		
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Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn meeting at 10:11 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.
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Submitted by,
Erika DeBenedictis