

**Health Commission Meeting
City of Stamford
DRAFT MINUTES
April 11, 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. Roslyn Burton-Robertson (1-2)
Dr. Peggy Cobb (2-1)

Guest Attendance: 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 March 14, 2019	March 14, 2019, meeting minutes were reviewed. Dr. Getreuer motioned to accept minutes. Dr. Decker seconded.	Minutes were approved unanimously with corrections.
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Correspondence: No Correspondence		
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Director of Health Report: Dr. Jennifer Calder	<p>Dr. Calder reported on the Department:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• General: Department is continuing to work on budget and provide documentation as requested. Process is almost complete but two requests from the Board of Reps due to restructuring. Board of reps also concerned about the percentage of religious and medical exemptions in public schools.• Nursing: Deidre retiring on 5/10/19. Will be having a party in the mayors conference room from 2:30-4:30. Deidre will stay on as seasonal and work 3x a week until the position is filled.• Environmental Health: Dr. Calder spoke with epidemiologist from the state Department of	<p>Ongoing: Awaiting budget approval</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. Medicare application was acknowledged so once processed Medicaid application can begin.</p> <p>Ongoing: City wide purchase may be made instead departmental.</p> <p>Ongoing: Looking for electronic health record system.</p>
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	<p>Health regarding flu an acknowledged our department has no oversight regarding Assisted Living and Nursing homes but they appreciate it. Mentioned that state department to be contacted for punitive action. Local DPH are not able to mandate residents regarding flu shot licensing agencies. Epidemiologist gave us tips which were helpful. There is dual reporting within the state and local departments. Usually when state department is further away, the local department may respond on site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Billing for Medicare. Ms. Parry asked whether billing goes under Dr. Yoon's name since Medicare has a provider number. However Medicare application was recently submitted and this morning (April 11th) application was acknowledged.• Department is looking for electronic health record system so department is able to bill.• Ms. Parry asked about whether city plans to expand. An important factor is what type of money can be made if the department is able to	<p>Dr. Calder stated it was prior to her arrival and is unsure whose name it is under.</p>
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	<p>bill and whether it is worth it before any plans are made if it is worth expanding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are not going to grow direct care. Mayor DOES NOT want that. Mayor wants us in the business of preventative care not treatment care. 	
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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:		
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New Business: Dr. Getreuer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Getreuer brought up the idea of possibly changing the time of the commission meeting so that Dr. Yoon may attend since 9am does not work. Dr. Decker found old materials submitted and rejected when they said they would approve it so she can bring in documents. 	<p>The health commissioners will decide on times that work best for everyone. Email Dr. Getreuer what day and times works best.</p> <p>Possibly schedule a special meeting time for Dr. Yoon to attend until the commission can make a decision on a new time.</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Parry went and saw all the revisions from Board of Reps office and got sent all charter revisions from the start of the health commission and every change that was made.• Conversion to the Board of Health. Dr. Getreuer contacted by Greenwich and Norwalk and both are more than happy to sit with commission to explain what they all do and commission can schedule them to come in so the commission can get enough information to make a decision.• The Board of Health is able to make regulations but after that it is not so clear what is the difference. There is a lot involved such as city charter changes and all boards have to be on board.• Authority is granted by ordinances and charter. Dr. Getreuer wants everyone to make a decision everyone is comfortable• Dr. Getreuer wants everyone to understand what everyone is getting into so when it goes to Board of Reps everyone will be on the same page since he feels everyone will be questioned. Not a welcoming reception on the idea.	<p>Dr. Calder did not offer an opinion</p>
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	<p>-National Association of Board of Health very helpful and provides information very supportive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Yoon deals with both boards so he can be very helpful. Wants to attend meetings but because of hour we choose he is unable to. • Changing time of commission meeting. Outside hours will require staff being paid overtime which is an issue. 	<p>Ms. Parry asked if the commission has the money to pay for the overtime and said the city has to provide staff for commission meetings.</p> <p>Dr. Calder stated HR allows the city to provide staff as long as it is during working hours.</p>
Patricia Parry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Health Champion <p>-Ms. Parry would like to be included and offered the possibility of the chair presenting the award next time and would like the commission to have more inclusion.</p>	

Appeal: There were no appeals		
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Adjournment: Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:52 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.
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Submitted by,Erika DeBenedictis