

**Health Commission Meeting
City of Stamford
DRAFT MINUTES
June 14, 2018**

Commissioners Attendance September 2017 - June 2018:

Present:

Absent:

Dr. Barbara Decker (6-2)
Dr. Thomas Getreuer (7-0)
Ms. Patricia Parry (7-1)

Dr. Peggy Cobb (4-4)
Dr. Roslyn Burton-Robertson (4-4)

Guest Attendance: Mr. Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare, Dr. Jennifer Calder, Director of Health, Michael Toma, General Counsel, and Ms. Deborah Clark, Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order		Dr. Getreuer called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.
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Minutes:

Minutes of May 10, 2018	May 10, 2018, meeting minutes were reviewed.	Ms. Parry moved to not approve minutes until corrections, and video of May 10, 2018 meeting has been reviewed. Ms. Parry stated for corrected minutes to be approved via email. Dr. Getreuer seconded.
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Correspondence:

	Jose Luis Fornis re: 34 Nobile Street sent a letter withdrawing his appeal.	
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Director of Health Report:

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<p>Dr. Jennifer Calder</p>	<p>Dr. Calder updated on the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Dental hygiene program:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Formal 2yr MOU with UB's Dental Hygiene School for interns. Currently, there is an intern from UB. Wants to establish an MOU with other institutions like Columbia, and Yale- Met with Stamford Dental Society to collaborate on adult oral care along with Nurses.- Sils program grant ends shortly, and State may not renew grant. Ending that program for 1st, 6th, and 7th graders. Program will continue for 2nd graders.● Environmental Health Services:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Looking into acquiring Acela software used by other Health Departments for tracking violations. Ron Miller is reviewing.- Approved to hire new Environmental Inspector Level I for April 2019.● Laboratory:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Cut 2 lab technicians due to FY 18/19 budget cuts leaving 2 full time lab technicians remaining.● Nursing:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Clinic is still short staffed. Hiring April 2019● Public Health Education:	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nothing new to report. ● Emergency Preparedness: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staff changes. Providing deliverables via a grant - CERT / MRC Citizens core umbrella. Chris Munger is creating a Stamford CERT and recruiting. Stamford to be featured in MRC newsletter ● WIC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WIC funding is flat. ● General Department Issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Challenges with customer service due to inefficient tracking or follow up of violations. - Mentioned PatientTrak Kiosk to be installed in reception area to monitor wait times - G2Z invitations have been sent for June 27th kickoff - Vermiculite issue - present in building's fire proofing. EPA considers same as asbestos. Department of Health recommends City of Stamford hire a consultant to develop testing plan proposal for EPA. - Board of Education's presence on floors 1 - 5 technically makes Stamford Government Center a School, and requires a maintenance plan which BOE has. 	<p>Upon determination staff must be educated on vermiculite.</p>
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	Ms. Parry asked about PCBs in UCONN garage	Dr. Calder stated the State is involved with remediation requirement. Calking around walls of garage. State has removed top soil around the site, and in adjacent homes. Some homeowners have refused the State entry to their property.
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Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare Report:

Mr. Ted Jankowski	Director Jankowski updated on the following issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PD – investigating 2 homicides. ○ Public Safety Analyst Kathy Payea (distributed a handout) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Responsible to work with all Public Safety Department Directors and Chiefs to gather all data departments have and provide analysis of the data. ○ Expects PD to move in new police station by end of the 2018. 	
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Old Business:

Health Commission meeting date for August 2018	Dr. Getreuer stated the Health Commission will hold a special meeting for July 5 th .	The Health Commissioners will decide on the August meeting date at the July 5 th meeting.
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New Business:

Orders issued by Health Director	Dr. Gertreuer asked Attorney Michael Toma several questions regarding orders:	Mr. Toma answered the responsibility for issuing orders rests with the Health Director, if Health
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	<p>-Where is Health Commission’s jurisdiction with appeals?</p> <p>- Where does Health Commission fit in the appeals process?</p> <p>- What is the Health Commission’s responsibility?</p> <p>- Where does Health Department take over from the Health Commission?</p> <p>Ms. Parry asked what is the Health Commission’s authority?</p> <p>Dr. Getreuer asked does Health Commission have the authority to amend an appeal?</p> <p>Dr. Getreuer asked if a property owner files an appeal with the State of CT’s DPH can that same property owner also appeal to Stamford DPH?</p> <p>Ms. Parry asked about enforcement</p>	<p>Director or staff determines there’s a violation in the community.</p> <p>Charter allows for a property owner to file an appeal of an order with the Health Commission should they disagree with it.</p> <p>Health Commission sits as an appellate body to review whether an order is appropriate or not.</p> <p>Health Commission has authority to consider if the order should be overturned, upheld, or do something in between which can become a gray area. For example, Health Commission may not want to overturn an order completely, but order may call for compliance in a very short time window. Health Commission may want to give property owner more time by hearing appeal at latest possible time within time constraints of thirty (30) days, and take additional time to render a decision. Appeals stay the execution of orders, and don’t allow the Health Director the ability to execute the order, unless Health Director feels the violation is extremely injurious to public health. If Health Director issues an order, and an appeal isn’t filed, then she can enforce the order by taking legal action even condemn a property, and prevent occupancy.</p> <p>Mr. Toma said Health Commission cannot modify, or amend and appeal because the Charter doesn’t</p>
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		state Health Commission has that authority. Only hear appeals. Mr. Toma said no due to time constraints, and inefficiency, and potential costs due to potential legal representation.
Lead poisoning	Ms. Parry and Dr. Calder met with Stamford Advocate's editorial department along with reporter, Kat Russell. Ms. Parry suggested to not move any further with lead poisoning.	Dr. Getreuer will not be writing a response.

Appeal:

There were no appeals		
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Adjournment:

There being no further business before the regular session of the Health Commission, Dr. Getreuer moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:43 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by,