

**Health Commission Meeting  
City of Stamford  
DRAFT MINUTES  
October 11, 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.
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**Director of Health Report:**

<p>Dr. Jennifer Calder</p>	<p>Dr. Calder updated on the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Dental hygiene program:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Formal 2yr MOU with UB's Dental Hygiene School.</li><li>- Met with Stamford Dental Society to collaborate on adult oral care along with Nurses.</li><li>- October 22, 2018, is 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Dental program. Guest list include:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Former Stamford health directors</li><li>- Commissioner Pino and Mayor Martin</li></ul></li><li>- Working on Department of Health letters to parents. 8,000 students/year</li><li>- First quarter report</li></ul></li><li>● <b>Environmental Health Services:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Acela software used by other Health Departments for tracking violations. Ron Miller and Deborah Miller demoed.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>\$100k for Health Department</li><li>\$1million for entire city. Negotiating</li></ul></li><li>- Implementing FDA code with State DPH. Waiting for statute to be approved. Made recommendations to Commissioner Pino.</li><li>- Inter municipal food inspection<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Food establishments will be registered with State DPH</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>	
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- Worked with Attorney Vikki Cooper to standardize order letters

- Ron Miller announced his retirement for October 23, 2018.
- Debbie Miller will be stepping in as interim Director of Environmental Inspections

● **Laboratory:**

- Increasing school water testing, and anticipating less water testing for residents.

● **Nursing:**

- Significant improvement in immunization action programs for ages 0 – 2 years of age.
- IAP – Complex grant. Worked with Stamford Health Pediatrics. 91 %
- CT Wiz (CERTS) HR 7 – Speaks to providers – school nurses granted access to immunization records. Changing statute in Hartford that allows hard copies of electronic medical records (EMR).
- Lead surveillance – 10 years of backlog. Deidre and nurses worked tirelessly to drop numbers from 110 to 50.
- Changes to lead using in house generated letters.
- Shelter planning with nursing team approach.
- Inservicing on vulnerable populations. Met with president of Visiting Nursing Association (VNA) of Stamford. Empower App – Shows Medicare participants within a zip code. Limitations

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doesn't show Medicaid, and self pay.

- **Emergency Preparedness:**

- Met with DaVita re: sheltering vulnerable populations which are persons with medical needs such as a disability, mental health, don't live in Stamford, or don't speak English.
- Regional health care coalition.

- **General Department Issues:**

- Nursing is still short staffed. Mrs. Nunn Well child Program.
- Programs that are anticipating increases are STD, TB (PPD), Well Child Program. In process of billing for services. Currently, dental bills Husky, Flue, Medicare roster, and Medicare full billing.  
Pertussis the Cocoon program  
Provider Agreement explicitly states Pertussis has to be given to everyone regardless of insurance. Only adult vaccinations can be billed.
- Health Education September 2019
  - Great American Smoke Out
  - National Immunization Week
  - Both events listed on Health Department website.
- DPH is reviewing the grant.
- Request for proposal (RFP) for Emergency Preparedness met with Deidre Anspach,

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	<p>Deborah Miller, Dr. Yoon, and Ron Miller</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MRC revitalization – Ad in upcoming CT Public Health Association</li> <li>- Cleaning up MRC database</li> <li>- MRC Challenge grant scheduled</li> <li>- Narcan Training Kits</li> <li>- WIC transitioned to Optimus Healthcare as of October 1, 2018</li> <li>- Continuing to work on policies and procedures</li> <li>- Reviewing fees that haven't been addressed.</li> <li>- Implemented language translation services</li> <li>- Inter policy revised with Legal.</li> <li>- Improving services – Scanning documents should be available online</li> <li>- Accreditation – eligibility – Stamford population 1 million.</li> <li>- Opportunity for restricting</li> <li>- PHAB Accredits Health Departments. Partnered with Stamford Hospital for the data sample.</li> <li>- Dr. Yoon and Legal working to putting together a MOU for Family Medicine Residency</li> </ul>	
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**Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare Report:**

Mr. Ted Jankowski	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FD/PD exams are open. November 2017 until end of 2018 for FD. October 31, 2018 and closing exam in January, 2019 for PD.</li> <li>- PD – FBI Stats 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest period</li> </ul>	
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	- Car break ins still a problem.	
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**Old Business:**

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**New Business:**

Dr. Thomas Getreuer	Movement from a Health Commission to a Board of Health	
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**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.
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Submitted by,