

**Health Commission Meeting
City of Stamford
APPROVED MINUTES
June 1, 2017**

Commissioners Attendance June 2017

Present:

Absent:

Dr. Peggy Cobb (8-0)
Dr. Roslyn Burton-Robertson (2-0)
Dr. Barbara Decker (7-1)
Dr. Thomas Getreuer (3-0)
Ms. Patricia Parry (9-0)

Guest Attendance: Ms. Elizabeth Rodriguez, Emergency Response Coordinator and Acting Health Director

Meeting called to order		Dr. Decker called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.
Agenda:	<p>The following items are added to the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress on the Health Dept website • Zika Virus • Prospect for the Health Dept going for Accrediation • Walking Plans ex: Turkey Trot • Health Commission officers • Addiction • How to report an unsafe street or sidewalk crossing 	Dr. Getreuer moved to accept the added agenda items. Dr. Cobb seconded. Approved unanimously.

Minutes:

Minutes of May 11, 2017		Dr. Getreuer moved to approve May 11, 2017, minutes with corrections. Dr. Getreuer seconded. Approved unanimously.
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Director of Health Report:

<p>Ms. Elizabeth Rodriguez, Acting Health Director</p>	<p>Director Dr. Calder updated the commissioners on the following items:</p> <p><i>Unfinished Business</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appeals of Orders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 150 Southfield Avenue. Closed. ○ 88 Myrtle Avenue. • Bedbugs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We have five outstanding cases ○ 88 Merrell Ave., Unit 88. Closed • Public Health Emergency Preparedness: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Working to update our eprep plans. • WIC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Board of Finance cut the funding of a Nutritionist Aide position. • Privacy Practices Policy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Is completed. • General Departmental issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Water crisis continues, we are still trying to finalize our recommendations. ○ Exposure Control Plan is a larger task. ○ Had a meeting with the Advocate to establish a relationship. We also wanted to meet with News12. ○ Commissioner Pino visit to Stamford Health Department March 13, 2017. ○ Continue to develop internal policies and procedures. 	<p>Ms. Parry questioned the status of the appeals.</p> <p>Ms. Parry requested a copy of the Health Dept. Privacy Practices Policy.</p> <p>Ms. Parry questioned the recommendations to the water crisis. Ms. Parry asked what the exposure control plan is.</p>
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	<p><i>New Business</i></p> <p>1. Department Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dental Hygiene program – hired a new part-time dental hygienist. • Environmental Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We are planning to post for an inspector position to replace the inspector that passed. ○ We are looking into a new software system; we visited with Norwalk Health Department because they have an EMR that has some environmental component. We are also going to reach out to NY State. • HIV Prevention – the program funding was eliminated by the Board of Finance during budget season. • Laboratory – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The director continues to seek ways to enhance testing for water potability. ○ The ordinance expires this year. • Nursing – Many BOE outstanding issues, planning a meeting with them. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We discussing new registration process ○ Westhill staff had concerns about TB communication – it is a BOE issue. ○ We are trying to identify an Electronic Medical Report (EMR) for the health department. • Public Health Education – Working on implementing health days. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mar. 11, 2017 – Apr. 8,2017 – National Public Health Week – APHA & CPHA Steps Challenge participation - May 1, 2017 – Melanoma Monday - May 20, 2017 – Family Day 	<p>Ms. Parry questioned what type of record is the health department looking for; is it electronic medical records or something else?</p> <p>Dr. Calder will invite Ms. Anspach to attend the health commission meeting next month to discuss the SNAP program for Nursing.</p>
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	<p style="text-align: center;">- May 24, 2017 – Senior Health Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Health Emergency Preparedness – MRC outreach to be expanded. • WIC – The State WIC Director to visit this month. <p>2. General issues department:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We reinstated the Hoarding Taskforce • Dr. Calder met with Rev. McArthur to discuss future collaboration. And World Aids Day celebration. • Met with Ms. Chadwick who is trying to establish an LGBT federally qualified healthcare center in Stamford. 	
<p>Director Ted Jankowski, Public Safety, Health & Welfare report:</p>	<p>Director Jankowski reported on the following issue:</p> <p>Discussed Board of Finance cuts, and he spoke about the great work that HIV Prevention has done over the years.</p>	

Old Business:

<p>Discussion of Health Commission responsibilities</p>	<p>Dr. Decker updated the Health Commissioners that the duties were changed at the eleventh hour during the last Charter Revision.</p>	
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New Business:

There was no new business		
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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. Decker moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by,
Dr. Peggy Cobb