

**Health Commission Meeting  
City of Stamford  
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November 16, 2017**

Commissioners Attendance November 2017

Present:

Absent:

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

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

Guest Attendance: Dr. Jennifer Calder, Director of Health, Mr. Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare, and Ms. Pamela Scott, Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order		Dr. Getreuer called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.
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**Minutes:**

Minutes of October 12, 2017		Ms. Parry moved to approve October 12, 2017, minutes with corrections. Dr. Getreuer seconded. Approved unanimously.
Agenda:	The following item was added to the agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working against climate change at the local level.</li> </ul>	Dr. Decker moved to add an item to the agenda. Dr. Getreuer seconded. Approved unanimously.

**Correspondence:**

Appeal request	Dr. Getreuer stated there was the potential for two appeals from 55 Vernon Place. The appeals requests dated October 16, 2017, and November 15, 2017, were address to the Department of Public Health. Ms. Scott spoke with the appelland and found that she intended to have her appeals	
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	<p>heard by Stamford Health Commission. The appellant re-addressed her November 15, 2017, request to the Stamford Health Commission. There were questions regarding the timing of the appeal request for October 16, 2017.</p>	<p>The Health Commission agreed to hear October 16, 2017, appeal request at the time that they hear the November 15, 2017, appeal request.</p>
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**Director of Health Report:**

<p>Dr. Jennifer Calder, Director of Health</p>	<p>Dr. Calder reported on the Department:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dental Hygiene program: Nothing new to add. Recently met with Family Centers regarding dental services at Cloonan Middle school.</li> <li>• Environmental Health Services: We're continuing to monitor the compliance with the recommendation of DPH regarding the E-coli outbreak.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Legionella ordinance – Dr. Calder is working on it.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Laboratory: Well Water Ordinance testing expires on December 31, 2017. Mr. Jankowski commented that the City is looking for ways to continue the testing.</li> <li>• Nursing:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dr. Calder thanked Dr. Decker for helping with the IAP program. .</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Public Health Education: Working on Health Days.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Great American Smoke-out Poster contest is held today at 4:30 pm. in the lobby.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Public Health Preparedness Plan:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We're continuing to work on our E-prep plans and Health Department staff</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
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	<p>training.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ We're trying to expand our MRC outreach. As of today, our current volunteers have not been sworn in for this year. We are recruiting members.</li><li>○ The department is applying for an MRC Challenge grant. There are different areas of focus; we decided to focus on substance abuse and alcohol use. Dr. Calder met with Dr. Wellisch from Stamford Hospital regarding making educational and informational videos for physicians, for patients about pain expectation, education the non-clinician on the use of Narcan.</li><li>○ Everbridge mass notification system is free to municipalities; we will be using this as communication for our employees and MRC volunteers.</li><li>○ Sheltering policy taskforce is continuing to work on the policy and planning and what functions are needed for the shelters.</li><li>● WIC: New WIC hours have started.</li><li>● General Department Issues:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ We continue to talk about Water issues. The weekly conference calls with DPH, Aquarion CEOs, and Health Directors continues.</li><li>○ We're still trying to find the appropriate vision for the Mandatory Immunization.</li><li>○ We continue to work on our internal</li></ul></li></ul>	
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	<p>policies and administrative.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ On the Data Haven Research Committee. This is used for community needs assessments.</li> <li>○ Community Efforts: we continue to collaborate with our community partners. We are working on moving our staff around.</li> </ul>	
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**Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare Report:**

<p>Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety, Health &amp; Welfare</p>	<p>Director Jankowski updated on the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The South End Community Center increase in hours.</li> <li>● Illegal housing – we are addressing on a regular basis. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dr. Decker asked about fair rent complaints. Director Jankowski responded that Ms. Bromley, Director of Social Services reviews fair rent complaints.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● We started a Citizen Public Safety Academy; Dr. Cobb is part of the program. The Health Department will be presenting.</li> <li>● Street Smart Initiative was very successful from a traffic engineering and law enforcement observation.</li> <li>● We are not in a drought condition; the reservoirs were low.</li> <li>● Emergency Management: the preparedness plan is changing based on what’s going on in the world.</li> </ul>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stamford Police: all public safety 1<sup>st</sup> responders have the ability to issue Narcan.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SPD had a drug take-back program, 220lbs of medication.</li> <li>○ Crime stopper program has been successful; our crime data is down 20% over last year.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Social Services Commission: Director Jankowski would love to have the Health Commission attend a Social Service Commission meeting and the Social Service Commission meeting.</li> <li>• Gun take-back program is scheduled for Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>	
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**Old Business:**

There was no old business		
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**New Business:**

<p>Added Agenda Item:</p> <p>Working against climate change at the local level.</p>	<p>Dr. Decker shared her thoughts about a book she read; <i>Climate of Hope</i>. There's nothing wrong with wanting clean water and clean air. She continues to share some of Michael Bloomberg's thesis.</p> <p>Dr. Decker asked what is the city doing about clean water?</p> <p>There was a discussion regarding the no-idling state regulations and city policy.</p>	<p>Dr. Calder responded this is something that DPH governs.</p>
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**Adjournment:**

There being no further business before the regular session of the Health Commission, to the meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.
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Submitted by,