

**Health Commission Meeting
City of Stamford
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December 14, 2017**

Commissioners Attendance December 2017

Present:

Absent:

Dr. Roslyn Burton-Robertson (3-1)
Dr. Peggy Cobb (2-2)
Dr. Barbara Decker (3-1)
Dr. Thomas Getreuer (4-0)
Ms. Patricia Parry (4-0)

Guest Attendance: Dr. Jennifer Calder, Director of Health, and Ms. Pamela Scott, Recording Secretary

Appeal Attendees: Dr. Jennifer Calder, Director of Health, Mr. Ronal Miller, Director of Environmental Inspections, Mr. Renford Whynes, Inspector II, Ms. Atusta Lorus, Mr. Reginal Lorus, and Ms. Pamela Scott, Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order		Dr. Getreuer called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.
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Minutes:

Minutes of November 16, 2017		Ms. Parry moved to approve November 16, 2017, minutes with corrections. Dr. Decker seconded. Approved unanimously.
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Agenda:

Added Agenda Item(s):	The following item was added to the agenda: • Citizen Public Safety Academy	Dr. Getreuer moved to add an item to the agenda. Ms. Parry seconded. Approved
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		unanimously.
Citizen Public Safety Academy	Dr. Cobb shared her experience about attending the Citizen Public Safety Academy. She explained it is for the community emergency disaster planning. Where residents receive training for 8-10 weeks on various topics; so they could assist employees (police, fire or EMS) should there be a disaster. This is CERTS. Dr. Cobb brought the agenda should anyone have an interest. There are still some openings if anyone is interested, please inform Mr. Jankowski. The participants can get a ride along at the end of the session. Dr. Cobb mentioned that the health department presented. She also questioned the traffic accidents and the hot spots areas.	Dr. Cobb distributed copies of the agenda for the Citizen Public Safety Academy.

Correspondence:

There was no correspondence to report.		
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Director of Health Report:

Dr. Jennifer Calder, Director of Health	Dr. Calder reported on the Department: - Dental Hygiene program: Nothing new to report. They continue doing sealants. - Environmental Health Services: We're still	
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	working towards the end of the outbreak investigation. The restaurant involved has closed one of its locations. ○ Legionella ordinance – Dr. Calder completed the ordinance. There are still some questions about cooling towers. ○ The new FDA food code that the State of CT has adopted. Discussion followed regarding the impact of inspections. • Laboratory: We're still discussing the Ordinance testing for laboratory and the Well Water Ordinance testing that expires on December 31, 2017. The Mayor is committed to providing some services. • Nursing: ○ IAP work plan has been accepted. Dr. Calder discussed the benchmarks concerns. As we started to teased out the numbers, we discovered that Stamford was covering Greenwich. Upon requesting that the statistical data be separated for Stamford and Greenwich; based on the preliminary data Stamford has passed the benchmark.	Ms. Parry asked for the language of what qualifies as a temporary event.
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	Dr. Calder has requested that Stamford and Greenwich vaccination rates are shown separately. • Nursing: ○ The nurses have been attending training as part for the plan of all the nurses to be cross-trained. ○ We have two nurses retiring in January. We're looking to see how we can creatively restructure how we manage to replace them. ○ On November 28th we had MAVEN ID training was done for the staff. We learned that are 40 reportable diseases and the community nurses have been covering all of those; we learned that DPH is responsible for follow up of most of them and we are responsible for about 16. Going forward we're looking to streamline this. • Public Health Education: Working on Health Days. ○ Working on updating the website. • Public Health Preparedness Plan: ○ We're continuing to work on our E-prep plans and Health Department staff training. ○ The new public health grant	Ms. Parry requested a list of reportable diseases that the nurses are responsible for following up.
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	deliverables have changed. ○ We are having our MRC members sworn in on December 18th. ○ Everbridge: MRC volunteers' data has been entered. We don't have access, and we are working on it. ○ Sheltering policy, we're continuing to work on the policy, and we are trying to streamline some of the things that we are doing in there. ● WIC: Funding is a challenge, particularly with the City of Norwalk. ○ The Program Nutritionist resigned effective December 29th. We're looking to fill that position. ● Data Haven: Is looking to start the survey for the community assessment. There has been a commitment from Stamford Hospital to fund them, and the City of Stamford is going to contribute something. Dr. Calder, Mr. Jankowski, and Dr. Bhalla will be meeting to discuss the funding for this project. ● Dr. Calder and Ms. Anspach visited the Weitzman Institute (CHC) with Adele Gordon. The CHC facility has everything set up in pods; Dr. Calder mentioned that she would like to see that done in this department. They also have a post-graduate nurse practitioner	
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	program. • IRB: Dr. Calder mentioned that the State had provided her with input on how to develop an IRB internally, which is something that she plans to do next year. • UCONN Garage: the State got in touch with Dr. Calder because of the PCB in the garage and the testing for the PCB and additional testing for the homes that are around the garage. • Dr. Calder shared a copy of the Commissioners of the request to change the template letter of the inspection orders. • MRC challenge grant: We just submitted the grant, and we're working with Dr. Wellisch of Stamford Hospital. We decided to look at substance abuse, and we named it the Stamford Substance Abuse Prevention Plan; with this grant, we the plan to make a few videos.	
Confirmation of Health Commission meetings	Next meetings are as follow: • January 11, 2018 • February 8, 2018 • March 8, 2018	Health Commission suspended the regular meeting to move into the appeal hearing.

Appeal:

Lorius (55 Vernon Place) vs. Health Department	Dr. Getreuer stated that the Health Commission was here to hear the appeal 55 Vernon Place for the cellar and attic at the request of Ms. Atusta	Dr. Getreuer called the hearing to order at 10:33 a.m.
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In attendance: Health Commissioners: Dr. Getreuer, Dr. Cobb, Dr. Decker, Ms. Parry and Dr. Burton-Robertson. Appellants: Ms. Lorus and Reginal Lorus. Health Department: Dr. Calder, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Whynes.	Lorius from orders dated October 6, 2017, and November 7, 2017. Mr. Whynes presented his observations and findings from his inspections on October 4, 2017, regarding the cellar and November 7, 2017, regarding the attic that resulted in the orders issued by Dr. Calder, Director of Health. Ms. Lorus stated that no one sleeps in the cellar area and it is only used for laundry, leisure sitting and bathroom. She further stated that the microwave is broken and not used. Ms. Lorus also stated that the attic is only used for sleeping at night by her adult daughter. The Housing codes were reviewed, and safety concerns were shared with the Appellant. After further discussion, Dr. Calder and the Appellant agreed that the removal of the shower and kitchen sink in the basement would remedy the cellar violations. In the attic, it was agreed by all that no one may sleep in the attic and that the bathtub and kitchen sink in the attic must be removed to eliminate attic violations. It was further agreed that Ms. Lorus would be	The Health Commission acknowledges and agrees to the conditions and the time allowed to completing the work. They also advised Ms. Lorus that of the need for permits before
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	given a period of time, until February 28, 2018, to complete this work and that she would communicate with the inspector by January 31, 2018, on her progress during this time and provide any requested evidence of said progress.	starting the work. The property will be re-inspected by February 28, 2018.
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Old Business:

There was no old business		
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New Business:

There were no new business		
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Adjournment:

There being no further business before the regular session of the Health Commission, to the meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Submitted by,
Pamela Scott