

Health Commission □
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Commissioners Attendance September 2014 - June 2015:

Present:

Dr. Barbara Decker (8-0)
Ms. Patricia Parry (6-2)
Dr. Peggy Cobb (7-1)
Dr. Bert Ballin (4-4)

Absent:

Dr. Edward Schuster (3-5)

Guest Attendance: Ms. Anne Fountain, MPH, Director of Health and Social Services, Ms. Pam Scott, Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order		Dr. Decker called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.
Additional Agenda Items:	Ms. Parry and Dr. Decker requested the following items to be added to the agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health Commission policy recommendation form• Health Department fee increases• Smoking in Parks Policy• Clostridium Difficile	Ms. Parry moved to add additional items to the agenda; Dr. Decker seconded. Approved unanimously.

Minutes:

Minutes of March 12, 2015	Minutes from the March 12, 2015 meeting were reviewed.	Ms. Parry moved to approve March 12, 2015 minutes with corrections. Dr. Cobb seconded. Approved unanimously.
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Director of Health Report:

Anne Fountain, MPH	Ms. Fountain updated the Health Commission on the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environmental Health will be participating in evening sweeps along with Police, Fire and Social Services for illegal housing. Ms. Parry asked for the number of inspections and	
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	<p>relocations compared to last year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environmental Health implemented a new system of inspections for Beauty Salons and Barber Shops.• Nursing staff are still screening travelers for Ebola. We had five people that were screened here in Stamford.• Ms. Fountain attended the first Healthy CT 2020 Advisory Council meeting.• Budget Process – the Health Department presented our budget to the Board of Finance on Mar. 25. We are scheduled to present to the Board of Reps-Fiscal Committee, Apr. 21 @ 7:00 pm. The commissioners are welcome to join us.• Hands for Life Event – Scheduled for September 26, 2015 at Westhill High School. There will be a week long build up of publicity prior to the event.• Ms. Fountain presented to the Park Commission about banning smoking on the playgrounds and beaches. They were receptive and wanted more information. The next step is to present to the Board of Reps to pass an ordinance. <p>The possible issues with the smoking ban will be the enforcement, signage, and Police.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fees: Director Fountain and Mr. Miller have been to the Board of Reps Public Safety Committee for the second time for the restaurants and housing fees to be increased.	
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	<p>The housing fees were fine; they have to go to the full board for approval.</p> <p>There were concerns regarding the increase fees for the restaurants. We were asked to cut the increases in half. It is now up to the Board of Reps to decide what they would like to do.</p> <p>The health department presented a proposal for new fee increases and comparison to other towns.</p>	
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New Business:

Clostridium Difficile (C. diff)	Dr. Decker questioned how much of the new Stamford Hospital is going to be devoted to outpatient services? She asked this based on an article she read about a clinical trial at Danbury Hospital to develop a vaccine to prevent C. diff. Montefiore Hospital is building a large outpatient surgery facility in the face of high rates of hospital-based infections.	
Health Commission policy recommendation form	Ms. Parry presented the Commissioners a Health Commission Action/Policy Recommendation form that she drafted in 2013 to keep on file.	The form will be filled out at the meeting and kept on file.

Old Business:

Health Commission attendance at other Committee/Commission meetings	Dr. Decker handed out a committee list of the Board of Representatives.	Ms. Parry moved that the Health Commission makes a recommendation or an effort to attend other City commission/committee meetings and give an update at the next Health Commission meeting. Dr. Cobb seconded. Approved unanimously.
Health Commission future meetings day/time		<p>This item was tabled for the May meeting.</p> <p>The next regular Health Commission meeting will be Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.</p>

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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 6:23 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by,
Pam Scott ☐
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Recording Secretary