

**Health Commission  
City of Stamford  
APPROVED MINUTES  
June 11, 2015**

Commissioners Attendance September 2014 - June 2015:

Present:

Dr. Barbara Decker (10-0)  
Dr. Peggy Cobb (9-1)  
Dr. Bert Ballin (6-4)  
Ms. Patricia Parry (8-2)

Absent:

Dr. Edward Schuster (4-6)

Guest Attendance: Ms. Anne Fountain, MPH, Director of Health and Social Services, Ms. Pam Scott, Recording Secretary, Mr. Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety & Welfare

Meeting called to order		Dr. Decker called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.  Roll call of attendees.
Additional Agenda Items:	<p>Dr. Decker requested the following items to be added to the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loitering and Gangs</li> <li>• Health Commission yearly meeting schedule</li> <li>• Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)</li> <li>• Diabetes Education</li> <li>• Hospital Tax</li> <li>• Department of Health &amp; Social Services Strategic Plan</li> <li>• Car Idling</li> <li>• Anti-Blight</li> </ul>	<p>Ms. Parry moved to add additional items to the agenda; Dr. Decker seconded. Approved unanimously.</p> <p>Ms. Parry moved to add additional items to the agenda; Dr. Cobb seconded. Approved unanimously.</p>

**Minutes:**

Minutes of May 13, 2015	Minutes from the May 13, 2015, meeting were reviewed.	Dr. Cobb moved to approve May 13, 2015, minutes with corrections. Ms. Parry seconded. Approved unanimously.
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**Director of Health Report:**

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<p>Ann Fountain, MPH Director of Health and Social Services</p>	<p>Ms. Fountain updated the Health Commission on the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Center for Disease Control (CDC) webinar on the Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS); Today, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.</li> <li>• Health Department Lead Fair – Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• The Park Commission agreed to a policy for Smoke-Free Parks in Stamford. We attempted to have this policy reviewed by the Board of Reps Steering Committee for an Ordinance. Unfortunately, it did not make the Steering Committee’s agenda. As for now, we will put signage around in the parks. Director Jankowski commented it would be a cultural change for people.</li> <li>• Summer Intern attends Tufts University – she created a Health Department Facebook page</li> <li>• The Health Department is partnering with School Based Health Centers is applying for a smoking cessation grant.</li> <li>• Ms. Fountain stated that she would be attending the first Executive meeting with the Healthy CT 2020 group</li> <li>• The Health Department Strategic Plan</li> </ul>	<p>Ms. Parry requested a list of the parks.</p> <p>Ms. Fountain will distribute copies of the Strategic Plan to the Health Commission by the end of July.</p>
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**New Business:**

<p>Loitering and Gangs</p>	<p>Prevention of violence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stabbing at McDonald’s</li> <li>• Convenience Store next door to McDonald’s there are people hanging around outside the store begging for food, cigarettes and money. It interferes with the operation of the store and restaurant.</li> </ul> <p>Director Jankowski stated that McDonald’s installed security cameras outside.</p>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loitering with gangs and or a group of kids at the bus stop outside McDonald's.</li> </ul> <p>Director Jankowski responded there is a difference between a gang and a group, and Stamford is not known for having any nationally affiliated gangs. He also commented that the SPD petitioned DOT to remove the bus stop.</p>	
Executive Session	Personnel – Performance Appraisal	<p>Ms. Parry moved the Health Commission into executive session 9:53 a.m. Seconded by Dr. Decker. Approved unanimously.</p> <p>Health Commission return to the regular meeting at 11:00 a.m.</p>
Health Commission yearly meeting schedule	<p>Health Commission future meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calendar</li> </ul>	Dr. Ballin moved to hold a Special Health Commission meeting on September 24 <sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Second by Ms. Parry. Approved unanimously.
Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)	<p>Ms. Parry shared information and handouts from the FOI meeting she attended. She shared a few items of interest for the Health Commission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Executive Session meeting notice</li> <li>• FOI pocket cards</li> <li>• Emails should be archived and saved</li> </ul>	Ms. Parry suggested that the Health Commissioners request city email addresses for communication with the public.
Diabetes Education	<p>Ms. Parry mentioned Diabetes Education with Stamford Hospital. She stated that there was no service or mechanism for educating a person's family outside clients visit.</p> <p>Dr. Decker asked what the State was doing. For clarification, Ms. Parry stated there is a service for the patient, but nothing to educate the family or caretaker.</p>	Ms. Parry moved that the Health Commission recommend Director Fountain consider reviewing the gap in diabetes education. Seconded by Dr. Cobb. Approved unanimously.
Department of Health & Social Services Strategic Plan		The Commissioners agreed to have a special meeting for a Strategic Plan Review on September 24, 2015.

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Hospital Tax	<p>This is a follow-up from the May meeting of the Health Commission.</p> <p>Ms. Parry updated the Health Commission about the State Tax for the Hospital. Of the 2014 Taxes, 61% went to the undocumented; it was an increase of 49%. Charity care of \$24 million.</p> <p>Comment: Unlike GE who is leaving the State, the Hospital cannot.</p>	
Car Idling	Dr. Cobb asked if there was state law about buses idling, if so, how is it being enforced?	
Anti-Blight	Ms. Parry updated the Commission with concerns that came up with the Anti-Blight Commission. It was noted that they are not in compliance with the State Statues. A few issues are the Blight Officer duties, level 1 hearings, daily fees, and an appraisal committee	

**Old Business:**

There was no old 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 11:46 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.
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Submitted by,  
*Pam Scott*  
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Recording Secretary