

**Health Commission
City of Stamford
APPROVED MINUTES
September 11, 2014**

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Commissioners Present: Dr. Barbara Decker, Dr. Margaret Cobb and Dr. Edward Schuster

Guests Attended: Ms. Anne Fountain, Director of Health and Social Services, and Ms. Pam Scott, Recording Secretary, and Ms. Elizabeth Rodriguez, Emergency Response Coordinator

Meeting called to order		Dr. Decker called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m.
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Minutes:

Minutes of June 12, 2014	Minutes from the June 12, 2014 meeting were reviewed.	Dr. Cobb moved to approve June 12, 2014 minutes with corrections. Dr. Decker seconded. Approved unanimously.
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Appeals:

24 Stephen Street	Dr. Cobb questioned the status of the June appeal. Dr. Decker stated it was her understanding that the roof was repaired as well as the other violations. Ms. Scott also responded that she emailed the commissioners with an update after receiving a call from the owner.	
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Presentation

<p style="text-align: center;">Emergency Preparedness</p> <p><i>Presented by: Elizabeth Rodriguez, MSN, MPH, RN, APHN-BC</i></p>	<p>Ms. Rodriguez presented Emergency Preparedness procedures to the Health Commission.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Emergency Preparedness</p> <p>Sheltering activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lessons learned from Super Storm Sandy • All inspectors have emergency shelter go-kits to initiate shelter activities when deployed • Collaborate with American Red Cross on multi-jurisdictional sheltering <p>Hyper-reach Emergency Notification system</p>	
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- Internet based emergency notification system to contact all health and social services employees and Stamford MRC volunteers during emergencies

State Workgroup Participation

- On state workgroup for regional mass dispensing planning using the CDC guidance

Drills and exercises

- February 19, 2014 RDS drill in collaboration with State DPH
- April 21-25, 2014 State DPH conducted a full scale exercise for the entire week culminating in an exercise play of actual delivery of SNS assets to each municipality from the federal level to each regional mass dispensing area
- Participating in quarterly call-down drill initiated by State DPH for emergency communications testing

Medical Reserve Corps

- Letter sent to all current volunteers to determine their interest in continuing with the Stamford Medical Reserve Corps
- Updated volunteer roster list
- Currently there are 37 MRC volunteers
- MRC volunteers participated on February 19, 2014 in the State DPH and Health Department drill for Regional Distribution site activities for POD operations
- Working with Risk Management to schedule bloodborne pathogen training for MRC volunteers this summer.
- Working with the Regional MRC Group in Fairfield County on recruitment and training

The Health Commission thanked Ms. Rodriguez for her informative presentation on Emergency

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	initiatives for volunteers	Preparedness.
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Director of Health Report

Anne Fountain, MPH

	<p>Ms. Fountain updated the Health Commission on the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Nurses – the nursing division recently learned that there are a couple of new pre-schools in the schools. <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Dr. Decker asked if the SNAP program was up and running, Ms. Fountain informed the commissioners that the dental hygienists are now part of SNAP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illegal housing – the Department of Health and Social Services have received more than forty complaints on illegal housing and as a result will be conducting evening sweeps with SPD, SFD and Zoning. • Hoarding Taskforce – is working diligently regarding a growing concern of seniors with hoarding issues. The taskforce is headed up by the City’s Social Services division. <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Dr. Cobb requested a presentation to the Health Commission on this topic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Health Nurse – the department will be hiring a senior health nurse soon. • West Nile Virus – as of today, we have no reported human case. Next week will be our second round of larvaciding. • Chikungunya Disease – there was one reported case here in Stamford • Ebola – the Health Department, Stamford Hospital 	
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	<p>and Stamford EMS met; we have a plan in place. Information can be found on the CDC website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flu – Dr. Parry reported 1 flu case, it was an 82 yo female. • Enterovirus D68 – a respiratory illness, we have not seen any cases here. • Lead Public Health – the Commissioner of Health asked us to participate in showcase what public health is; we will be hosting the event on September 17, 2014, 11-2 in the government center lobby. • Mayor’s Initiative – the Mayor launch Stamford Street Smart Initiative to bring awareness of safer streets. • Strategic Plan – Director Fountain vision is to get an accreditation for public health. This would be from the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). <p>Ms. Fountain commented that she may request a letter of support from the Health Commission.</p>	<p>Dr. Schuster suggested that the Chair of the Health Commission prepare a letter of support from the commission.</p>
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Old Business:

Walkability	As a follow-up to the June presentation from the kids of Trailblazer School; Director Fountain suggested that the commissioners contact Captain Mullin, SPD to discuss the concerns that were mentioned at that meeting.	
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New Business

Street Audit	Dr. Decker was invited to participate in a street audit with Ms. Emily Provonsha, Public Space Planner for Stamford Downtown Special Services District to	
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	observe the parking and bicycling on Bedford Street.	
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Adjournment:

There being no further business before the regular session of the HC, Dr. Decker moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 a.m.. The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by,

Pam Scott

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Recording Secretary