

**Health Commission  
City of Stamford  
APPROVED MINUTES  
October 9, 2014**

Commissioners Present: Dr. Barbara Decker, Dr. Margaret Cobb, Ms. Patricia Parry, Dr. Bert Ballin and Dr. Edward Schuster

Guests Attended: Ms. Pam Scott, Recording Secretary, Mr. Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety, Health and Welfare, Ms. Deidre Anspach, Director of Nursing, Ms. Jody Bishop-Pullan, Dental Case Manager

Meeting called to order		Dr. Decker called the meeting to order at 9:16 a.m.
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Additional Agenda Items:	<p>Dr. Cobb requested the following items to be added to the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ebola</li> <li>• Enterovirus D68</li> <li>• Walkability</li> <li>• Hoarding Taskforce</li> <li>• Senior Health Nurse</li> <li>• School Nurse Assistant Program (SNAP)</li> </ul>	Dr. Cobb moved to add the additional items to the agenda; Ms. Parry seconded. Approved unanimously.
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Minutes:

Minutes of September 11, 2014	Minutes from the September 11, 2014 meeting were reviewed.	Ms. Parry moved to approve September 11, 2014. Dr. Cobb seconded. Approved unanimously.
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Appeals:

There were no appeals		
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Presentation

<p>City of Stamford Department of Health &amp; Social Services Oral Health Program</p> <p>Meeting the Goals of Healthy People 2020</p>	<p>Ms. Bishop-Pullan presented information to the Health Commissioners about the dental services provided to the schools and the community.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Oral Health Focus</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognition of the oral systemic link</li> <li>• Recognition that good oral health is part of</li> </ul>	
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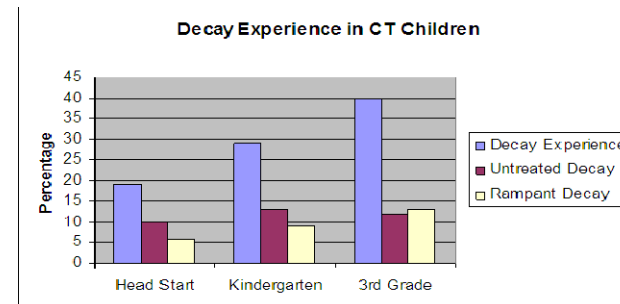
<p>Presented by: Jody Bishop-Pullan</p>	<p>total health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dental disease is preventable</li> <li>• Attention is being given to oral health issues in the development of policies and the federal, state and local levels</li> </ul> <p><b>U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Systems approach to create programs that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Emphasize health promotion and disease prevention</li> <li>▪ Increase access to care</li> <li>▪ Strengthen the oral health workforce</li> <li>▪ Eliminate oral health disparities</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Prevalence and Severity of Disease</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 42% of children 2 to 11 have had dental caries in their primary teeth.</li> <li>• Black and Hispanic children and those living in families with lower incomes have more decay, and it is more severe.</li> <li>• 23% of children 2 to 11 have untreated dental caries.</li> <li>• Black and Hispanic children and those living in families with lower incomes have more untreated decay.</li> </ul> <p><b>Healthy People 2020</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Science based 10 year national objectives for promoting health and preventing disease</li> <li>• 17 objectives directly relate to oral health</li> <li>• Oral Health is a Leading Health Indicator (LHI)</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Objectives pertinent to Stamford Health</b></li> </ul>	
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**Dept. Program**

- OH-1 Reduce the proportion of children and adolescents who have dental caries experience in primary or permanent teeth
- OH-2 Reduce the proportion of children, adolescents and adults with untreated dental decay
- OH-7 Increase the proportion of low-income children and adolescents who have used the oral health care system in the past 12 months
- OH-8 Increase the proportion of low-income children and adolescents who received any preventive service during the past year
- OH-12 Increase the proportion of children who have received dental sealants on their molar teeth

**The Dental Health of Children in Connecticut**



**Oral Health Improvement Plan for CT**

Intended to set priorities, organize efforts and

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	<p>guide resource allocations for the public and private sectors to improve the oral health of Connecticut's children and adults with a special emphasis on vulnerable populations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Goal 1: Increase oral health literacy and promote the value of good oral health for all CT residents</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Goal 2: Ensure that the oral health needs of CT residents are met by a competent workforce</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Goal 3: Ensure a strong and sustainable oral health infrastructure to meet and anticipate the oral health needs of all CT residents</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Goal 4: Raise awareness and educate the public and decision-makers regarding the science and efficacy of policies that may improve the oral health of CT residents and implement or enforce existing policies</b></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Stamford Health Dept. Oral Health Program</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dental Health Education</b> Classroom education appropriate to grade level Emphasizes proper home care and nutrition RDH's work with teachers to implement required curriculum</li> <li>• <b>Dental Health Screening</b> Annual screenings conducted in grades K-3, 5 and 7 Public, Private, Parochial, and pre-schools 8373 Screened last year 609 children referred; Parents notified of concerns Referral to an established network of school,</li> </ul>	
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	<p>community and private providers Results recorded in SNAP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dental Sealant Program</b></li> <li>• The Surgeon General's report on oral health indicates that sealants can reduce decay in school children by more than 70 percent. All 12 public elementary schools- Uses mobile equipment in 8 elementary schools + 4 clinic schools Private &amp; parochial students can participate at one of the six clinic schools All second graders who qualify (no previous history of decay, restoration or sealant) <b>422 sealed last year</b> = 64 % of those qualified <b>6682 sealed since 2001</b></li> <li>• <b>Dental Services for Students</b> Dental prophylaxes, fluorides, x-rays and sealants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Rogers International School</li> <li>▪ Cloonan Middle School</li> <li>▪ Stillmeadow School</li> <li>▪ Toquam Magnet School</li> <li>▪ Rippowam Middle School</li> <li>▪ KT Murphy School –</li> <li>▪ Plus one day per week of dental restorative care by Dr. Jackqueline McLean &amp; Dr. Maria Paras at KTM or Rippowam</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>KT Murphy/Rippowam are open during summer and school vacations</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Clinic Services July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 340 students in 446 visits for prevention</li> <li>▪ 78 (23%) referred for treatment</li> </ul>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 141 students in 239 visits (many require multiple appointments)</li> <li>▪ Emergency care provided</li> <li>▪ 10 children referred for specialty care (endodontics, pedodontics, periodontics, oral surgery)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Additional Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Health Fairs</li> <li>▪ Mobile Medical Van</li> <li>▪ Parent Education Groups</li> <li>▪ Adult ESL</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CT Dept. Of Public Health Office of Oral Health</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ CDC Cooperative Grant</li> <li>▪ Increase policies and programs supporting oral disease prevention</li> <li>▪ Increase community-based public health prevention services for prioritized populations based on disease burden. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Community water fluoridation</li> <li>○ School-based/linked sealant programs</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CT Office of Oral Health</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>S.E.A.L.S.</b></li> </ul> <p>CT needed a system to collect statewide sealant data S.E.A.L.S. - Sealant Efficiency Assessment for Locals and States</p>	
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	<p>Free data collection software designed by CDC Grant received from CTDPH to support the sealant program. SHD has stand-alone sealant program-collected data for CTDPH and CDC.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Kiwanis Smiles</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>October 23, 2014</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Continued from last year's successful program, Kiwanis will provide to all Stamford Public School Kindergarten students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Dental related book</li> <li>▪ Toothbrushes</li> <li>▪ Information packet</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Going Forward</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Maintain efforts to ensure children are receiving needed dental care, including specialty care</li> <li>▪ Continue to be a model for communities in CT and across the nation</li> <li>▪ Increase access to dental services for families and adults</li> </ul>	<p>Dr. Decker suggested that the Health Commission write a letter thanking Kiwanis Club for their generous support.</p> <p>The Health Commissioners thanked Ms. Bishop-Pullan for her presentation to the Health Commission.</p>
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Director of Public Safety, Health & Welfare

<b><i>Ted Jankowski</i></b>	<p>Mr. Jankowski discussed the health commissioners concerns of distracted drivers in the City. He shared information on the Mayor's Street Smart Initiative and noted that Robin Stein is the contact person for that</p>	
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Presentation

<b><i>Deidre Anspach, Director of Nursing</i></b>	<p>Ms. Anspach updated the Health Commission on the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SNAP Program Update – the SNAP Program was installed in the Fall of 2012; this is a cultural change for the nurses. They now enter the children’s physicals, immunizations and medication.</li> <li>• Senior Health Nurse – the department received partial funding (10-13 hours/week) for senior outreach efforts. The goal is to increase the number of seniors in the area with screening and referrals, health education, satisfaction survey and assist with an application.</li> </ul> <p>The nurse will be going out in the community and will be looking for 220 seniors.</p>	<p>The Health Commissioners recommended that the nursing department consider requesting a new data entry position in the 2015/16 budget to assist the nurses in maintaining the physicals, immunizations and medication records.</p>
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Added Agenda Items:

Ebola	Dr. Decker distributed handouts from the CDC.	
Enterovirus D68	<p>Dr. Decker informed the commissioners of 12 confirmed cases in CT.</p> <p>Ms. Parry commented that Stamford did not have a case.</p>	
Walkability	Dr. Decker was invited to participate in a street audit with Ms. Emily Provonsha, with Stamford Downtown Special Services Committee - they observed the parking and bicycling on Bedford Street.	
Hoarding Taskforce	Is located in the Department of Social Services Division.	The Health Commission requested additional information on the hoarding taskforce.

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Adjournment:

There being no further business before the regular session of the Health Commission; Ms. Parry moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Dr. Decker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by,

*Pam Scott*

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Recording Secretary