

**Health Commission
City of Stamford
DRAFT MINUTES
January 10, 2013**

Commissioners Present: Dr. Barbara Decker, Ms. Patricia Parry, Dr. Bert Ballin, and Dr. Philip Corvo

Guests Attended: Ms. Anne Fountain, Director of Health & Social Services, Ms. Pam Scott, Recording Secretary, Ms. Ellen Brezovsky, Interim HIV Prevention Supervisor, and Ms. Alecia Andrews, United Way

Meeting called to order		Dr. Decker called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.
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Additional Agenda Items:	<p>Dr. Decker requested the following items to be added to the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tainted water along Toilsome Brook and Mill River• Cafeteria inspections• Varicella vaccines• Crossing Guards• Flu• Long Ridge/High Ridge walking and cycling• Scofieldtown Road dump	Dr. Decker moved to add the items to the agenda; Ms. Parry seconded. Approved unanimously.
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Minutes:

Minutes of December 13, 2012	Minutes from the December 13, 2012, meeting was reviewed.	Dr. Corvo moved to approve December 13, 2012 minutes with corrections. Ms. Parry seconded. Approved unanimously.
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Correspondence:

There was no correspondence		
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Director of Health

Ms. Ellen Brezovsky, Interim HIV Prevention Supervisor	Ms. Brezovsky gave an overview to the HC of what of services that were provided and the CDC focus and	Dr. Decker thanked Ms. Brezovsky on the behalf of the HC for her presentation.
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<p>Changes in Services provided by the HIV Prevention Program</p>	<p>funding that changed.</p> <p>The services that were provided were based on skill building and risk reduction counseling to foster behavior change.</p> <p>The CDC focus now is – since it has been determined that 1 out every 5 people who are infected with HIV do not know their status (20%), the push is to test more people to find that 20% (Routine testing).</p> <p>The theory – once people know they are HIV+ they are more likely to get treatment and once on treatment, they are much less likely to transmit the disease to others.</p> <p>HIV Prevention Program goal is to outreach to 1800 individuals, test 600 and of those 600 find at least 6 newly diagnosed HIV+ clients (1%).</p> <p>They will outreach to community agencies and provide testing as well.</p> <p>The challenges for the program: Shifting the community perspective of services and the changes in job responsibility for the staff-esp with the no counseling piece.</p>	
<p>Director Anne Fountain</p>	<p>Ms. Fountain informed the Commission of the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flu season – the HD have few doses left. Information will be posted on the website for residence to know where to go for flu vaccines. • The City new website will go live soon. • The Health Department newsletter will be issue monthly. It will also be available on the website. • We are hiring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Director of Nursing ○ Director of Laboratory ○ Inspector II ○ Laboratory Technician ○ Nutrition for WIC Program ○ Public Health Nurse ○ Senior Outreach Coordinator for Social 	

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	<p style="text-align: center;">Services Department</p> <p>Discussion followed regarding special needs nurses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget season is currently underway • Presented at APHA on wells. • Social Services is currently participating in a Food Drive for the Lower Fairfield County Food Bank 	
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Appeal:

Appeal request 547 Cove Road	Ms. Scott presented the HC a faxed letter from Attorney Weiner a request to withdraw the appeal.	
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Old Business:

There were no old business		
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New Business:

Tainted water along Toilsome Road and Mill River	<p>Ms. Parry also noted that she saw a paper that indicated illegal sewer hookups.</p> <p>Ms. Fountain informed the HC that the HD works with WPCA regarding sewage spills, and if there is a problem we will go and respond to it.</p>	
Cafeteria inspections	<p>Ms. Fountain informed the HC that the article in the Stamford Advocate regarding cafeteria inspections the data was from 2008. She spoke to a reporter nearly a year and half ago. Ms. Fountain noted that the school cafeterias are inspected three times a year, because they are serving nine months a year.</p> <p>Ms. Parry would like to send information to the public that this is older data and that the Health Department is currently inspecting the school cafeterias three times a year and the Director of Health is assessing the situation and evaluating any changes that need to be made. As the HC, a letter should be sent to the Editor expressing their appreciation for the article while clearing some misrepresentation to the public about the data.</p> <p>Dr. Corvo pointed out the op-ed piece of an article that states Stamford inspects their school cafeterias on</p>	Dr. Decker will draft a letter to the Editor from the HC.

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	average once a year.	
Varicella vaccine	<p>Ms. Parry stated that the vaccination of students is a follow up question for Director Fountain. However, the varicella vaccines is something that the HC discussed in the past, following an outbreak of varicella in one of the school in the fall (October) and the parents were not notified until January. This was before two doses of varicella were required. Ms. Parry looked into it and asked if the COS should require two doses of varicella vaccine to go to school. At the time, Dr. Lee felt there was going to be action at the state level and about a year later the state mandated two doses of varicella vaccine.</p> <p>Ms. Parry questioned if a person has two doses of varicella vaccine, how do you test for non-immune? Do all the students get check? All discussion followed.</p> <p>Ms. Fountain explained to the HC that the students are in compliance with being vaccinated for school.</p>	
Crossing Guards	<p>Ms. Parry noted; Mr. Jankowski said he would follow up on the HC question regarding what school crossing guards are told, and what they are supposed to do. Mr. Jankowski would find out what Crossing Guards are told or if there are instructions.</p> <p>Dr. Decker questioned, if you get hit by a car, is it a police problem or health problem?</p>	
Long Ridge/High Ridge walking and cycling	<p>Dr. Decker handed out a study that was commissioned by the City of Stamford and SWRPA contributed funds. It was a study of the Long Ridge/High Ridge corridors. The study pointed out that the sidewalks along both roads are inadequate.</p> <p>Ms. Parry questioned when sidewalks became a plan, how did they come up with a plan for sidewalks?</p> <p>Dr. Decker introduced Ms. Andrews, United Way and a member of the Obesity Taskforce.</p> <p>Ms. Andrews supported the HC on their discussion regarding increasing walkability so that it adds to the</p>	Ms. Parry will draft a letter to the Board of Representative to look into the empty lot on Liberty Street.

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	health outcome of children and their families. There was a discussion regarding the master plan for building in sidewalks. Open space for community use.	

Executive Session:

There was no executive session		
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Adjournment:

There being no further business, Ms. Parry moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Submitted by,

Pam Scott

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Recording Secretary