

**Health Commission
City of Stamford
APPROVED 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 issued 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 – with a discussion regarding special needs nurses 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Senior Outreach Coordinator for Social Services Department <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 requesting 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 noted that she saw a newspaper article suggesting illegal sewer hookups.</p> <p>Ms. Fountain informed the HC that illegal sewer hookups are the purview of the WPCA and that the HD will respond to the problem when requested.</p>	
Cafeteria inspections	<p>Ms. Fountain informed the HC that the article in the Stamford Advocate regarding cafeteria inspections used data from 2008. 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 suggested the HC write a letter to the Editor noting the number of inspections per year is three not one as reported; and thank them for reminding the public of the work of the HD.</p> <p>Dr. Corvo pointed out the op-ed piece of an article that states Stamford inspects their school cafeterias on average once a year.</p>	Ms. Parry will draft a letter to the Editor from the HC.
Varicella vaccine	Ms. Parry stated she has become aware of a few students who have tested negative for immunity to varicella. She asked if two doses of vaccine are administered, is it possible for a person to show no	

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	immunity? Ms. Fountain explained to the HC that the students are in compliance with being vaccinated for school.	
Crossing Guards	Ms. Parry noted, Mr. Jankowski said he would follow up on the HC question last month regarding what school crossing guards are told, and what they are supposed to do.	Ms. Fountain will ask Mr. Jankowski for follow up.
Long Ridge/High Ridge walking and cycling	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. Ms. Parry asked when sidewalks became a plan for High Ridge and Long Ridge and if there is a master plan? Dr. Decker introduced Ms. Andrews, United Way and a member of the Obesity Taskforce. Ms. Andrews supported the HC on their discussion regarding increasing walkability so that it adds to the health outcome of children and their families. There was a discussion regarding the master plan for building in sidewalks, and open space for community use.	Ms. Parry will draft a letter to the Board of Representative to look into the empty lot on Liberty Street.

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